

# Broad Street United Methodist Church

74 North Broad Street  
Norwich, New York 13815  
607-334-2895



# November



## 2011 NEWSLETTER

*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.**

### FIND US ONLINE!

Pastor Jeff e-mail: [jeffh2@frontiernet.net](mailto:jeffh2@frontiernet.net)  
Pastor Nancy e-mail: [nhale@frontiernet.net](mailto:nhale@frontiernet.net)  
Church e-mail: [bsumc8@frontiernet.net](mailto:bsumc8@frontiernet.net)

Web Site: [www.BroadStUMC.com](http://www.BroadStUMC.com)



Find us on Facebook:  
[www.Facebook.com/broadstumc](http://www.Facebook.com/broadstumc)



Follow us on Twitter:  
[@broadstumc](https://twitter.com/broadstumc)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last month, we purchased special software to help us do a better job of keeping track of our church members and friends. In order to enter all the names and addresses into this new system, we want to make sure the information we have is correct. Unfortunately, we have discovered that there is some inaccurate information in our list, and we have been working to fill in the gaps.

Because some of the missing information involves changes in church membership, I have had some people ask questions about baptism, confirmation, and membership in the United Methodist Church (UMC). So I'd like to take this opportunity to teach (or remind) you about these things.

**Baptism:** Baptism is the public proclamation of an individual's acceptance of and response to God's grace. Through baptism, we enter into the covenant that God makes with all Christians in all churches. When you are baptized, you become part of God's worldwide Church.

The UMC recognizes the baptism of the Roman Catholic Church and almost all Protestant Churches. So, if you were baptized in another denomination, we rejoice and welcome you as a brother or sister in Christ!

Children and adults are invited to receive baptism. Older children, youth, and adults make the vows of baptism for themselves, while parents make the vows on behalf of their younger children. Older children or adults who are unable to make the vows for themselves may have Christian sponsors make the vows for them.

**Confirmation:** Typically, confirmation is the public profession of faith by a teenager who was baptized as an infant. Teens who are ready to take the vows of

church membership are prepared to confirm the baptismal vows made on their behalf by their parents or sponsors. If they have not been baptized, they will receive baptism at the same time they are confirmed.

Typically, teens attend confirmation classes when they are 13 or 14 years old, although older teens may also prepare for confirmation. When a teen is confirmed, he or she becomes a member of the UMC and the local congregation.

**Church Membership:** Adults who were baptized or confirmed in other denominations may join the UMC by a public Profession of Faith. Typically, they attend a couple of classes to learn more about the nature and mission of the UMC before taking the vows of membership.

Adults who are transferring from another UMC simply present themselves before the congregation and repeat the vows of membership along with the congregation.

Whenever someone is baptized, confirmed, or received as a member of the church, every member of the congregation joins with that person in reaffirming the vows of membership:

*“With you we renew our vows to uphold the United Methodist Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.”*

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND that you do NOT have to be a member of Broad Street UMC to participate in our ministries or to be a part of our church family!**

However, if you would like more information about baptism, confirmation, or church membership, I encourage you to speak with me or Pastor Jeff.

In updating our list of members and friends, we are trying to fulfill our responsibility to the UMC, which requires that we maintain an accurate membership roll. But what's more important is that we are trying to be good stewards of our resources – the people who make up this wonderful community of faith. And we are trying to care for **all** our members and friends. It is my prayer and hope that, regardless of whether you have taken the steps toward official membership, you will recognize your valued place in our midst, and you will discover the abundant grace of God as we travel together on our journey of faith.

*Pastor Nancy*

## **WORSHIP MATTERS**

**Sunday, November 6** will be a very busy day! We will celebrate All Saints' Day – a time when we remember members and friends of our church who have died in the past year by lighting candles in their memory. Then we will share Holy Communion. We will also have a blessing for Pastor Jeff and Warren Nash, who will be leaving for Haiti on November 9. Finally, we will share our annual church family Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Sunday, November 27** is the First Sunday in Advent, and is also United Methodist Student Day. We will recognize our college students and will receive a special offering to help support the United Methodist student loan and scholarship program.

## **UPDATES ON THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR POSITION**

When Pastor Jeff leaves on December 31, and Pastor Nancy steps into the senior pastor position, there will be an opening for a new Associate Pastor. The SPPRC has agreed that because our church is becoming more active, we need to continue the part-time Associate position.

