

# Broad Street United Methodist Church

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## NEWSLETTER JULY/AUGUST 2011

*Rev. Jeff Hale, Pastor*  
*Rev. Nancy Hale, Associate Pastor*

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

“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” -- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I call you to a summer of prayer. The summer is a time when we change our schedules and plan more family gatherings, or at least we try to get outside more and be a part of God's creation. In the scripture above I call your attention to the words “always give thanks to God.” How many things can we be thankful to God for this summer?

What would you thank God for today? How often do we really list the things we are thankful for? When was the last time we reviewed what was happening in our lives and gave thanks to God?

Let me start a small list of things I am thankful for today. God, I am thankful for this congregation and their commitment to mission. I am thankful for the food that is provided for the food pantry, support for Haiti, support for the African University Choir, the monthly offering of diapers, health products, and baby formula. I am thankful for the support of the Relay for Life, the Vacation Bible School, and our Sunday school and youth activities. I am thankful for the choir and those who set up the Children's Worship Center bags each week. I am thankful for the money, time and gifts that are given on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis. I am thankful for those who have attended weekly services, Sunday School, and Bible studies. I am thankful for the staff of this church and all those who work on a

committee of the church. I am thankful I can serve a congregation like Broad Street United Methodist Church, and can share in all they do in God's love both locally and globally.

I am thankful for life and the chance to serve a loving God. Yes, I am thankful for so many things. Please spend the summer with me thanking God for all we have and for all that we are called to do in the name of Jesus.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Jeff

## **THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING**

We're going to do it again! This fall, we're going to go out again into our community to **live the gospel of Jesus Christ** and to **be God's love with our neighbors in all places!**

Our tentative date(s) are Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. By offering some projects on Saturday, we may have more opportunities to interact with our neighbors – the ones we are called to serve. For instance, if we went to *The Place* on a Saturday, we could meet the kids and some of the staff, and we could provide a stronger witness of our faith. But we will also have projects for Sunday, after worship.

**We need ideas for projects!** As you are busy around town this summer, keep your eyes and ears open for things we might be able to do – places to visit, work projects we could undertake, and people we could care for.



# SUMMER WORSHIP

July 3 to September 4

*Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall*

Refreshments at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND MORE!

**August 7** 9:30 A.M.

We will celebrate **worship outdoors on the church grounds**, followed by an intergenerational Sunday School program, and then a picnic lunch. We need your help to make this happen! Please let us know how you can help:



*Outdoor Worship Service*

- I can help set things up for worship outside.
- I can help work on the intergenerational Sunday School.
- I can help with the picnic in some way.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the church office,  
or call the office at 334-8829.

**August 14** 10:00 A.M.

**Dixieland Jazz Service at the United Church of Christ, First Congregational**

*PLEASE NOTE: There will be no worship service at Broad Street United Methodist Church that day.*

## **COMMUNION MISSION PROJECT: DIAPERS**

We will collect **diapers** during our holy communion services in August and September. According to our friends in the County Health Department, the larger size diapers are most in need (babies outgrow the smallest sizes so quickly). Watch for sales, pick up a package or two of diapers when you can, and bring them with you to worship on Sunday, August 7 or Sunday, September 4, or drop them off at the church office whenever you can. Thank you!

## **ANOTHER MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Every now and then, we receive notice from the County Public Health Department that one of our social service agencies (such as Roots and Wings) is running desperately low on a necessity such as baby necessities or a certain kind of food item. We would like to invite you to be part of a **special team** that can respond to these calls for help. We will maintain a phone and/or email list of people who are able to purchase these items as they are needed by the service agencies.

If you would like to participate, please call the church office or talk to Pastor Jeff or Pastor Nancy.

## BASIC LAY SPEAKING CLASS

In the United Methodist Church, we recognize **Lay Speakers** – members of local churches who have received special training to equip them to be leaders in the congregation. But don't be fooled by the name, "Lay Speaking"! Lay Speaking Ministry is much more than just speaking! This ministry goes beyond filling in for the pastor or speaking in public. Lay Speaking Ministries offer many options for serving in the congregation, and there are advanced Lay Speaking courses that offer training in the areas of teaching, serving, training, leading, participating, caring, loving, and communicating.



