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Brewerton United Methodist Church

*Like the branches of our great oak,
Brewerton United Methodist Church is
always reaching out to include the World in
the shelter of God's love. We stand strong
through struggle and firm against the
storms of life. At our heart is the spirit of
God, friendliness and the willingness to act.
We reach out in celebration of God's love
through Jesus Christ to nurture and
empower ourselves
and the world.*



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Worship:
Sunday @ 10:00 am
Nursery is provided
Sunday School During Service
Coffee & Fellowship Follows
Worship Service

FEBRUARY 2012



"Away in a meadow all covered with snow
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow
The clouds in the sky determine our fate
If winter will leave us all early or late."

- Don Halley





Brewerton United Methodist Church Calendar

MARCH 2012

Thursday, February 2nd: Groundhog Day

Sunday, February 5th:

10:00 am – Worship Service (Praise Band)
Super Bowl Chili – pickup after services

Tuesday, February 7th:

6:00 pm – (e-mail) Marketing Team Meeting
6:30 pm – (regular) Marketing Team Meeting
6:30 pm – Brewerton Community Child Care Meeting
7:30 pm – Brewerton United Methodist Women meeting

Thursday, February 9th:

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Card Making Class

Saturday, February 11th:

6:00 pm – Valentines Extravaganza Dinner Dance

Sunday, February 12th:

10:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – (after worship service) Cookie Walk Meeting

Monday, February 13th:

6:30 pm – Twilight Stitchers Guild

Tuesday, February 14th: Valentine’s Day

7:00 pm – Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesday, February 15th:

12:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, February 16th:

7:00 pm – Administrative Council OP meeting

Sunday, February 19th:

10:00 am – Worship Service with DS Rev. Darryl Barrow
(praise band)
Dedication & Open house of Child Day Care

Monday, February 20th: President’s Day

Wednesday, February 22nd: Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

12:00 pm – Happy Day’s Senior Luncheon

Sunday, February 26th:

10:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – (after worship services) Soup for Missions

Monday, February 27th:

6:30 pm – Twilight Stitchers Guild

Every Monday: Zumba for missions - 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Every Thursday: Choir practice – 6:00 pm

Tuesday	3/06	UMW Meeting BCCC Meeting
Sunday	3/11	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Tuesday	3/13	Board of Trustees Meeting
Saturday	3/17	ST. Patrick’s Day
Tuesday	3/20	First Day of Spring Finance Committee Meeting Administrative Council Meeting

Regular Weekly Items

Monday’s 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm - **Zumba**

Tuesday’s 10:00 am until 12:00 noon - **Food Pantry**

Thursday’s 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm - **Food Pantry**
6:00 pm until 7:00 pm - **Choir Rehearsals**

Friday’s 6:30 am – **Bible Life Group @ Cicero Panera**

Deadline for the March 2012 Newsletter !

The deadline for the March 2012 Newsletter is
Monday, February 20th.

If you have any problems with making the deadline, PLEASE let me know. You may contact me either in church, by e-mail, or by phone.

Phone #: 695-3114

E-mail: kpeckham7123@windstream.net



The Ministry of Prayer



Prayer Chain

In times of crisis, illness, emergencies or family concerns, let our daytime and evening prayer chains join you in prayer.

To start the prayer chains, simply call your request to:

Darlene Garner	243-1860
Pat Roundy	668-8053
Pastor Jack Keating	935-7659



Prayer for the Day

Father God,

Thank you for the gift of this new day and all it may bring.

Please be with me as I face each challenge with your guidance, love and grace.

In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen



Bottle and Can Drive



Now snowy winter is settling in --- Cold!

And you might want to hibernate

But - you've got a new day

Time to get moving and participate!

Bottles and cans to save, bag and transport to "Here's Your Nickel" and have them credited to the Brewerton United Methodist Church account. Or - bring them to the church closet bin and I will turn them in.

The Shared Ministry Fund benefits from every item marked "redeemable in N.Y." and your donation is needed.

Thank You
Ed Roundy

PASTOR JACK'S PONDERINGS.....



Dear Saints in Brewerton.....

As many of you know, I've had a run on funerals of late in my ministry. In fact, since November 1st I've led worship to celebrate the lives of 10 of the saints as they entered into life eternal. I've mentioned to some of you that I've done so many funerals lately that, when I enter a room people stop talking..... because they think I'm there for them!!!

Today, as I read my daily devotional, I came across these thoughts by William J. Carl III....

"One of the greatest honors a pastor has is to hold the hand of someone who is dying and pray that person into heaven. Pastors are like ushers at the performance hall where a grand opera is about to be performed. Ushers are not the point; the great spectacle on the stage that is about to happen is the point. So also, pastors are ushering people into the presence of the Almighty, not only when they are dying, but when they come to worship. Preachers are not the point; Christ is. Our job is to get out of the way and allow the glory of God to shine through. The same is true for laity who witness on behalf of God in the world. Don't worry about what you are going to say. Open yourself to the Scripture, and allow God to speak through you to those who need to hear God's word."

