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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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Pastor Roger Parker

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

MARCH 2011

The first day of spring was once the time for taking the young virgins into the fields, there in dalliance to set an example in fertility for nature to follow. Now we just set the clocks an hour ahead and change the oil in the crankcase.

~E.B. White, "Hot Weather," *One Man's Meat*, 1944



Brewerton United Methodist Church Calendar

Tuesday, March 1st:

7:00 pm – United Methodist Women’s Meeting

Sunday, March 6th:

10:00 am – Worship Service
Adult Sunday School after services
!! Lenten Coin Cards Available!!

Monday, March 7th:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Zumba

Tuesday, March 8th:

6:30 pm – SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th: Lent Begins

6:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, March 13th: Daylight Saving Time Begins

10:00 am – Worship Service
Adult Sunday School after services
After services – Soup for Missions

Monday, March 14th:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Zumba

Thursday, March 17th: St. Patrick’s Day

Sunday, March 20th: First Day of Spring

10:00 am – Worship Service
Adult Sunday School after services

Monday, March 21st:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Zumba

Sunday, March 27th:

10:00 am – Worship Service
Adult Sunday School after services
!!Pledge Card Sunday!!

Monday, March 28th:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm - Zumba

*** No Administrative Council meeting in March.

*** The Women’s Bible Study will NOT meet in March or April.

*** The Card Making Class will NOT meet in March.

APRIL 2011

Saturday, April 9 th :	Roast Beef Dinner @ 4 pm
Sunday, April 10 th :	Easter Cantata @ 11:30 am
Sunday, April 17 th :	Palm Sunday
Tuesday, April 19 th :	Passover Administrative Council Meeting
Thursday, April 21 st :	Holy Thursday Christian Seder & Chicken + Biscuit Dinner @ 6:30 pm
Friday, April 22 nd :	Good Friday
Sunday, April 24 th :	Easter Sunday

<u>Regular Weekly Items</u>	
Monday’s:	6:00 pm till 7:00 pm: Zumba
Tuesday’s:	10:00 am till 12:00 noon: Food Pantry
Thursday’s:	4:30 pm till 6:30 pm: Food Pantry 6:00 pm till 7:00 ? : Choir Rehearsals
Friday’s:	6:30 am: Bible Life Group @ Cicero Panera (Men)

NEWSLETTER MARCH DEADLINE !

The deadline for the **April** Newsletter is: **March 20th**,
If you have any problems, **PLEASE** contact me.
You can contact me at church, or by telephone @ 695-3114 or by
e-mail @ kpeckham7123@windstream.net.

Kathy Peckham
Newsletter Editor





The Ministry of Prayer



Prayer Chain

In times of illness, stress or crisis, please let us pray with you or for you. Daytime and evening prayer chains can be activated simply by calling:

Pat Roundy @ 668-8053

or

Pastor Roger @ 491-8555



Prayer for the Day

Thank you Lord; for the gift of each new day, for all the challenges that we meet with your help, for the gift of forgiveness that we do not deserve. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



Bottle and Can Drive



Please bring your bottles and cans to the church coat closet or to "Here's Your Nickel" located next to the Fulton Savings Bank and ask them to credit the Brewerton United Methodist Church account. The "Shared Ministry Fund" of the church benefits from your donations. *Do not throw your bottles and cans away - Donate them to our church!*

Pastor's Message



When I was in college, I used to love to argue. In fact, debating was a close second to baseball as my favorite sport. There were very few subjects I would not argue about, and almost no debates that I would not join in on. It was this very character trait that a friend used to witness to me.

Oh, I had gone to church much of my life, mind you. I believed that there was a God. I also believed that he was pretty hard to get to know, and that it was best not to tick him off. After all, if you get into a mess with an omnipotent, omnipresent being that created the universe, the odds are pretty slim (ok, make that nonexistent) that you will be pulling out an upset win in that contest.

So, when I happened to overhear a conversation between her and another friend of mine regarding the nature and person of Jesus Christ, I simply could not resist stopping, changing my schedule and enjoying the opportunity to listen to their debate. I will not bog this message down with the theological side of the debate my friends were having, but will just say that as a result of my entering into the conversation, my friend gave me a copy of a book called "More Than A Carpenter," by Josh McDowell. That book changed my life, because reading it was the start of a process that led me to commit my life to Jesus.