The first step to becoming a Lay Speaker is to take the **Basic Course**. Pastor Nancy and Andy White, our congregation's only trained Lay Speaker, will **offer the Basic Course this fall, at our church for our church members**. We have not yet decided the schedule for the course (it consists of ten hours, which can be spread over a number of evenings, or two Saturdays). If you are interested in taking this course and learning more about how to use your special skills and gifts for our congregation's ministry, please talk to Pastor Nancy or Andy White.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Scraps the Raccoon wants to see YOU at **Norwich Vacation Bible School!**

That's right, "**Shake It Up Café**" VBS will be held on **July 24-28** from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. at the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

In this kid-friendly café, we will explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's word. We will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God:

- ◆ Be ready for God
  - ◆ Give happily to God
    - ◆ Believe fully in Jesus
      - ◆ Remember Jesus often
      - ◆ Celebrate God forever

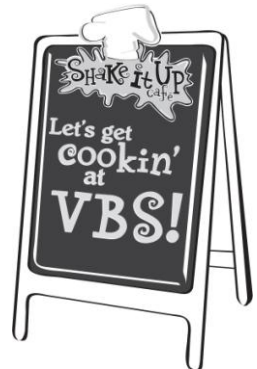
All children ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

To register your children online go to

**[www.NorwichVBS.org](http://www.NorwichVBS.org)**

or call the church office at 334-2895.

We can always use more help!  
If you can spare some time on one or more evenings, call the church office.



## **2011 REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

This year, the annual session of the Upper New York Conference was held at the Convention Center in Rochester from June 7-11.

One of the main activities this year was the election of Delegates to both the General Conference and the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

On the afternoon of the 7th, the Clergy met in one location and the Laity met in another to discuss and hear reports specifically directed at each segment.

Here is a short summary of the Reports and Resolutions which were approved. Please refer to the Upper New York Conference web site ([www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org)) for further information. The conference voted to:

- create a \$1 million scholarship fund for Africa University
- accept the 2012 budget of \$10.72 million
- adopt a Ministry Share formula with a 15% cap
- elect leaders to conference agencies and members to boards.
- provide Safe Sanctuaries training programs
- empower District Lay Leaders to establish teams.
- approve the Past Service Annuity Rate and other Retirement benefits.
- approve a new clergy Moving Policy.
- Launch “HANDS4NY”, an effort to feel 1 million people in one year.
- ask each church to name a person to serve as Communications Coordinator.

- approve a base salary of \$35,000 for all full-time clergy with an additional \$200/year in grade
- approve a salary increase of no less than 1.75 % for 2012.
- provide each pastor and staff member to two days off per week, one of which would include a Sabbath day.
- affirm the rights of homosexual people, including civil union and same-sex marriage.
- affirm the ending of discrimination against homosexual clergy.

Each individual attending the conference was asked to bring the name(s) of persons who were brought to Christ in the past year. 2,434 such names were offered! This was very emotional.

The music at the Conference was spectacular. We sang and sang. The very power of more than 1000 voices was a joy to hear.

A guest speaker, Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey led Bible Study every day and was an excellent presenter.

Finally, during the Ordination Service on Saturday, we welcomed new the new classes of Provisional Elders, Deacons, Full Elders, and an Associate member an elder another Methodist denomination.

This was a very full agenda in a very full convention center and was, for the most part, extremely well done. I was privileged to attend and would be happy to try to answer any questions you might have.

From your lay delegate  
to Annual Conference,  
Michael McCollough

## **WATER FROM THE WELL MUSIC PROGRAM**

The Music Department of UCC, First Congregational Church invites you to spend a day with composer Joseph Martin. On Saturday August 20, 2011, Mr. Martin, a nationally-known composer of church music, will be offering workshops and a concert at the UCC. There is no pre-registration for the workshops and the cost is only \$25 at the door. Lunch will be provided. The concert will be at the UCC at 7:00 P.M. For more information contact the church office at 334-3434 or by email: [office@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org).

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

On June 4th, 13 guys from BSUMC met at Denny's for a cordial breakfast. Conversation was varied, to be sure, but very enjoyable. The laughter around the table was very evident. The overwhelming opinion was to repeat the breakfast again in the fall, same time, same place. Bill Au volunteered to try to bring us some information about UMCOR. We should all concentrate on deciding where we'd like to take the group, other than eating. This looks like a good start. Right now we're working on gathering again sometime in October 2011.