And as I read and spent some time in prayer I had to stop and ask myself...Which do I do better: listen or speak? How do I achieve a balance between the two?

So often as a pastor I meet people who assume that I have all the answers to the great questions of their life. And it sometimes disappoints them to learn that not only do I not have all the answers... I don't even know all the questions! Maybe you meet these same people, as well.

As Christians, the world around us often attempts to assign us the title of "expert" in all things. But thankfully, that's not what God calls us to be. Instead God calls us to follow the words of his Son, Jesus as we live and love each day in his light and life. We seek to live a life as a seeker of Christ... not an official "expert". So it seems to me we can serve best as guides along the path not experts on the journey.

May we always be ready and willing to serve and bring glory of the One who created and sustains us!

Serving Him here with you,

Pastor Jack Keating



A Message From
Your Editor

Many years ago, though not so many that I can still remember like it was yesterday, the future seemed so far away and the weather didn't matter. With the energy of youth, the weather only dictated how you dressed, to a point. You still had to look cool you know. However you still had things to do. There were things like playing tag in the hay mow, or sledding on the hill behind the house. Then came the snowmobile.

For us this was a new invention. It was hard to realize that the machine had been around in different forms for many years. During the blizzard of 66' there was a call out to anyone who owned one to help. However, very few people owned one and no one in our area had one. After the blizzard, everyone wanted one and many bought one over the next couple of years. Soon, winter fun included snowmobile parties or "rides". At times you could find groups of 20 or 30 or more riding around the country side.

I came to appreciate the winter night on the snowmobile. During a ride, we would stop for a little break. While everyone visited and planned the next part of our ride, I often would just sit and look out into the night. On a clear moon lit night, it seemed like you could see as far as you could during the day. Everything felt so clean and fresh. All was right with the world sitting there looking off into the distant. I didn't even mind the cold. And in my heart I knew it would last forever.

The problem was, it wouldn't last forever. Life has a way of dictating change. Today, I have no desire to ride a snow machine or to spend half the night riding all over on the snow. For me, the fun is no longer there. But, that's ok. I had a good time and I remember it well. I especially remember looking out over the valley lit up by moon light. The quiet peaceful, and tranquil feeling I felt sitting there.

Today, on those winter nights where sleep is elusive to me, I sometimes think back to those nights. And once again I can feel the peacefulness and tranquility I had then. And I tell you one other thing. It would take God to make something so wonderful out of something so dark. Small wonder that it felt so warm when it was so cold.

May God grant you peace and tranquility - regardless the weather.

Kathy Peckham

B. The Administrative Council meetings are comprised of all council members and will meet on: Mar-20, Jun-19, Sep-18, and Dec-18.

However, if after 6 months, this approach is deemed to be ineffective, the Administrative Council will return to its former structure with all members attending all meetings.

II. Member responsibilities:

A. Written reports from all council members are due one week prior to the *quarterly Administrative Council meetings*:

1. no written reports are due from non-AC Operations Team members for the AC Operations Team meetings, unless.

2. there is something a group, committee, etc. wants discussed at an AC Operations Team meeting.

B. Written reports from all seven AC Operations Team members, are due one week prior to the AC Operations Team meetings.

C. If something serious comes up in the life of our church, a special Administrative Council meeting will be called. This will provide all council members the chance to participate in the discussion and to vote on that which has come up.

Note: All meetings will be in the Fellowship Hall from 7:30-8:30 p.m., except the Feb-16 meeting which will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Church Library.

Kolan Bisbee, Chairperson
Administrative Council

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at:
Kolan.Bisbee@twcny.rr.com 012312

Reorganization of the Administrative Council

Because of everyone's busy schedule and how much fun it is to be in meetings, it was decided to try a different approach for conducting the business of the Administrative Council. This change will significantly reduce the number of Administrative Council meetings for a majority of its members.

The idea was first discussed at the December 20, 2011 meeting, giving members time between the December and January meetings, to discuss and think about the suggested changes in the Administrative Council's organizational structure.

At the January 17, 2012 meeting of the Administrative Council, it was unanimously decided to try a new organizational structure for the Administrative Council.

I. The Administrative Council will be split into two groups:

A. The Administrative Council Operations Team (AC Operations Team), comprised of seven members:

1. the Administrative Council Chairperson.
2. the Church Treasurer.
3. the Pastor.
4. the Lay Leader.