Why am I sharing this Reader's Digest Condensed version of my testimony? Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about Christian Education and how we are not only commanded to teach our children God's commands and promises, but to learn them ourselves. After all, how can you teach what you yourself do not know? And, in turn, this has led me to think about how we learn, and why we do not learn...

In short, our Christian journey, our spiritual heritage is a thinking one. Shortly after I became a Christian in the fuller sense of the term, I found a nearby church I could attend and began to worship regularly. I enjoyed the sermons, the music, the fellowship - almost everything about the church was helpful to my growth as a Christian. The pastor of the church even helped me get started by using his Pastor's discount to help me get outfitted with my first set of Bible Study aids - a Dictionary, a Concordance, an Atlas and an Expository Dictionary - at prices that I could actually afford. He then took the time to meet with me on a weekly basis to teach me how to use them to study my bible.

I will never forget my first session with him. He told me two things: First, never believe something just because he (my pastor) said so. I was to look it up for myself and confirm it in scripture. God gave you a brain, he said, and you should make sure you thank him by using it, especially when handling scripture.

Second, he said, Christianity is a thinking person's religion. Once you are used to using your brain to learn more about God and to carefully work with his word, you should make sure that you do not check your brain at the door when you go to church. Be engaged, listen carefully, test what is being preached against what God actually says in his word, and then apply what you are learning to your life. Careful thought that is not followed by action and application is simply an exercise in mental gymnastics and, at the end of the day, not useful for us spiritually.

I took those gems of advice to heart 28 1/2 years ago, never looked back and my life was never the same. My Lord has been with me ever since, and his patience with my fits and starts, my spiritual retreats and advances has made me love him more and more each day. As we continue our walk together this year, my prayer is that you too, will grab that bible off the shelf, dust it off and read a bit each day. And, if you are really serious about learning more, give me a call. I would be happy to set you up with everything you need to make the word come alive and get to know God better than you ever have before. After all, that is why we have a bible. God really wants to get better acquainted with you!

See you at church!

Pastor Roger



Matthew 22: 15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. **16** They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. **17** Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" **18** But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? **19** Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, **20** and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" **21** "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." **22** When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

We hope you will join us for the start of our two part stewardship message on March 20th. As we celebrate all the spiritual gifts God has planted in our church and within our congregation, we hope this will be an enriching time in your walk of faith. There will be packets available with a stewardship message about the growth of our church. Please pick one up. They will contain information that will help you to take forward steps on your path to being a faithful steward of God's Kingdom. If for some reason you cannot join us on the 20th, we will mail your packet to you.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday, March 20th and 27th (Pledge Sunday) and will rejoice to have you with us for worship and fellowship as we celebrate both God's gifts to us and also the way we can use our gifts in return. As always, thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in Brewerton UMC.

Pastor Roger Parker



BUMC Financial Status Report as of 1/31/2011



Beginning Balance 1/31/11	\$16,994.78
General Fund Offering	\$7,600.00
Building Fund Offering	\$400.00
Food Pantry Support	\$150.00
Child Care Mortgage Support	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous Child Care Support	\$906.90
Misc Adjustment	-\$77.00
Interest Income	<u>\$8.25</u>
Total Income	\$10,488.15
Beginning Balance	\$16,994.78
Total Income 1/1/2011-1/31/2011	\$10,488.15
Less Expenses Paid 1/1/2011-1/31/2011	-\$13,071.76
Less Transfers (to apportionments)	
Ending Balance 1/31/2011	\$14,411.17

Stewardship Campaign

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The days are getting longer and we are seeing more sunshine and slowly warming temperatures. Can it be? Is it possible? Yes! Spring is approaching! And with spring, our fancies turn to love, the return of flowers, green lawns, gardens and ...Stewardship Campaigns?!?!

Yes, it is truly that time again. But, here at the Brewerton United Methodist Church, we do not make money the flagship topic of our stewardship campaign. In fact, there is only one sermon per year regarding money. Why do we mention it so little? Well, it comes down to this - we believe a realistic approach to Stewardship is the best approach. We are all familiar with how unpleasant it is to be bombarded with fundraising pleas. With some organizations it can seem at times that the passion spent on fundraising is greater than the passion put into the product.

