

Broad Street United Methodist Church

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NEWSLETTER MAY 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

THE GREAT 50 DAYS

We have just finished the 40 days of Lent, and we have gone through Holy Week in several services with our sisters and brothers of other churches. We have gathered and had wonderful spirit-filled Easter services. Now it's time for the Great 50 Days that lead to Pentecost.

During this time, we will continue to celebrate the resurrection and the wonderful things that happened after the resurrection as Jesus made appearances to his disciples. We will celebrate things like Holy Communion and offering gifts for mission; "The Church Has Left the Building," when we bring God's love to the streets of Norwich; the "Help Haiti Heal" offering; United Methodist Women's Sunday; Baptism; Graduation Sunday; and Confirmation Sunday. There's so much to look forward to in this Great 50 Days.

We are doing all these things as a congregation. But what is Christ calling you to do as an individual during the 50 days? Is there something you can do for a family member, neighbor, or even the stranger you don't know? You might do things such as giving someone a ride, mowing a lawn for someone, sending a card or making a phone call, and most certainly, praying for everyone you know and don't know.

The Great 50 Days is a great time to show our faith. It gives us time to be the people God has called us to be. Don't wait to be asked, just extend an expression of love where you can.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jeff

DESSERT AND HAITI EVENING

On Sunday May 22, at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Jeff will give a talk and slide show on Haiti. He will have current news about recent teams projects. The Haiti Partnership theme for the Great Fifty Days this year is "Help Haiti Heal." Everyone is invited to come hear updates on the faith of the Haitian people and the relationships that are being built by the volunteers who go to Haiti in mission.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Saturday May 7, 8:00 a.m. - noon

We will be traveling to Sky Lake for spring clean up day. We have gone before and raked and painted. Sky Lake is a great place to be in the spring. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. and stay through lunch. I need to know who is going to so I can make sure we have enough room to give everyone a ride.

Sunday May 15, 9:00 a.m. - noon

"The Church Has Left the Building." There will be a number of different projects we can do that morning. We start with an early worship at 9:00 and then go out into the community to bring God's love to all by the work we do for others. Watch for signup sheets so you can pick the project you want to do.

Sunday, May 22, 6:00 p.m.

Haiti Presentation and dessert night. Come and see a sides on Haiti and have some good food.

Sunday, June 5, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Fun at the "Y." We can swim, use all the gyms, and have ice cream sundaes at the end of the evening. A great time to bring a friend.

The Church Has Left the Building

Sunday, May 15, 2011

On this special day, we will join other United Methodist churches in the Oneonta District in our call to BE the church – the people of God – in service to our community.

We will begin the day with a time of fellowship and light refreshments at 8:30 a.m. Then we will have **one combined, informal worship service with Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**, and when our worship service is done, we will go out to be in loving service to our neighbors. Because we will head for our project sites right after the worship service, please come dressed ready to work! All projects will be finished no later than noon.

All of our projects are listed below. Please look them over, choose a project you would like participate in, then place this form in the offering plate, or drop it off with Trish in the church office or with Pastor Jeff or Pastor Nancy. If you'd like more information about a specific project, ask the project captains or Pastor Jeff.

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!**



PROJECTS FOR “THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING”

Auburn Park: clean up park and maybe provides games for neighborhood children.

Project captain: Tom Holmes

Guernsey Park: clean up and maybe provide refreshments for neighbors in the area.

Project captains: Jane & Phil Clement

The Place: clean up outside and maybe some inside work.

Project captains: Steve & Joyce Bliss, and Carol Sacks

Baking Cookies: (in the church kitchen) for Norwich Community Meal at St. Bart’s RC Church.

Project captains: Tricia Munson and Debbie Trythall

Making tote bags for nursing homes and **dresses** for the “Dress a Girl Around the World” project (at Sew Nice)

No sewing experience needed

Project captain: Della Ericksen

Choir: visit nursing homes and sing

Project captain: Michael Moren

Chenango Valley Home: visit and play games with the residents

Project captain: Linda Gregory

Individual Visits: You choose someone to visit.

Your name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

To register for a project, please call the church office (334-2895), or circle the project above and drop this page in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or at the church office.

Please register for a project as soon as possible
so we can plan accordingly.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SEWING PROJECT

For our “Church Has Left the Building” sewing project, we will be sewing sundresses for little girls in third-world countries, and we need 100% cotton fabric in bright colors and patterns. You can donate either yardages of fabric (minimum $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of each fabric), or pillowcases (yes – we can make dresses out of pillowcases!).