The three at large members for this quarter are:

5. Dave Childress.
6. SPRC Chairperson, TBE.
7. Deb Lombard.

The full Administrative Council, which includes the AC Operations Team members, will meet quarterly in; March, June, September, and December.

The AC Operations Team members also meet as a group of seven in each of the remaining eight months, for a total of 12 meetings per year.

Three different at large AC Operations Team members will be identified at each quarterly meeting. This year's remaining AC Operations Team meetings will be scheduled on: Feb-16, Apr-17, May-15, Jul-24, Aug-21, Oct-16, and Nov-20.



Women's News



The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm at the church. (in case of inclement weather, next meeting will be Tuesday, March 6th at 7pm.)



Super Bowl Chili Sale

Ordered Chili may be picked up after church, Sunday, February 5th. Thanks to Everyone who participated in any way to the Super Bowl Chili Sale.

Hope Your Team Wins !



Soup for Missions

On Sunday, February 26th.

Plan to stay after church for SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

Suggested donation **\$3.00** towards Missions

Provided by the United Methodist Women.



Valentines Extravaganza Dinner Dance



Once again Family Ministries is sponsoring the famous (or infamous?) Valentines Extravaganza Dinner Dance on **Saturday, February 11, starting at 6 p.m.** The menu will consist of an appetizer, chicken cordon bleu or chicken Kiev or chicken tenders (you choose your favorite), mac & cheese, salad, dessert and assorted beverages. So put on your dancing shoes and bring your appetite. Everyone is welcome. Donation: \$3 for adults; \$1 children 5-12. Rumor has it there are some "happy" feet in our congregation!!!! Come out and show off your best dance moves!!!! Sign up in the fellowship hall. ****Bring a dessert to share****

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February Birthday list

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Month/Day</i>
Abby	Lombard	February 2nd
Dennis	Goettel	February 4th
Lois	Groginski	February 5th
Susan	Will	February 6th
Becky	Aiken	February 2nd
Tom	McChesney	February 11th
Brian	Mooney	February 11th
Lillian	Castle	February 13th
Sarah	Childress	February 13th
Brenda	Grosso	February 14th
Amy	Magill	February 15th
Phillip	Richardson	February 24th
Fran	VanBuren	February 27th
Carole	Mooney	February 28th

Birth Stone - Amethyst

Birth Flower - Violet -or- Primrose

Zodiac: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 = Aquarius

Feb. 19 - March 20 = Pisces



CARDMAKING CLASSES



Thursday, February 9th, 2012

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Come when you can, leave when you must!!!!

We will meet In the Fellowship Hall
Please join us! All supplies are available.

Any questions, call Elaine Bisbee @ 668-7385

THIS AND THAT from Pastor Jack

1. Plan to be here for worship on Sunday, February 19th. On that day we'll welcome DS Rev. Darryl Barrow as we celebrate and dedicate the new Day Care Program. All the Child Care Staff and families will be worshipping with us, as well. On that day we also will formally name the Child Care center "The Rev. James R. Darling Education Center." Noelle (Darling) Bryant and her family will be here to help us unveil the plaque and sign to honor Jim's legacy, as well. Make sure you mark your calendars for this very special event.
2. Our worship during Lent (beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd) will lead us on a "Journey toward Hope". Each week we'll look at an element of a successful journey and see how together we can move from the beginning of the journey, through the dark days of the journey on Good Friday and finally on to the glorious Resurrection experience of arriving at our destination as a place called Hope. Be prepared for some different "twists" as we journey together throughout Lent.
3. Thanks to Randy Ward for all his hard work on our church web site. If you haven't checked it out before do it now! Just log on to www.brewetonUMC.com and you'll find lots of information about what's happening at church. You can also find the updated church calendar on our web site and use the web site to schedule events here at church. It's so convenient you'll be amazed!!



Sunday Nursery Care

Sunday Nursery Care will move into the Childcare area on Sunday February 26th after the Grand Opening.

Nursery care will be provided for children under the age of four. If your children are older, Sunday school is available or they may stay in church with their parents.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Bisbee
@ 315-668-7385.



EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR 1/12-6/12



Feb 5 Lori
 12 Marion
 19 Joan
 26 Claire

Mar 4 Judy
 11 Marion
 18 Craig
 25 Lori

Apr 1 Joan
 8 Marion
 15 Claire
 22 Judy
 29 Craig

May 6 Lori
 13 Marion
 20 Joan
 27 Claire

June 3 Judy
 10 Marion
 17 Craig
 24 Lori

Hi folks! Here is the current schedule for the Evangelism Committee visitations! Pastor Jack Keating is also a member of our committee. The church telephone # is 668 3999 and Pastor Keating's Cell 935 7659.

HAPPY DAYS SENIOR LUNCHEON

Adults 55 and over are invited to the luncheons.
 Sponsored jointly by: the Brewerton United Methodist Church
 and the Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church.