This is an appointed position (like the senior pastor), and not a hired position. Therefore, the members of the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) have been working closely with Rev. Jan Rowell, our District Superintendent, about filling the position.

The SPPRC has developed a preliminary job description, determined a salary rate, identified the kinds of gifts and graces that would complement those of Pastor Nancy, and considered different ways we could help Jan and our bishop find the right person for the position. It is hoped that this person will be ¼-time (as Pastor Nancy is now), and will be primarily responsible for Children's and Youth Ministries, including the Sunday School, with additional responsibilities such as occasional preaching or visitation.

Jan and the bishop have heard our concerns, hopes, and dreams, and are aware of our congregation's strengths and needs. We now wait for them to identify an appropriate candidate for the position. While we hope we will be able to welcome our new Associate on January 1, the SPPRC strongly feels that it is more important to find the right person rather than to be focused on the starting date.

## **ATTENTION UMW**

Our meeting will be **November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. We will meet in the lounge at noon (after church fellowship time). Devotions: Amy Roth Hostesses: Sharon Fleming & Helen Halom.

## **COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

This year, our Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jewish Center** on South Broad Street. Their new rabbi, Eve Eichenholtz, will share a message with us, and after the service, we will enjoy a time of refreshments and fellowship. Please join us as we give thanks together for all that God has given us!

## **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Our annual charge conference will be held on **Tuesday, November 29**. The SPPRC will meet with District Superintendent Jan Rowell at 6:00, and the conference will begin at 6:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

This year, in addition to the regular business of the conference, we will have a special presentation from one or two people in our community whose work brings them in close contact with those who have the greatest needs. Come and listen to their stories so you can help us discern more ways that God is calling us to reach out to some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

## **TURKEY TROT**

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Norwich Family YMCA Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday, November 20. This year, our congregation will be a co-sponsor of the day's activities, which include a 5K race and a Kid's Fun Run. As a co-sponsor, we will be handing out bottles of water to participants before, during, and after the race, and we have asked every participant to bring a non-perishable food item with them when they register for the race.

**We need a few people to help** set up in front of the YMCA, hand out water, collect food, and greet race participants and spectators. If you would like to help for an hour or two, from 9:30 a.m. until the race is over, please talk to Pastor Jeff or Nancy.

## **DEAF and HARD-OF-HEARING SOCIAL**

We will be hosting another time of fellowship for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing people on Friday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Last month, 15 people gathered for a great time of conversation and fun.

If you know American Sign Language, or would like to learn it, you are invited to join us! If you are hard-of-hearing and would like to meet other people with hearing loss to discuss coping strategies and other pertinent topics, or just to chat, you're invited, too!

## OUR HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS DECEMBER 2 & 3

Mark your calendar, bring a friend, and enjoy all the festivities!

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Light supper available) Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Luncheon 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – meal after church.

A very unique “Christmas Shop” filled with many one-of-a-kind gifts or a treat for yourself! There will be a wide variety of specialty gift baskets, attic treasures, country crafts, quilted items, candles, wreaths, floral arrangements, and a variety of trees. The Bake Shoppe will be filled with Christmas cookies (put together your own assortment) candies, jams, cheese balls, dressings, pies and more.

Be thinking of how you can help. If you have any attic treasures to donate, call Jane at 336-9127 or Karen at 334-7961.

## FAITH HOME BOOKLETS ON FAMILY ISSUES

**We have moved** our Faith Home Booklet display to the table outside the church office, so more people will be able to see them. 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 family & friends of Bruce Cramer; Patricia Sunday; Peggy Banta; Ellen Eccleston; Gladys Trythall; Harley Hall; Ruth Wright; Charles Frayer; Alice Van Wagner; Amy Brillinger Pole; Corinna & Brian Fleming's son Sean; Ginny Clarke; Justin Narriott; Paul & Lana Roske; Matt Nelson; Pete Casadonte;

Leslie; Kathleen; Lawrence Mittchell; Ginny Hall; Jon; Appollonia; Amanda; Alice Dreyer; Mike Lapenta; Edwin Dunn; Joe Hurlburt & Family; Seia Ceiahoben; Claire Elizabeth Hanson; Marion Barnes; Catherine Hodgson; Tracy Brown; The Beasock Family; Myrna DuMond, Robert Casadonte; Beverly Ray; Earl Barnes; Mary Ward; Sue Carter; Caregivers; our shut-ins; world leaders; peace in Uganda; People of Iraq, People of Haiti.