Churches, however, are different. First, our product is nothing less than the expansion of the kingdom of heaven here on earth. Our missions and ministries all are undertaken with this in mind. We are not seeking money in an attempt to provide you with more programming, or a better product. What we are doing is offering you the chance to give back to God a portion of the many gifts that he has poured into your life. And stewardship (the careful handling) of these gifts - which includes those of time, health, abilities and talents, relationships, life and, yes, money - is a job God has entrusted us with. He did not have to give us so much. Many places in the world make do with much, much less. He did not have to bless us in such abundance. But he did. And our response to his many blessings is what we call our Stewardship/Pledge campaign.

Reality tells us that everything you and I personally enjoy costs something, and church is no different. Mission and Ministry do not happen in a vacuum, and they are certainly not free. There is no getting around the fact that if we are to do what God has called us to - connecting people with Jesus and walking the path of real-life faith with them, we are going to need some resources to do so. Our Finance team has put much time and thought into preparing a budget which is fiscally responsible, does an excellent job of holding the line on costs as much as possible, and yet reflects that mission and ministry does not happen in a vacuum, nor is it free. We feel good about the work that they have done, and believe that the budget which they produced both honors God and provides opportunities for all of us to do our part to help our church reach out to our community in the name of and for the sake of Jesus.



A message from Your Editor

My family was not always known for teaching by books or explanations. Mostly it was by example or a short "watch and learn" session. If you started to get off tract or a little "wild", you could expect a short but very loud verbal correction that included the words "Do NOT" or "Don't Ever". Needless to say, I learned early to watch what others do and how they do it and learn from it. We children were also expected to "figure it out for ourselves" at times. In short, use your head.

A good example of this was the spring my uncle needed some help. Of his four sons, three had married and move away. The youngest, still at home, had an injury that required surgery and several weeks of recuperation. At thirteen, I volunteered to help where I could until my cousin healed and was able to work. My uncle had me stand beside him as he drove the tractor/plows from one end of a field to the other, turned around and came back. I watched his every move as we went through the process of plowing the field. He never said a word the whole time. Back where we started, he turned the tractor around, set the plows, and stopped. As he was getting off, he said "there you go, I'll catch up with you in a while". I took a deep breath, sat down, put the tractor in gear, set the throttle, and started plowing. That is how I learned to plow a field.

I learned a great deal by watching others. By my mid-teens, I was an expert at holding a light and handing over tools. I was also doing more of the work myself. I found that I could do many things that people today often pay someone else to do. When I was a student nurse, a doctor told us "you can learn from anyone, even if it is what NOT to do". I may not always know the proper name for something or what the "book" said to do, or do it quickly, however I can do the job, and it will be right.

I think that learning by example is one of the best ways to learn. And I think that the example of my family going to church each Sunday was one reason that I returned to the habit of going to church myself. I also think that young people today can still learn from example. The example of adults and children going to church can make a greater impression than a thousand words of instruction. If the example is to sleep late on Sunday, and "do what pleases", then what kind of teachers are we? My father said it very well, "there is 168 hours in a week, God is only asking for an hour or two. With all that he gives you, how can you turn him down"?

--- Kathy Peckham



EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR 3/11-6/11

March	6 Judy 13 Marion 20 Craig 27 Lori
April	3 Joan 10 Marion 17 Claire 24 Judy
May	1 Craig 8 Marion 15 Lori 22 Joan
June	5 Judy 12 Marion 19 Craig 26 Lori

Hi folks! Here is the current schedule for the Evangelism Committee visitations! Pastor Roger Parker is also a member of our committee. The church telephone # is 668-3999 and Pastor Parker's Cell 491-8555.



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Bulletin Bloopers:

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.



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

MARCH

LUNCHEON: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at noon.

WHERE: Brewerton United Methodist Church
5395 Orangeport Road
Brewerton, NY 13029.

MENU: Lasagna, Salad, Italian Bread, Angel Food Cake with Lemon Pudding.

PROGRAM: Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers. They will be performing the Schuhplattler which is a centuries-old form of Bavarian folk dancing. During the dance, the men demonstrate their vigor by slapping their shoes and their thighs in rhythm, while flirting with the women.



Suggested donation \$5.00

RESERVATION: Your reservation is due by Wednesday, March 16th, one week prior to the luncheon.