FEBRUARY

LUNCHEON: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at noon.

WHERE: Brewerton United Methodist Church
 5395 Orangeport Road
 Brewerton, NY

MENU: Macaroni & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Peas,
 and Brownies with Ice Cream.



PROGRAM: Tracie Alexander is the Program and Volunteer Manager for Syracuse OASIS, a national education organization affiliated with the OASIS Institute of St. Louis. It provides mature adults a wide variety of opportunities to continue their personal growth through programs in the arts, humanities, health, technology, and volunteer services.

Suggested donation: \$5.00.

RESERVATION: Due one week prior to the luncheon, by
 Wednesday, February 15th.

Make your reservation by calling:
 Shirley and Tom Look 668-2109

– or –

Shirley Jones 676-4973

Please: If unable to keep your reservation, call 676-4973
 to cancel, as soon as possible.

Reminder: Bring your,

- Box top education coupons for Heartspring.
- Soda can pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

NEXT LUNCHEON — March 28, 2012 at noon

News from the Pantry

<u>Monthly Statistics:</u>	<u>December</u>
Families/Households Served:	65
Total Meals:	4,221
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days (201 x 3 x7)	
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	64
# Adults :(Ages 18 - 64)	127
# Elderly: (Ages 65+)	<u>10</u>
Total Individuals:	201

The pantry also provided Christmas Food Baskets to 30 families- 62 Adults, 10 Children (gifts also provided) and 6 Elderly in conjunction with St. Agnes' "Caring and Sharing" program in which they provided food baskets to 67 families in addition to a variety of gifts for each child.

Food Bank of CNY - Food Orders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>HPNAP Allocation</u>	<u>Program Cost**</u>
1-18-12	3,135	\$1,257.06	-----	\$1,257.06

Our next order is scheduled for January 24th. We will receive \$400 in free food as a supplemental order awarded to us for attending a recent Food Bank County Meeting.

On January 10th we began receiving fresh produce and bread from the Food Bank's Grocery Rescue program. We will receive an assortment of fruits, vegetables, bread and dairy products from local grocery stores (e.g. Wal-Mart, BJ's, etc.) every Tuesday morning to share with our Tuesday and Thursday food pantry clients. The items are sold to us for 7 cents per pound and provide us with an excellent way to provide our clients with fresh items in place of canned food items. Our last two orders have yielded a total of 410 pounds of apples, oranges, lettuce, tomatoes, cranberries, strawberries, green beans, broccoli, potatoes, onions, etc. in addition to 100 lbs of bread (at no cost to us) and have been very well received by our clients and our pantry staff. The total cost to the pantry has been \$28.70. We plan to continue this program every Tuesday.

February's Food Sense Package:

2lbs. Chicken Nuggets, 1lb. Polish Sausage, 12 oz. Pollock Fillets, 12 oz. Salisbury Steak, 5oz. Tuna Fish, 13oz., Perogies, 10 oz. Mashed Potatoes, 1lb. frozen mixed vegetable, 14.5 oz. canned corn, 11 oz. Mandarin Oranges and 2 units of fresh produce to be determined. Package Price is \$15.50 for all the items - cash and food stamps accepted.

February Specials Include: 10 lbs. Chicken Tenders - \$14.00, 5 lbs. Tilapia Fillets - \$13.25, 2 lbs. Meatloaf - \$6.00, 5 lbs. Produce Box - 4 apples, 4 oranges, 1 grapefruit, & 2 lbs. red grapes for \$10.00, 2lbs Stuffed Pork Chops - \$8.25, 12 Philly Steak Hot Pocket Sandwiches - \$17.00, and 92 oz. (family size) Stouffer's Stuffed Cabbage for \$17.00.

The monthly food packages and specials will vary month to month. This month's order and payment deadline is February 10th- Cash and food stamps only accepted. Orders will be available for pickup on February 24th between 2:00-4:00 pm at the church. A complete menu and prices is posted on the church bulletin board for your reference. Please see Deb Lombard for more information or call her at 676-7276.

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry mission. We are excited to be expanding our pantry mission in both physical space (into the nursery area) as well as in the programs we are able to offer to our clients and our community.

Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator.

Brewerton Community Child Care

Brewerton Community Child Care is excited the Day Care Program is up and running. We give thanks to all have had a part in allowing this program to begin. So far we have had a successfully start and look forward to the continuation of growth as other children continue to come through our doors. We anxiously await the upcoming open house for Sunday February 19th, we invite all to attend. Worship service is at 10 am, Open House ceremony begins at 11am. We encourage all to stay tuned for exciting updates on our program. If anyone has questions they are encouraged to speak with Desiree Phillips anytime, Monday-Friday 7am till 6pm.

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