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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

# MAY 2011



## Happy Mother's Day

Mothers

Mothers are full of love and laughter  
Filling our hearts forever after.

Mothers are always loving and dreaming  
Putting up with us and all of our scheming.

Mothers are sweet smiles and happy faces,  
Forgiving us our troublesome disgraces.

Mothers deserve this day of their own  
To be queen of our heart and of her home.

By Susan M. Keenan ©2007



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Brewerton United Methodist Church

June 2011

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:**

10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Adult Sunday School

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

7:00 pm – Brewerton United Methodist Women’s meeting

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:**

6 – 8:30 pm – Card Making Class

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:** MOTHER’S DAY

10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Adult Sunday School

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:**

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm – UMW Rummage Sale

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am – 2:00 pm – UMW Rummage Sale

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:**

10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Adult Sunday School

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Adult Sunday School

**Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:**

12:00 pm – Happy Day’s Senior Luncheon

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:**

10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Adult Sunday School

**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:** MEMORIAL DAY

Sat. 6/4 BUMC work day

Tue. 6/14 Flag Day

Sun. 6/19 Father’s Day

Tue. 6/21 Administrative Council meeting  
First Day of Summer!

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

**MAY DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER!**

The deadline for the June newsletter is **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**.  
If you have any problems, **PLEASE** contact me.  
You can contact me at church, or by telephone @ 695-3114,  
Or By e-mail at [kpeckham7123@windstream.net](mailto:kpeckham7123@windstream.net).

Kathy Peckham  
Newsletter Editor



## *The Ministry of Prayer*



### Pastor's Message

April showers bring May flowers. I have heard this saying popping up many times in conversations over the last couple of weeks. It can seem, in the midst of all this rain, to be a poor trade-off – flowers at some future date in lieu of sunshine today. It seems too much like Wimpy's offer of "payment on Tuesday for a Hamburger today." (For those who are not familiar with the character, Google "Wimpy"). As I write this, we are well on our way to enjoying the wettest April since they started measuring such things in the early 50's. We will, by month's end, have well over 8 inches of precipitation. This gives us a small sample of what Noah enjoyed (although his rainfall record will NOT be broken anytime soon!) Speaking from a gardener's point of view, this is one record I did not need to own. Instead, it makes me wonder just how many flowers we need in May, anyway.

It also makes me think that in life, as in the natural world, we do not change and grow unless certain steps are accomplished first. I am working on losing weight as part of my efforts to be a better steward of both my health and my body. But weight does not just melt away because I wish it. It took time (and effort) to put on, and it will take time (and effort) to take off. Changed habits, planned and purposeful exercise, physical effort – all these are required over time to accomplish the goal – a smaller pastor.

Similarly, if one wants to acquire a skill like cooking, woodworking or fishing; learn a new language or other academic discipline; or even grow in spiritual maturity and knowledge, the groundwork must be laid and the time must be put in before the achievement can be enjoyed and celebrated. Reading, memorizing, practicing, making mistakes and correcting them...all these things go into the mix, with the common ingredient being time.

So while I wait and wait and wait to enjoy the benefits of my gardens in the form of a beautiful flower, a delicious vegetable or succulent fruit, I know that I will first have to work the soil, weed, plant, mulch, water and care for the plants. Thus a full summer of effort goes into a harvest-season payoff.

You and I have just worked our way through Lent, and celebrated Resurrection Day (Easter) together. While we take a quick breather, there are two things to keep in mind as we wait for the world to dry and summer to arrive:

First, Easter is a season. We have an additional 50 days from Easter to Pentecost to celebrate the most important event in the history of the world – that of Jesus rising from the grave - and all that this means to you and me. Let's not be so quick to "move on" to other things and put the conversations, the reading and the thought about just what Jesus did for us in the can and call it a "wrap." Let's not be in too much of a hurry to move along to secular activities that have far less eternal value and take up far more time. The outrageous act of love for us, that incredible act of obedience to the Father that Jesus did is worthy of some additional thought, prayer and indeed, action.

Second, Lent is over, but the extra time spent in fasting, praying and connecting with God is now hopefully a habit that we can carry forward into our "ordinary" time after Pentecost. Spiritual disciplines such as scripture reading, meditation on scripture, fasting, solitude, celebration and journaling (among others) are useful year round for strengthening our faith, increasing our



### Prayer Chain

The daytime and evening prayer chains are available to join you in prayer at time of illness, emergencies, or family concerns. To start the prayer chain, simply call your request to :

Darlene Garner: 243-1860; Pat Roundy: 668-8053;

or

Pastor Roger: 491-8555



### Daily Prayer

Dear Lord, Help me to tune my ears to your voice. Help me to hear your call and Help me to be your hands and feet in the word, today and everyday.

Amen



### Bottle and Can Drive

Please continue to bring your cans and bottles to the church closet or to "Here's Your Nickel" and remind them to credit them to the Brewerton United Methodist Church account. Every Bottle and can helps! Please support this project for our Shared Ministry Fund.

