

Broad Street United Methodist Church

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NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2011

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Our Mission Statement:

**We are a community of faithful disciples
of Jesus Christ, growing in faith, love and service
to God and all of God's creation
in Norwich and throughout the world.**

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From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. -- *John 20:16-18*

We are waiting to hear those words, which will be read on Easter morning. It has been a long winter and we still look for spring and new growth at the beginning of April. The Easter story brings us hope of new life and resurrection. But before we get to hear Mary speak these words, we must first go through what is called Holy Week or Passion Week.

This week starts for us with the gathering of churches at the United Church of Christ on Palm / Passion Sunday (April 17). Then we walk to the First Baptist Church for prayer, and then on to Broad St. UMC. During the week, we will have a service on Holy Thursday at the United Church of Christ and a service on Good Friday at the First Baptist Church. Then on Easter morning, we will gather all together to celebrate at a sunrise service before our own Easter services.

What I would like all of us to think about is the journey from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to his resurrection. Most of us know the story so well that we don't take the time to stop and think about each step along the way. We don't really think about what the disciples and Jesus were thinking and feeling along the way. In our Lenten Study, "24 Hours That Changed the World," we are taking time to think about what it would have been like to be there with Jesus. We also take time to think about what does that ancient story have to say to us today: are there ways we can relate the story? The answer is yes, that journey very much is a part of our journey today.

As we approach this Passion Week, I would ask all of us to take the time in our daily devotionals and as you attend all the special services (as I hope you will) to reflect on all that happens during that week. My hope is that when we finally hear those beautiful words from John's gospel, we will not only listen to the story of the journey, but we will have *lived* the journey with Jesus and the all his followers.

In Christ's Love

Pastor Jeff

Save the Date: June 11th 2011 The African University Choir will be here at our church. Look for more information to follow!



Broad Street
Congregation Relay for
Life Team is Back!

The BSUMC team did such a great job last year! This year the Theme is the circus. Please come and bring your fundraising ideas to our first meeting on Wednesday April 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. If you want to be a part of the fight against cancer

but can't make the meeting please call Deborah Trythall at 316-4990 or Tricia Munson at 336-4859.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

During the season of Lent we will offer a Bible study called “24 Hours That Changed the World.” This study comes from Adam Hamilton, the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, which is one of the fastest-growing, most highly visible churches in the country.

The study is on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The final study sessions include:

- April 5: The Torture and Humiliation of the King
- April 12: The Crucifixion
- April 19: Christ the Victor

There is a video segment in each class that includes a journey to the Holy Land with Rev. Hamilton to visit the sites where the above events are traditionally believed to have taken place.

We will have a time of prayer, an introduction to the material for the night, the Biblical foundation and the study, video, and discussion. Bring snacks if you wish. You do not have to be at every session to benefit from this study. Everyone is welcome to come and to invite others to come as well.

Come and journey through the last 24 hours of Jesus’ life with Pastor Jeff.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

On April 16th, there will be a men's Palm Saturday service and breakfast. Coffee at 7 a.m., service at 7:30 and breakfast to follow. This is an Oneonta District breakfast, so we should have a good representation from our own church. Reservations are appreciated. Call either the church office at 334-2897, or Steve Runion at 334-9082.



The 2011 Sky Lake Summer Camp Guide is now available in the church office, or by contacting the Sky Lake office at 607- 467-2750 or info@skylakecenter.org. Register early. Forms are available in the church office. Our Sky Lake

Representative is Marilyn Kochersperger.

Please remember that Broad St. UMC offers help to all those youth who attend Sky Lake Camp. Let us know if you are going. Our church will pay \$150.00 toward 5- day camps and \$85.00 toward 3- day camps to the youth who are attending from our church. If more help is needed, please contact Pastor Jeff. We want to help everyone to go to camp this summer!

You're Invited to Sky Lake's Annual Open House
Sunday, May 15 – 1:30-5:00 p.m. Parking is on the West Shore.

Take a guided tour of Sky Lake, row a boat, go on a hayride, make a craft, enjoy some great entertainment, & more! Chicken BBQ: \$7.50 per person prior to May 2 (\$9.00 after May 2) Send check or money order to the Sky Lake Office, 501 William Law Rd., Windsor, NY 13865

Other events this spring at Sky Lake include: Volunteer Work Day Saturday, May 7, Birding Retreat May 16-18, Wildflower Photo Retreat May 23-25 and Spring Fling Weekend May 27-30.