## **AFRICA UNIVERSITY CHOIR UPDATE**

On June 11, the Africa University Choir gave an outstanding performance here at Broad Street. This was a combined effort with the Sherburne and Smyrna United Methodist Churches. We had an attendance of 180 people and the free-will offering totaled \$2,500.91. Thank you for your support!

# **YOUTH GROUP BARBECUE**

Sunday, July 10th, 5:00pm - 7:00 pm

Julia and Dan Ward's home  
31 Conkey Ave, Norwich

Julia & Dan will provide the hotdogs and smores,  
we need the youth to supply chips or drinks  
and any of their friends that want to join the fun.

Please call Julia at 316-5933 to RSVP  
so we know how much food to have.

Hope to see you all there



## INFORMATION ON FLOWERS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS

### **July flowers are given by...**

3<sup>rd</sup> The Kocherspergers  
The rest of the month is OPEN

### **August flowers are given by...**

7<sup>th</sup> OPEN  
14<sup>th</sup> OPEN  
21<sup>st</sup> Joyce Zummo  
28<sup>th</sup> OPEN

### **September flowers are given by...**

The whole month is OPEN

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

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

03 David Bliss  
04 Erma Runion  
07 Joyce Zummo  
08 Betty Abraham, Erik Mason, Shirley Proskine  
09 Bert Hawthorne, Bryn Loomis  
12 Jennie Cammarn  
13 Claudia Hendricks, Ben Symonds  
14 Alexander Stewart  
15 Anne Leibundgut  
16 Noel DeCordova, Geralyn Eaton  
18 Amanda Collins  
19 Kim Wendt, Bernie Windsor, Matt Austin  
20 Mary Lewis, Michael McCollough, Donna Murphy

- 23 Shelby Lanfair
- 25 Marion Foster
- 26 Julie Exley, Steve Cammarn
- 28 Marjorie Thompson
- 29 Charlotte Caldwell
- 30 Ben Kirkland
- 31 Evelyn Eberhart, Karl Van Gulp

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Deborah Trythall
- 03 Michael Rifanburg, Amy Rowe, Jeanne Urie
- 07 Gabe Sutton
- 10 Harley Hall, Gale Hamstra, Gabe Leibungut
- 12 David Mark Koterba
- 16 Ginny Clarke
- 17 Andrew Kirkland, Connie Ray
- 18 Michaela Brown, Genevieve Close
- 22 Pastor Nancy Hale, Taylor Munson
- 23 Sandra Cooper
- 25 Amy Roth, Shari Williams
- 26 Connie Coleman
- 27 Mark Halom, Bill Lake
- 28 Karen Kamsoke, Nicole Van Gulp
- 29 Karen Kirkby
- 30 Dick Kamsoke, Mary Lou Stewart

Please call the office (334-2895) if you wish to add your birthday to the list!

## RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE



Thank you for all support during our Cookie Walk! We raised \$268.61 during the sale. There is still time to purchase luminaries and sun and moon cards. Thank you for your continuing support of our Church team! **We are currently selling Golf Pass coupon**

**books for \$25.00 in the office.** The entire \$25.00 will go toward our team's goal! The Relay for Life event is on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds. We hope to have our site decorated to support this year's theme of "The Greatest Cause on Earth!" Please come down and check out our "Big Top"! . We would like to sell cookies at the event. So we will be calling on some bakers!

Please let us know if you would like to help by contacting Deborah Trythall at 316-4990, Tricia Munson at 336-4859 or the church office at 334-2895.

**Thank you for supporting team BSUMC!!**

### 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.



Corinna & Brian Fleming's son Sean;  
Ginny Clarke; Justin Narriott; Spec  
MacDonald; Charles Frayer; Paul &  
Lana Roske; Carol Stevens; Clifford  
Banta; Matt Nelson; Dick  
Dainsingburg; Lorraine Lawson; Mary  
Roberts; Wilma Cappadonia; Pete

Casadonte; Leslie; 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, Brian Bosworth.

Brian & Corinna (Ames) Fleming son Sean is 3 years  
old and has been diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a  
very rare cancer. His family is asking for prayers and for  
cards to be sent to their son. If you wish to send him a  
card the address is Sean Fleming C/O UNC Chapel Hill  
Room # 5C01, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC  
27514

**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.