You can also donate larger scraps of fabric that we can use to embellish the dresses. Please bring your donations to the church office by May 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Della Ericksen.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

On April 16th, approximately 70 men and boys met at Broad St. for a very nice service and breakfast. This is a longstanding traditional Palm Sunday event, which is now held on Saturday. It has been an Oneonta District gathering, but with the new conference it now includes more churches. Our guys did a great job of preparing and serving breakfast. Next year we'll be meeting for a similar event in Windsor. We are thrilled that this tradition is continuing.

HOLY COMMUNION MISSION PROJECT

We **thank you** for your continued support of our monthly Holy Communion Mission Project! In June, we will again collect donations of the following personal hygiene items:

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

Please bring one or more of these items with you to worship on Sunday, June 5. If you can't be with us on June 5, please drop the items off at the church office whenever you can. Thank you!

AFRICA UNIVERSITY CHOIR

We are privileged to be one of the few churches to host this outstanding choir from Africa University on their 16-day tour! The choir, composed of students from four African countries, will appear in concert at our church on **Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.** The 16-member choir will give a lively performance using several African musical traditions.

We **need volunteers to house the choir members** on Saturday evening. You would be asked to house two choir members (in separate beds), and to provide breakfast on Sunday morning and transportation to and from our church. If you're interested, please contact Mike McCollough, Joyce Zummo, or the church office.

WORSHIP MATTERS

Here are some of the special worship events we have planned for this spring:

May 8 **Festival of the Christian Home**

We will dedicate the new altar cloths in memory of Beverly Au, and we will recognize and honor the women who sewed the cloths.

May 15 **The Church Has Left The Building!**

We will have **one combined worship service at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. This service will be short, informal, and will include Holy Communion to prepare us to BE the body of Christ for our neighbors in Norwich and beyond.

May 22 **United Methodist Women's Sunday**

The members of the UMW will lead worship as we recognize and honor the UMW for its service to our church and to the world through mission and ministry.

June 5 **Graduation Sunday**

We will recognize all our graduates (from High School, college, or other educational programs). Please let the office know of any graduates so we can include their names in our celebration.

June 12 **Confirmation Sunday**

At the 10:30 service, several of our young people will confirm their baptismal vows and will be received as full members of our congregation.

Helping Haiti Heal

2011 Offering

The GREAT 50 DAYS is the period between Easter Sunday (April 24) and Pentecost Sunday (June 12), and it is the traditional time when we collect funds to support the mission of the Haiti Partnership. This year's Haiti appeal is called "Helping Haiti Heal."

As you may know, Broad Street United Methodist Church has been a strong supporter of the Haiti Partnership for the past several years. We have sent four people on mission trips, and we have collected thousands of dollars for the annual Haiti appeal.

This year, we will focus on Haiti on two Sundays:

On May 15 ("The Church Has Left the Building" day), Pastor Jeff will give a message about how the Partnership has been and continues to be the love of God to our neighbors in Haiti. We will also receive an offering for the Haiti Partnership on this day.

On May 29, we will again receive an offering for the Haiti Partnership, and we will bless all the funds received as of this date.

We invite you to give as generously as you can to support this wonderful mission.

You may send your donation to the church office at any time. Please make checks payable to: **Broad Street United Methodist Church**, and put "**Haiti**" in the memo line.



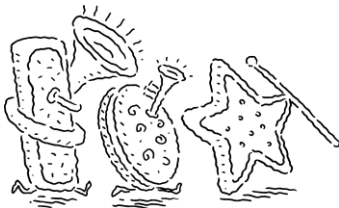


BROAD STREET CONGREGATION RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

The BSUMC team did such a great job last year! This year the Theme is the circus. Please come and join our meeting on Wednesday May 19th 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.

A WIN-WIN OPPORTUNITY

Just commit to walk an amount of time and distance each day for 25 days between now and relay for Life-Chenango County, July 15th, 2011! Get your friends and family to pledge 25 cents or more for the 25 days you walk! You win by walking for your good health and the American Cancer Society wins the pledges! Pick up your pledge sheets at the Broad Street United Methodist Church office M-F between 8:30- 12:30 or from Joyce Lawson @ 224-9433.