For more information contact your Sky Lake Representative, Pastor, or the Sky Lake Office at 607-467-2750 or info@skylakecenter.org .

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Joyce Koterba, Sandra L. Robillard
- 02 Scott Sutton
- 04 Jessica Lewis, Ed Zirkel
- 05 Kurt Kochersperger
- 06 Sara Loomis
- 07 Martha Penhollow
- 08 Donald C. Brown
- 11 Patricia Moran
- 12 Christina Budd
- 13 Lois Ives, Evan Wendt
- 14 Sarah Thomas, Nancy Swertfager
- 16 Carol Doupe, David Mitchell
- 17 Taylor Morris, David Thomas
- 18 Chris Robb
- 19 Tom Davis, Darlene Gramstad
- 20 Jordon Oliver
- 22 Amy Gregory, Hillis Crandall
- 23 Charlotte Goodrich, Brooke Klaus
- 24 Joyce Lawson
- 25 Tyler Beattie, Karl Kochersperger
- 26 Lynn Morris
- 29 Franklin Goodrich
- 30 Warren Nash

Please call the office if you wish to have your birthday appear on our birthday list! 334-2895.

Please submit names of students graduating from high school or higher education to the church office. Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 5.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Lenten Journey continues with some special services. Please join us!

Sunday, April 10 **HEALING SERVICE**

During both the 8:30 and 10:30 services, you will have the chance to come forward to receive the healing touch of God's love through prayer and anointing with oil.

Sunday, April 17 **PALM - PASSION SUNDAY**

As in previous years, we will celebrate this day with an ecumenical service. We will begin by blessing the palms at the UCC-First Congregational Church at 10:00, then processing to front of the First Baptist Church, where we will have a short prayer. Then we will continue to Broad Street United Methodist Church, where we will have a service that includes the reading of the Passion Story. Please join us for this special service!

Thursday, April 21 **HOLY THURSDAY**

We will celebrate Holy Communion at the UCC-First Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 22 **GOOD FRIDAY**

We will remember Jesus' death with a service at the First Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 24 **EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service on the courthouse steps

9:30 a.m. Early Easter Service in the chapel

10:30 a.m. Late Easter Service in the sanctuary

HOLY COMMUNION MISSION PROJECT

We will continue our monthly Holy Communion Mission Project in May with donations of the following personal hygiene items:

- regular shampoo
- deodorant
- feminine hygiene products
- bar soap
- liquid hand soap.

We will give these items to local social service agencies, which will distribute them to people in need in our community. By providing such necessities, people will be able to use more of their money for food, housing, and clothing.

Please bring one or more of these items with you to worship on Sunday, May 3. We will collect them as you enter, and then we will bring them forward before we celebrate communion to ask God to bless those who donated them and those who will receive them. If you can't be with us on May 3, please drop the items off at the church office whenever you can. Thank you!

PASSOVER SEDER

The Norwich Jewish Community has invited us to attend their Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. During the Seder, we will hear the retelling of the story of the Hebrews and their freedom from slavery in Egypt, we will learn about the traditional symbols of Passover, and we will enjoy a wonderful time of feasting and fellowship with our Jewish friends and neighbors! The cost is \$30 per person. I plan to attend, and if you'd like to join me, please contact me or the church office.

Pastor Nancy

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Sunday, May 15, 2011

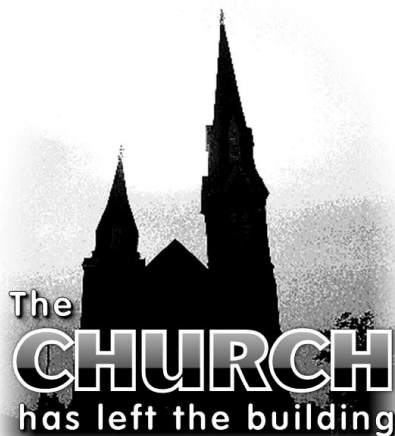
Our plans are shaping up for this special event when we are called to BE the church – the people of God – in service to our community.

We will begin the day with a light breakfast and a simple worship service with Holy Communion. Then we will go out of the building to serve our neighbors!

We are planning several projects, from the “easy” to the “more intense,” so there’s sure to be one that’s right for you.

Watch your mail for more information, including a list of projects and a schedule for the day. All the latest information will also be available on our website: www.BroadStUMC.com.