Make your reservation by calling:
Shirley Look 668-2109 – or –
Shirley Jones 676-4973

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

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The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring. ~Bern Williams



Twilight Stitches Quilting Guild

2nd and 4th Monday of each month
(March 14th & 28th)



The Twilight Stitches Quilting Guild is here at Brewerton United Methodist Church. The guild was started almost 20 years ago, by a group of quilters from Brewerton and Central Square, who worked during the day and wanted to get together at night to quilt and anything related to quilting along with a little chit-chat. We are always looking for new members. We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Meetings start at 6:30 although the time may change, we'll let you know. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Room. You don't have to know how to quilt, or even sew, we'll show you how. Come join us.



CARD MAKING CLASS

The Card Making Class will **not** be meeting in March.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will **not** be meeting in March.



In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.
Mark Twain

Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday April 9, 2011

Brewerton United Methodist Church

5395 Orangeport Road
Brewerton, NY, 13029
(668-3999)

Serving Starts at 4:00 pm - until all are served

Adults: \$8.00
Children: \$5.00 (12 and under)
Under 5 yr: Free

Menu

Roast Beef
Real Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Homemade Pies
Beverages



Take outs Available !



Women's News



The United Methodist Women will meet
Tuesday, March 1st at the church.

Weather permitting, Beth Magill will present the program
"Give a Gift of Love".

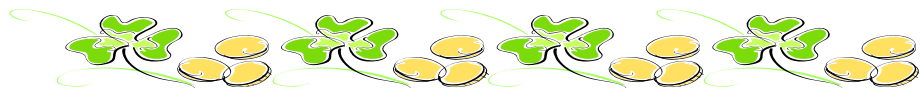
This is your opportunity to learn more about the purpose of
the United Methodist Women, the Women's Division and the
Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

We will lift in prayer the retired missionaries and
deaconesses who live their motto "Called to Serve, Serving
Still".

There will be a short business meeting followed by
refreshments and fellowship.

All ladies of the church are invited to come to all meetings of
the United Methodist Women.

Come join us Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm.



Sunday Soup for Missions *Sunday, March 13th*

Following the Church Service, the United Methodist Women will serve
hot, homemade soups. Won't you stay for the warmth of fellowship and
hot soup to warm you up?

If you have a favorite, family soup you would like to donate, please
contact Beth Magill at 668-6640.

Thank you for participating in this project.

All proceeds will go to the United Methodist Missions.

Suggested Donation \$3.00



From the Financial Stewards Committee

Lent

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Lent in the Christian tradition, is the period of the liturgical year
leading up to Easter. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of
the believer – through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial –
for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and
Resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of
Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

Conventionally, it is described as being forty days long, though
different denominations calculate the forty days differently. The forty
days represent the time that, according to the Bible, Jesus spent in the
desert before the beginning of his public ministry, where he endured
temptation by Satan.^[1]

This practice was virtually universal in Christendom until the
Protestant Reformation.^[2] Some Protestant churches do not observe Lent,
but many, such as Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans,
do.

Most followers of Western Christianity observe Lent beginning on Ash
Wednesday and concluding on Holy Saturday.^{[2][3]} The six Sundays in this
period are not counted because each one represents a "mini-Easter," a
celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death.^[1]

That's right, Lenten season is again upon us. This year, the beginning of
Lent is March 9th, Ash Wednesday. To help with the remembrance of
each day of the season, we again offer "Lenten Coin Cards". They will be
available starting Sunday, March 6th, in the church narthex. Be sure to
pick one up when you come to the church.

Finally, let's not forget our **annual pledge card Sunday on March 27th**.
Our church is only able to pay its debts and help each other and the
community through your generosity. And as we give, we also receive.

Tammy Allen

tjallen@twcny.rr.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March Birthdays

Name	Month/Day
Bill Armani	March 1st
Kevin Bellinger	March 3rd
Tom Davis	March 3rd
Kolan Bisbee	March 6th
Richard Roundy	March 10th
Jackie LaFlair	March 12th
Darlene Garner	March 14th
Dorothy Church	March 15th
Patricia Roundy	March 17th
Wendy Lewke	March 17th
Julia Calhoun	March 20th
Janae Whittaker	March 21st
Arlena Williams	March 25th
Louise Howe	March 25th
Marion Pomeroy	March 27th
Connie Chantry	March 29th



Birth Stone: Aquamarine

Birth Flower: Jonquil (Daffodil)

Zodiac Sign: Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20);

Aries (March 21 - April 19)



** If anyone knows someone who needs to be added or removed or if there is an error in our list, PLEASE let me know. You may contact me either by phone at: 695-3114 or by e-mail at: kpeckham7123@windstream.net. You may also give the information to Lorraine Ward at church or by e-mail: ljward@twcny.rr.com or by phone: 315-676-3145



The **SPRC** (Staff Parish Relations Committee) will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 pm.