Cookie Walk

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
CHURCHES RELAY FOR LIFE
TEAM'S COOKIE WALK
SUNDAY June 5th AFTER
WORSHIP BOTH SERVICES!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hey, did you know that “**Shake It Up Café**” is only about 12 weeks away? That’s right, VBS will be held on **July 24-28** from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m.



We still need donations of the following items (please drop off at the church office):

- ◆ large, intact appliance-sized boxes
- ◆ paper towel/ toilet paper tubes
- ◆ cardboard (example cereal boxes, 10 inches)
- ◆ scrap fabric 9x9 pieces
- ◆ plastic forks, knives and spoons
- ◆ printed scrapbook paper any color
- ◆ Food & Seed Magazines
- ◆ Empty baby food jars with lids
- ◆ 9-ounce red paper cups
- ◆ 12-ounce plastic cups
- ◆ masking tape
- ◆ baby wipes
- ◆ silver spray paint
- ◆ fabric markers
- ◆ Vanity Fair napkins
- ◆ ribbon
- ◆ tacky glue
- ◆ Playdough

And of course, we can always use more volunteers! We have many jobs available, including a Recreation Leader. If you love playing with kids, this might be the right job for you!

Please contact the church office or Debi Trythall at 316-4990 if you would like to help serve up God’s love to the children of Norwich!

For more information and the latest updates, go to www.NorwichVBS.org. Beginning on June 1, parents will be able to **register their children online**.

SKY LAKE NEWS



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 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 for youth who 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 on Sunday, May 15 from 1:30 to 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 .

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Grace Adsit, Sarah Wendt
- 04 Abbi Button, Gina Costanzo
- 05 Robert Gibbon, Joe Sherman
- 06 Erin Lake, Cathie Lockwood, Arthur Smith
- 07 Michelle Wheeler
- 08 Marian Blinebry
- 09 Betty Taylor
- 10 Dick Dainsingburg
- 11 Curtis Gibbon, Brian LoPresti
- 12 Jackie White
- 13 Jonathan Vischi
- 14 David Andersen
- 15 Judy Andersen
- 16 Jennifer Tavares, Andrew Austin
- 18 Amos Doupe
- 19 Lori Ericksen
- 20 Christina Andersen, Roberta Barnes, Tyler Oliver
- 21 Rashes Healey
- 22 Carol Sacks
- 23 Savannah Williams
- 25 Aaron Johnson
- 26 Ben Sacks, Sierra Gregory
- 28 Charles Howe, Jamie Renfrew, Ben Ericksen
- 31 Patrick Blenis

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 12.**



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

Volunteers are needed to help out by answering the phone in the office when Tricia takes a vacation day or a sick day. Please call the office if this is something you are willing to do, and we will put your name on a call list! Thank you.

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.

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 support this ministry.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UMW

Reminder that there is no UMW meeting in May.

We're hoping everyone will come to the Women's Dinner on Thursday May 5th and to UMW Sunday at the 10:30 service on May 22nd. These two events will take the place of our May meeting.

Women's Spring Dinner



Our annual women's dinner will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 6:00 pm, sponsored by the UMW. (There will be a freewill offering.) Bring your mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother, or your friends. All women are invited! This

year our entertainment is song writer, story teller, and folksinger Mary Baker. Reserve your spot by May 1st by signing up on the board in fellowship hall or by calling the church office at 334-2895!

Information on flowers for the upcoming months

May flowers are given by...

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

June flowers are given by...

- 5th Tom & Mary Davis
- 12th OPEN
- 19th OPEN
- 26th OPEN

July 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE "Y"

Come one, come all to the family fun night at the YMCA. On June 5, from 5 to 7 P.M., we will have the YMCA all to ourselves. Come and swim, walk, play basketball, use the kids' gyms – they will all be open for our enjoyment. We will finish the night with an ice cream sundae bar. Everyone is welcome – and bring a friend!

UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME

United Methodist Night at NYSEG Stadium is Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 6:35 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 per person. The profits are split between The Society of St. Andrew for hunger, The Upper Room Prayer line, and Volunteers in Mission. If you are interested please call the church office at 334-2895.

CHURCH WORK DAY

We continue to maintain our buildings as economically as possible. On Saturday, June 18, we will be having another WORKDAY, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, to take care of minor jobs. We welcome anyone who would be willing to help us do these odd jobs. Please contact Tricia in the office if you can give us a few hours of your time or feel free to just show up Saturday! Thank you!