Please plan to join us as we go out to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God’s love with our neighbors in all places!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS theme is "Shake It Up Café," a fun-filled place where kids can explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's word. It will be held on **July 24-28** from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. Our church will play host this year, but we have volunteers lined up from several different area churches.



We need donations of the following items:

- ◆ large, intact appliance-sized boxes
- ◆ paper towel/ toilet paper tubes
- ◆ red and white tissue paper
- ◆ cardboard (example cereal boxes, 10 inches)
- ◆ scrap fabric 9"x9" pieces
- ◆ plastic forks, knives and spoons
- ◆ printed scrapbook paper, any color
- ◆ masking tape
- ◆ baby wipes
- ◆ silver spray paint
- ◆ fabric markers
- ◆ Vanity Fair napkins
- ◆ ribbon
- ◆ tacky glue
- ◆ straws
- ◆ red pom poms
- ◆ 9-ounce red paper cups

Please drop off your donations at the church office.

And of course, we can always use more volunteers! There are plenty of ways you can help. Please contact the church office (334-2895 or bsumc8@frontiernet.net) or Debi Trythall at 316-4990 if you would like to be a member of our Café team!

For more information and the latest updates, go to www.NorwichVBS.org. Beginning in June, parents will be able to register their children online.

Regular events that happen in the church include:

AA: Mon. – Sat. at 7 a.m. and Wed. at 8 p.m.

NA: Sat. at 7 p.m.

TLC: Mon. – Fri., 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Children’s Home & Family Support:

Mon. – Fri., 2:30 – 7:30 p.m.

WHAT IS “SPPRC” AND WHO ARE THEY?

SPPRC is Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. The list below identifies the members of the **SPPRC**. Specifically, we are the unit of the Church Family working with Staff, Church Members, Pastors and Community hoping to keep us all focused on the mission of our Church. We try to be the “listeners” of the Staff, Church Members, Pastors and Community – what are they thinking, expecting, needing, etc. Because a lot of our church members don’t realize we have such a Committee and because a lot our members don’t know who to talk to, we decided to put this note in our newsletter.

So if you have an issue, question or concern on how “things are going,” please contact any member of the **SPPRC** Committee. We will try to do our job of being good listeners!

Kristene Campbell
Joyce Koterba
Mary Davis
Patti Giltner
Seth Urie

Jim Ives
Al Kochersperger
Mike McCollough
Mary Webb

TLC NEWS

Our School year has just flown by. Our attendance continues to be very high and we again have a lengthy waiting list for the fall. We are very excited to begin our spring activities and especially look forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

I would like to take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you to the ladies of the UMW for their gracious donation to our program. This money will be used to purchase needed craft supplies for the upcoming school year. I would also like to thank the members of BID Committee for donating the funds to purchase much need matting for our Fellowship Hall play area. Also I cannot thank enough those who always think of our program by donating wonderful toys and play equipment. It is the generosity and kindness of everyone that helps to make TLC the success it is today.

Thank you again to all!

Sharon Komendarek
TLC Teacher/ Director

Save the date:

Thursday, May 5, 2011 6:00 p.m.

Women's Spring Dinner

Freewill Offering

Bring your mother, your daughter, or your friend for a wonderful evening of fellowship!

All women invited!

This year our entertainment is song writer, story teller, folksinger Mary Baker.

Sponsored by UMW

Sign up after church during the month of April or call the church office at 334-2895

The Johnstown Christian School Tour Choir and Handbell Choir, under the direction of Ms. Kristen Lloyd will be in concert at the United Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28th. The evening's concert is entitled "Following Christ" which features hymn arrangements, contemporary pieces, accompanied and accapella selections. All songs are a testimony of our faith in Jesus Christ and the hope we can have as we follow Christ. The choirs are comprised of twenty-seven high school students from Johnstown Christian School, including former UCC Norwich Youth member Seth Nichols (son of Judy and Ted Nichols). The choir will perform choral and handbell music such as "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing", "You Reign", and "My Life Is In Your Hands". Come for an inspiring evening of worship and praise! A free will offering to benefit the Johnson Christian School Music Department will be taken.

FAITH HOME BOOKLETS ON FAMILY ISSUES

These booklets are available in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by our Nurture Committee, the advice booklets address topics that are important to busy Christian families of any configuration. Come pick one up today. Donations for the brochures may be placed on Tricia's desk in the office to enable this ministry to continue.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UMW

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 10th at 12:00 p.m. Hostesses will be Lois Van Wagner & Tricia Munson and devotions will be given by Lori Ericksen. We invite all women of our church to join us!