***Military Personnel:*** Joseph Harrison; Eric McNeisch; Jeremy McNeil; Chris Curnalia; Ricky Kozlowski; Cody Christophersen; Brian Bosworth.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

### November flowers are given by...

- 6<sup>th</sup> Seth & Jeanne Urie
- 13<sup>th</sup> Seth & Jeanne Urie
- 20<sup>th</sup> Craig & Joyce Lawson
- 27<sup>th</sup> James & Lois Ives

**December the whole month is OPEN**

**January the whole month is OPEN**

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

## **SING OUT AND CELEBRATE**

**Sing Out and Celebrate** will take place on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at Broad Street United Methodist Church. It will feature anthems performed by church choirs from the area and a few pieces by a handbell choir, and everyone will join in singing traditional Christmas Carols in-between.

The concert will conclude with the combined choirs singing "Noel Festival" under the direction of Mary Mayo and the "Hallelujah Chorus" directed by Michael Moren. Come and join us in celebrating the reason for the season! Please bring a can or dry food good to go the local food pantries. An offering will also be collected which will also go to the local food pantries.

## **THANKSGIVING GIFTS**

We hope that you will have a joyful Thanksgiving this year as you celebrate with family and friends. Please find a Thanksgiving envelope in this mailing in which you can give your gift for the holiday. This offering will be used to help fund our Ministry for those who use our building. With the high cost of utilities we need your help to keep our building open to many ministries. May God bless you and your family.

## **LINEN CLOSET NEEDS WASHCLOTHS!**

Our Linen Closet is one of our outreach ministries to the community. We provide all sorts of household linens to people who need them, and right now we're very short of washcloths. Please bring them to the church office. Thank you!



Christmas Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 11, 2011. Those who wish to donate a poinsettia in memory or honor of a friend or loved one may fill out the bottom of this insert and let us know your wishes.

Chris Casadonte-DuMond will take care of ordering the poinsettias. They are red 6" foiled with a bow at \$15.00 each. You may pay for your order before November 28<sup>th</sup> through the collection plate, by giving it to Chris Casadonte-DuMond or by leaving it in the Church office. Please make your check out to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

Please fill in for Bulletin Listing: in memory of/in honor of (circle one) or other message:

In Memory of / In Honor of:

---

In Memory of / In Honor of:

---

Donated by:

---

**Please plan to pick up your poinsettia after the late service on Christmas Eve.**

**The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Monday, November 28, 2011**

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Kim Mason, Renee Button
- 02 Patrick Collins
- 03 Mark Andersen, Laverna Miles
- 04 Nancy Rifanburg
- 07 David Went
- 08 Ken Bowie
- 09 Mary Barnes, Sandy Hall
- 10 Richard Hamstra, Zachary Williams,  
Alyssa Huzinec
- 11 Elizabeth Wonka
- 12 James Pierson, Karen Austin
- 13 Jerry Estell
- 14 Chelsea Lanfair
- 16 Joyce Bliss
- 18 Paula Van Gulp
- 20 Joel Coon, Ray Gregory
- 21 Janet Crandall, Al Austin
- 22 Gerry Griffith
- 24 Joann Spinella, Jennifer Ford
- 26 Susan Seaman- Lawton

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

Regular events that happen in the church include:

AA– Mon- Sat at 7 a.m. and Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

NA – Saturday night at 7p.m.

TLC – Mon- Friday 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m.

Children’s Home Family Support Mon- Fri 2:30-7:30p.m.

## **CHRISTMAS BOXES**

It's time again to think about Christmas Food Boxes. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for ham donations on November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. If you can give to this ministry in any way, please call the church office at 334-2895 or Linda Gregory at 336-5180.



### **Christmas Food Boxes**

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS**

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, so we are planning to have one combined worship service at 10:30 A.M. in the sanctuary. This service will be a "Service of Lessons and Carols," and it will be followed by a special Christmas Dinner in Fellowship Hall (catered, not pot-luck). We hope that anyone who doesn't have other plans for Christmas dinner will join us. Watch for sign-up sheets early in December.

## **ADVENT SUNDAY WORKSHOP**

Our annual Advent Workshop will be on Sunday November, 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited! Please come to the Fellowship Hall, where we will have a light supper and sing and make some holiday crafts as we celebrate together the beginning of the Advent season. So please come and bring a friend.