(Just in case you missed it on the cover calendar page.)



Adult Sunday Study



With the book
 “The Life You’ve Always Wanted”
 by John Ortberg

We have been meeting now for two weeks. The study is a real thought provoker with weekly questions and activities to help transform our lives. So far, we’ve discussed the reason and challenge of transforming our lives along with the goal of truly living a spiritual life. We have done exercises like “how full is your spiritual gas tank” and “what can you do to bring the level back up when you feel like you are running on fumes”.

You are welcome to join us at anytime. We can certainly get you a copy of the book. Below are the upcoming chapters by week.

If you have any questions please call Tammy or Craig Allen @ 668-9412

2/27 - Training vs. Trying: The Truth About Spiritual Disciplines

3/6 - A “Dee Dah Day”: The Practice of Celebration

3/13 - An Unhurried Life: The Practice of Slowing

3/20 - Interrupting Heaven: The Practice of Prayer

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It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.

Mark Twain



Brewerton Community Food Pantry

March, 2011 Newsletter Article

Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

Monthly Statistics:

January

Families/Households Served:	56
Total Meals:	3,528
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days	(168 x 3 x 7)
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	53
# Adults:(Ages 18 - 64)	107
# Elderly: (Ages 65+)	8
Total Individuals:	168

Food Bank of CNY - Food Orders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>HPNAP Allocation</u>	<u>Program Cost**</u>
02-09-11	3,864	\$1,247.12	Grant Satisfied	\$1,247.12

Our next order is scheduled for March 15th

The Brewerton Elementary School conducted a "SOUPER BOWL Food Drive" from January 24th through February 1st in honor of the Super Bowl featuring the Greenbay Packers and Pittsburg Steelers. The results were nothing short of A-M-A-Z-I-N-G! Together, the students, staff and teachers collected 482 non-perishable food items, a variety of canned and boxed goods, during their week-long drive. The items were a welcome addition to our pantry shelves and will go far to help those in need right in our community. It's truly amazing to witness what our young citizens can do when they work together as a team toward a common goal. The Food Pantry is blessed to have so many caring and sharing students assisting us with food collections. Everyone at Brewerton Elementary is a WINNER and their efforts are very much appreciated. TOUCHDOWN!!

We received a check in the amount of \$1,059.58 that represents 25 percent of the funds collected by walk participants from St. Agnes and Brewerton UMC during the 2010 CROP Walk held on October 17th. The two churches raised a total of \$4,238.32 with \$3,178.74 going directly to Church World Service for their work in the US and abroad. Thanks to all who participated and pledged. Plans are already underway for next year's Crop Walk in October, 2011. We hope to increase our contributions and look forward to adding even more walkers and contributors.

Pg 2 Food Pantry

In closing, I'd like to once again thank everyone for their continued support of the Food Pantry and invite you to visit us to view first-hand what your donations mean to us. We are proud of the mission we provide to our community and know we could not do it without the generous support of all of you! On behalf of the food pantry, thank you from the bottom of our hearts and God

Bless you all!

Brewerton United Methodist Church Choir meets every Thursday at 6:00pm. Our objective is to provide a spiritually uplifting piece of music during the worship service that will allow the members both of the congregation and the choir to connect with God. Pastor Roger and I have been trying to coordinate the sermon and music selections with the hope that it will provide a more meaningful worship experience. I have been very excited about the growth and improvement the choir has made in the last year and I appreciate your feedback and compliments. On April 10th (at 11:30am) we are looking forward to presenting an Easter Cantata which we hope you will invite your friends, family and neighbors to come experience. As always, we're looking for new members-- whether for our weekly Sunday anthems or for the Easter Cantata, please join us as we worship through music.

Best wishes,
Kaitlyn Marquart
BUMC Choir Director



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Church Funny:

At Sunday morning breakfast, the Pastor sat down with a reddened, damp tissue on his face. His 15-year-old daughter asked, "What happened to you?" He replied, "I was thinking about my sermon and I cut my chin."

After the service she walked by and whispered, "Next time....think about your chin and cut your sermon."