The Mary-Martha Circle of United Methodist Women held a Rummage/Bake Sale on March 25 and 26....a very successful sale thanks to so many of you in our church. Through the hard work of the active UMW group, and the cooperation all women (and men) of Broad Street, we were able to raise \$1849.33 for many mission projects both in and out of our church. This is a record amount and could not have been accomplished without the cooperation of everyone. As well as providing income, the Rummage/Bake Sale serves as a meaningful mission project to our community, offering so many the opportunity to come here and buy clothes and other items at very affordable prices. We are so pleased to hear from our 'customers' that they look forward to our sale twice a year...(our next one scheduled for September 23 and 24). The fellowship experienced by both our church members and community members is the heart of this wonderful endeavor.

A huge, warm THANK YOU goes out to all of you who brought items into the rummage sale and to everyone who responded with a great variety of excellent and delicious baked goods, salads, chili, baked beans, etc. etc. etc. Your response to all the phone calls was outstanding! It was so wonderful to see some smiles and faces that we haven't seen during these long winter months. You can feel proud that you did a great job! The UMW group meets once a month on a Sunday at noon, and all women of the church are welcome to join us. Through our fundraising like this, we continue to support projects within our church as well as church conference and beyond. You can learn more about our meeting schedule and our mission work in the office. Thank you, again, and we'll see you In September.

Information on flowers for the upcoming months

April flowers are given by...

- 3rd Victoria Mitchell
- 10th Craig & Joyce Lawson
- 17th Bernie & John Windsor
- 24th Easter Lilies

May flowers are given by...

- 1st OPEN
- 8th OPEN
- 15th Judy Andersen
- 22nd OPEN
- 29th Warren & Fran Nash

June flowers are given by...

- 5th OPEN
- 12th OPEN
- 19th OPEN
- 26th OPEN

Please call the church office at 334-2895 if you are interested in any of the open dates.



ALTAR FLOWERS



Charles Frayer; Paul & Lana Roske; Carol Stevens; Clifford Banta; Matt Nelson; Ginger Ash; Dick Dainsingburg; Lorraine Lawson; Bob Gaylord; Mary Roberts; Wilma Cappadonia; Pete Casadonte; Edmund Caputo;

Leslie; John; Kathleen; Lawrence Mitchell; Barrett Coleman; Debbie Webster; Ginny Hall; Mary Paino; Jon; Appollonia; Amanda; Alice Dreyer; Deborah Johnson; Amy Brillinger Pole; Mike Lapenta; The Broten Family; Edwin Dunn; Vicky Lunderman; Joe Hurlburt & Family; Seia Ceiahoben; Claire Elizabeth Hanson; Marion Barnes; Gladys Trythall; Debbie Gregory; Catherine Hodgson; Tracy Brown; The French Family; The Beasock Family; Myrna DuMond, Robert Casadonte; Beverly Ray; Agnes Rowe; Charlie Whispell; Earl Barnes; Mary Ward; Sue Carter; Caregivers; Marina Kelley; our shut-ins; world leaders; peace in Uganda; People of Iraq, People of Haiti. *Military Personnel*: Joseph Harrison; Eric McNeisch; Jeremy McNeil; Chris Curnalia; Greg Kozlowski, Ricky Kozlowski; Cody Christophersen.

Please look over the prayer list. If you listed a name that now can be taken off, please call the church office at 334-2895 to let us know.



April 2011 Finance Committee Message

The Audit Report for the Broad Street United Methodist Church records has been completed, received and filed. Thanks to all who were able to give and support our ministries in 2010. Just a reminder, the option to have your pledge automatically deposited monthly is an option you may sign up for at any time. Just contact Deborah Trythall thru the church office to set up the electronic transfer. If you did not send in your 2011 pledge card you may still send it in or place it in the collection basket on Sundays.

The finance committee has developed a budget for 2011 that will support the ministry needs of our congregation and community, as well as the expenses for the utilities and general maintenance of our church building. However, the pledges for 2011 will not fully support the expenses to keep our church and ministry. We will continue monthly to monitor our expenses. We have been blessed with strong and active support through the years. The gifts of our church members and friends are many, and the time and talents you can offer as volunteers, whatever your talents, can help us sustain the work of the church.

Thank You – The Finance Committee.

| <u>Youth Group Meets</u> | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| April 3 rd | 5:00-6:30 p.m. |
| April 10 th | 5:00-6:30 p.m. |

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