

Broad Street United Methodist Church

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NEWSLETTER
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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

“In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count).

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers.

The Bible does not mention Ash Wednesday or the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.”

--- from the General Board of Discipleship of the U.M. Church , (www.GBOD.org), used by permission.

You have heard it said that you should do without something during Lent. I feel this is a good practice if you take the money you save from doing without and put that money into a mission project of some kind. Say you refrain from desserts. How much money would that save you? Put into a mission. Also during the time you might be eating those desserts, take time to say a special prayer for the people in need, or for the mission you plan to help with this money.

For those of you who want me to continue the ‘Looking through my eyes” series, Lent is a wonderful time in the church. Lent means spring, and during the Lenten season everyone is looking for the snow to disappear and the grass to turn green, and flowers to push up through the ground. It is also a time for newness in our faith journey and a time to explore God’s love in our lives. How can we express God’s love

to other people? Lent is the perfect time to walk daily the road with Jesus, and experience new growth in your faith. I see this every year in individuals and how they brighten not only with the length of days, but with new knowledge of God's love in their lives. During Lent at Broad Street United Methodist Church, there is new life as we all journey together toward the cross and the resurrection of Jesus.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jeff

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 sessions include:

- The Last Supper
- The Garden of Gethsemane
- Condemned by the Righteous,
- Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate
- The Torture and Humiliation of the King
- The Crucifixion
- 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.

The study will be offered on Tuesday evenings starting on March 8 at 7:00 pm. There will be a time of prayer, introduction to the material for the night, Biblical foundation and study, video, and discussion. Bring

snacks if you wish. You do not have to be at every session to be part of the 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.

YOUTH NEWS

Attention all youth!

It is **time to "Make a Difference."**

We are going to start a 4-session series on how to make a difference. I know you want to have responsibility and you want to help others, but too often you are told you can't because you are too young. So first, we are going to look at some youth who have made a difference, then we'll look at some scripture, and finally, we will go out and **Make a Difference!**

We will meet for Youth Group and start the **Make a Difference** program on Sunday, March 6 at 5:00. Then we will meet again in three weeks on March 27. This will be followed by two meetings in April. Then, in May (if not sooner), we will start to **Make a Difference**. I know some of you want to get out and do things and not stay in the building. This will help us get out and follow Jesus to love and help others.

I hope to see you there, and please invite your friends to come. The more we have, the more people we can help. Too many adults think that teens today only think about themselves. So here's your chance to show them something different!

Remember, our first gathering is March 6 at 5:00.

In the Love of Jesus,
PJ

WORSHIP MATTERS

This year, the **season of Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9. You are invited to the Ash Wednesday service, which will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion, at Christ Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

Lent is a period of 6½ weeks from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. That equals 46 days, but since we don't count Sundays (because they are considered "Little Easters"), we have the 40 days of Lent. In the early church, Lent was a period of preparation for the Great Easter Vigil, a celebration that began on Saturday evening before Easter and often continued overnight into the early hours of Easter morning. On that morning of resurrection, people were baptized and brought into the full communion of the church.

Some churches still observe this overnight celebration, and understand Lent as a time when those who are to be baptized on Easter morning should be taught about the Christian faith. But Lent is also a special time of growth for all of us, whether we are baptized or not.

Our Lenten theme this year is "**Journeying with Jesus**," and each Sunday, we will explore what it means to travel with Christ through Lent, toward the cross, and beyond into the resurrection life. Our journey will include our Ecumenical Palm-Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday services (more information about these services will be in next month's newsletter). Please join us on our Lenten journey!

NEW PARAMENTS FOR LENT

The word “paraments” refers to the fabric pieces that are used on altar tables, pulpits and lecterns. Recently, a group of women met at Sew Nice in Norwich to create our newest set of Lenten paraments, which were designed to complement our Lenten theme of “journeying.” We would like to thank Joyce Lawson, Laurie Johnson, Karen Kamsoke, and Jane Clement for sharing their sewing talents to help make these beautiful adornments for our worship spaces. The paraments will be in place in the sanctuary and the chapel on the first Sunday in Lent, March 13.

The funds for these paraments came from donations made to the church in memory of Beverly Au. In early April, we will dedicate these paraments in memory of Bev, whose own love for handcrafts (especially cross-stitching) inspired many of us.

We will be holding more “sewing days” to create new sets of paraments in the future. If you’re interested in helping, please talk to Pastor Nancy.

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.

MISSION PROJECT: DIAPERS!

In the early church, the celebration of Holy Communion was a time when a congregation would remember those in their community who were poor. When people came to receive communion, they would make monetary donations that were to be used specifically for those in need. Thus, there was a strong correlation between what we receive in communion and what we do as Christians, as the body of Christ:

“The sacraments are God’s gifts to the gathered body of believers to form the church into Christ’s body in ministry to the world. Through Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit works to shape our moral and ethical lives.”

--from *This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion*

We would like to revive this ancient practice that connects communion with mission. On the first Sunday of every month, when we celebrate Holy Communion, we will be asking you to bring in a certain item that the people in our area need.

For **March** and **April**, we would like to collect **disposable diapers**, any size, any brand. There is a great need for diapers in our area because it is a basic necessity for young families that puts a real strain on already severely limited budgets.