Thank You  
Ed Roundy



effectiveness as disciples and in helping ourselves and those around us to mature and grow in our relationship with God.

Sometimes it can seem like waiting for it to stop raining because we want to garden. But the wait (and the efforts and results) are very much worth the time and attention paid to them. So take off the coat, go back inside, sit down, grab your bible, a notebook /pencil and spend some of these rainy days dreaming about the upcoming sunshine and continuing to connect/reconnect with the Son.

See you at church!  
Pastor Roger



*A Message From  
Your Editor*

I was at my father's the other day for the Easter holiday. My sister was there like several other people. Of course the talk worked it way around to things of past years. We remembered the people who where no longer here to celebrate with us. Among the missing was our mother and my sister's husband. We remembered them with some smiles and some tears as the moments in time came alive if for only a moment. I guess it was fitting that we remembered them and other family members now gone. After all, Easter celebrates Jesus' victory over death with his resurrection. For us this is proof of life after death. And with it is the belief that we will again see our loved ones in the "great hear after".

Now, as we go into May, we see two holiday's that are well noted. Mother's Day and Memorial Day are next in line for celebration. And for some of us, both are sort of Memorial Day's. However, my sister looks at them differently. She pointed out that if we think about it, all three holiday's come in the spring, a time of life from death. The dull, brown and grey landscape becomes full of color with spring flowers blossoming. And the trees, grass, and other plants growing new green leaves. The rivers and streams are laden with spawning fish. Birds and other animals are giving birth to their young.

My sister reminded me of how we have always looked at life through the seasons. And how for all things, there is a season and a joyful way to live in each season. To be honest, I'm still looking for a way to argue with her on this. I prefer summer to winter - any day. However, I will admit that both spring and fall can be very pretty.

Kathy Peckham  
Newsletter Editor

**Twilight Stitches Quilting Guild**



**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday** of each month  
(May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)



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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR 4/11-6/11**

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.





## Card Making Class

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

6:00 pm till 8:30 pm



We will meet In the Fellowship Hall

Please join us! All supplies are available.

Any questions, call Elaine Bisbee @ 668-7385

Next month we will be having our picnic.  
The time and place to be announced.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY ☺

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## ATTENTION !!!



**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**HELP SPRUCE UP OUR CHURCH!**

Each week we go to worship, attend meetings, gather for group activities, or come to the food pantry. Maybe we send our children to the daycare, or come to the Happy Day's Luncheon. There are many things that we gather at the church building for. Let's face it, this building and grounds are a central part of our lives. We need to care for it as we do our own homes. To do that, we have scheduled a work day to spruce things up a bit. All volunteers are welcome. Some projects planned include: General cleaning like cleaning windows, weeding & cleaning gardens, touch up painting, etc. Any amount of volunteered time is appreciated.



## WOMEN'S NEWS!



LADIES! You are cordially invited to the  
United Methodist Women's Meeting  
Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm at the church.

Program:

"What Color Is Your Hat?"

Presented by Darlene Garner and Pat Roundy  
With excerpts from the "Red Hat Society"  
By Queen Mother Sue Ellen Cooper

Please bring a hat - any color or kind, old or new,  
fancy or plain, serviceable, silly or collectable.  
Help us to "Celebrate Hats".

There will be a short business meeting, dessert and fellowship.

*COME JOIN THE FUN!*

*REMEMBER YOUR MOM ON MOTHERS DAY*

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thanks to *EVERYONE* who supported our  
"Bread For The World" Bake Sale.

Proceeds will help to feed the hungry  
Through the Women's Division of the  
Board of Global Ministries.



# 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

## MAY

**LUNCHEON:** Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at noon.

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

**MENU:** Swiss Steak, Tossed Salad, Vegetable,  
Italian Bread, & Apricot Bread Pudding.

**PROGRAM:** Mr. William Verity's fifth grade Chorus  
from the Brewerton Elementary School will  
entertain us with songs from their Spring  
Concert. The Chorus will be under the  
direction of Ms. Lindsey.



**Suggested donation: \$5.00.**

**RESERVATION:**  
Your reservation is due by  
Wednesday, May 18th, 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.*

# SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!



Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Gently used clothing and household items may be brought to church  
starting Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. (Please, No  
electronics, Large items or tires, thanks)

If you have any questions, please call Beth Childress @ 676-4370.

Proceeds for United Methodist Women's Missions.



## Missing Your Favorite Dish?

*Please* check the white table in the church kitchen for your bowls,  
platters and Tupperware.

Those items not claimed by owners by May 13<sup>th</sup>, will be donated to the  
Rummage Sale.

Thank You for helping to declutter our church kitchen.

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From "The Old Farmer's Almanac;

Our favorite saying: "For a happy marriage, never speak loudly to one  
another unless the house is on fire."

## TRUSTEE NEWS

In today's changing times it seems the Church Pastors are choosing to provide their own housing. The Brewerton United Methodist Church has now faced this situation, our Parsonage has been vacant 2 yrs. The cost of maintaining the Church and Parsonage has substantially increased whereby we decided with the member's approval to list the Parsonage in the Real Estate Market. March 1, 2011 we sold the Parsonage.