Please bring the diapers to worship on March 6 and April 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 those Sundays, please drop the diapers off at the church office whenever you can. Thank you!

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

The UMW meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon in the church lounge. All women are invited to join us. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 13, 2011. Our Devotions will be given by Chris Casadonte-DuMond. Hostess: Amy Roth and Gale Hamstra. Please come and join us.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the United Methodist Women continue to sell **RADA**? We have knives and other kitchen utensils on hand, as well as those great **dishcloths** and **scrubbers**!

If you need a bridal shower or house warming gift, we have copies of the **Cooking with Broad Street United Methodist Church** cookbook (hardcover book only \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00). How about creating a gift basket with some RADA knives, a dishcloth or two, a couple of "scrubbers", and a Cookbook? You couldn't find a more useful and appreciated gift!

Sandy Hall (334-7276) is willing to fill your order anytime- just call her and leave a message if she isn't home.

The catalog and Cookbook are available in the Church Office, or call Sandy for help with your order.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Craig Lawson, Ben Nash
- 3 David Crugnale, Betty Loomis, Marie Moren
- 5 Emily Kirkland, Al Kochersperger
- 7 Esther Horstman, Robert Martian
- 8 George Boise
- 9 Eric Burgher, Joyce Zirkel
- 11 Autumn Law, Conor LoPresti, Richard Morris
Mark Williams
- 13 Herman W. Ericksen, Michael Moren
- 14 Addie Roth
- 15 Peg Lindoerfer, John Windsor
- 16 Marylou Rowe
- 17 Lenard Paxton, Ben Mumbulo
- 18 Paul Zona
- 20 Carrie Scott
- 27 Emily Gregory, Julia Martin, Robert Roth
- 30 Brenda Dansingburg, Helen Halom
- 31 Judy Weeks

MEN & BOYS

April 16th!! A date to put on your calendar. We're hosting this year's Oneonta District Men's Communion & Breakfast. Actually, we'll invite men from a much larger area than that. Plan to attend. We still can use more volunteers to help with all phases of the event. Coffee at 7 AM, service at 7:30, with breakfast to follow. Please note that this is held on Saturday.

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPE

Please find a Lenten Envelope in this mailing. We ask God's blessings on you and your family as you give in a way that God has given to you. Broad St. UMC is thankful for your gifts of stewardship as you give of your prayers, gifts, presence, and service.



Rummage & Bake Sale

Start your spring cleaning a little early! This year we would ask not to bring in computer equipment.

Please start to bring in your donations on Monday March 7th!!

This year the rummage sale will be held on:

Friday, March 25th (9:00-4:00 p.m.)

Saturday, March 26th (9:00-12:00 noon)

We Need You!! Everyone's teamwork is what makes these Rummage sales such a success!! Please come and help out when you are able. We have something for everyone to do!!

With set up on:

March 23rd & 24th 9:00 a.m. until work is done.

We will also be setting up in the evening again this year:

We will be setting up on Wednesday evening beginning at

6:30 p.m. for those unable to help during the day.

Bake sale both days – We need: salads- potato, macaroni, coleslaw; baked beans; all kinds of baked goods- pies, cakes, breads, brownies, cookies and cupcakes. If you want to price your baked goods before dropping them off at the church, feel free to do so.





FOR EASTER SUNDAY
April 24, 2010

Those who wish to donate an Easter lily in memory or honor of a friend or loved one may complete and return this form along with a check for \$12.00 for a 6" pot with foil and bow, to Chris Casadonte- DuMond or the Church Office. **The deadline for ordering is March 28th.** Checks should be made payable to Broad Street United Methodist Church.

Please remember to pick up your Easter Lily following the Easter Service.

Please fill in for bulletin listing:

DONOR(S)
NAME _____
PHONE _____

IN HONOR OR MEMORY
OF: _____

IN HONOR OR MEMORY
OF: _____

NUMBER ORDERING _____

AMOUNT PAID _____

Information on flowers for the upcoming months

March flowers are given by . . .

- 6th** OPEN
- 13th** Tom & Mary Davis
- 20th** Daffodil Sunday to support
American Cancer Society
- 27th** Bob & Karen Kirkby

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

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

MCC NEWS

The MCC Church Cares package program will do the final packing of boxes on March 6th for this season. Thanks to all the support of the My Church Cares package program. We have been sending to 12 young adults this season. We always appreciate non-perishable, non-liquid items that college student and the folks in the military would enjoy. Donations may be left at the church office prior to each mailing along with \$\$ for mailing expenses. Again a HUGE "Thank You" for your support of this program.



Lorraine Lawson; Bob Gaylord;
Dick Phillips; Mary Roberts;
Wilma Cappadonia; Pete
Casadonte; Linda; Edmund
Caputo; Leslie; John; Kathleen;
Lawrence Mitchell; Barrett
Coleman; Debbie Webster; Marge
Hitt; 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.

SUNDAY NURSERY

We have a new staff member for our Sunday Nursery.
Her name is Roberta Caldwell, and she will be in the
nursery every Sunday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 11:45
a.m. Please stop by and say hello to Roberta and
welcome her to our staff.