Throughout the years, thanks to many volunteers spending numerous hours repairing and maintaining both buildings, at times can be challenging. The Trustees appreciated every minute that was donated.

Speaking for myself and my fellow Trustees I wish to thank our Chairman, Tom Davies for the countless hours spent preparing for the sale of the Parsonage and responding without hesitation to emergencies during his Trustee career. Thanks Tom, we wish well and we will miss you.

Simple acts of kindness  
That God created patiently from above,  
And we but His tiny vessels  
Filled to share these acts of love  
\*by Linda C. Grazulis

Judy Kelly,  
Secretary

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!!! A special note: The above article was submitted for the April 2011 newsletter. Somehow I missed putting it in. I apologized to Judy for this and put the article into this newsletter.

I am human and will make mistakes at times. Still, I hate making mistakes at all. Which is why I work hard to put the newsletter together correctly.

I also apologize to Tom Davies for the delay of a much due **Thank You** for all his work. And, I apologize to the Board of Trustees for the delay of their much due **Thank You** for their hard work for the church.

Kathy Peckham  
Newsletter Editor

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jeff Allen	May 1st
Lavonia French	May 5th
Brian Allen	May 8th
Mary LaFlair	May 8th
Jeff Ward	May 8th
Matt Ward	May 8th
Linda Roundy Keegan	May 10th
Kenneth Lewke	May 15th
Al Meyer	May 15th
David Childress	May 22nd
Beth Childress	May 23rd
Michael Allen	May 24th
Kim Pomeroy	May 24th
Jeann Whittaker	May 25th
Arrow O'Conner	May 26th

Birthstone = Emerald

Birth flower = Lily of the Valley

Zodiac = Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

\*\* 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](mailto:kpeckham7123@windstream.net). You may also give the information to Lorraine Ward at church or by e-mail: [ljward@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ljward@twcny.rr.com) or by phone: 315-676-3145

# Brewerton Community Food Pantry

Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

## Monthly Statistics:

	<u>March</u>
Families/Households Served:	59
Total Meals:	3,528
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days	(168 x 3 x 7)
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	54
# Adults:( Ages 18 - 64)	106
# Elderly: (Ages 65+)	<u>8</u>
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>
04/12/11	2,650	\$ 1,111.65	----	\$1,111.65

Our Next Food Bank order/delivery is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>.

We will also receive a free Bare Essentials Package (\$400 shipment of food) from the Food Bank in appreciation for our participation in the Onondaga County meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

April was a month filled with a variety of activities and special projects in the food pantry. Our Easter Food Basket project was a huge success with members of our congregation as well as the congregation of the Cavalry Baptist Church sponsoring local individuals and families in the "Adopt a Family" program again this Easter. We received overwhelming support from both congregations as well as donations from the Brewerton Community.

Easter candy and toy baskets for a number of children were donated by our friends and pantry partners at St. Agnes Church. Brewerton Boy Scout Troop #3112 assisted us by conducting a food drive in the community. They placed food donation bins at several local area businesses and delivered a truck load of food items to us on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The same Scout Troop returned a week later to fill and assemble all of the baskets for delivery prior to Easter. The Saddlecreek Homeowner's Association also got into the spirit of the season by conducting a food drive which yielded a record number of food items, as well as household and personal care items on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

As a result of the efforts and generosity of all those involved we were able to provide 53 Easter food baskets to pantry clients as well as local families in need. Once again, I was extremely moved by the experience and was overwhelmed by the generosity of so many in our community who worked together to make it all happen. Thank you so much for all the food and monetary donations made by our generous church congregation. Our food pantry is blessed to have the support of so many. A special thanks to Scott & Jeanne Whittaker, Judy Kelly, Connie Chantry, Ray & Hannah Rood, Pastor Roger & Allison Parker and Ron & Abby Lombard for delivering baskets to 26 families on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The remaining 27 baskets were picked up during pantry hours on the Tuesday and Thursday leading up to Easter. Several people who received baskets this year were moved to tears as they were presented their holiday food basket.

Many Thanks to Chuck & Mary Lou Wescott for providing the food pantry clients with fresh eggs each week.

In addition to receiving bread and baked good items from Price Chopper on Route 31 through the generosity of Wayne Collins every Saturday morning, we are now receiving bread and assorted goodies from Panera Bread on Route 11 every Monday evening, thanks to our pantry partnership with Cavalry Baptist Church. Our pantry clients are able to help themselves to a wide variety of designer breads, bagels, donuts, desserts, and more. Feel free to help yourself to a variety of baked goods anytime you see it out in the entry way! We always have more than we need, so feel free to partake! The leftovers go to Chuck Wescott and other local farmers to use as animal feed.

Happy Spring everyone and thank you for all you do to help support the Brewerton Community Food Pantry! Together, we all are making a difference in our community by reaching out to those in need and "Connecting people with Jesus and walking the path of real life faith".



Bulletin Blooper: CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE.  
A good opportunity to get rid of anything not worth keeping, but too good to throw away. Don't forget your husband.

