

Broad Street United Methodist Church

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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 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

Peace Be With You!

“Jesus said, ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’”
(John 14:27)

The summer is over and I wonder if it was peaceful for you? Sometimes the summer is busier than any other time of the year. Some of us like it better when we can get back to a regular schedule and more of a routine in our lives. I hope you have taken a few moments this summer to find peace with God and Christ. I have found peace on my daily walks, a time to reflect and listen to God.

As we move into fall, we are preparing to experience the 10th anniversary of 9/11. That day that has not only changed the way people think, but history as we have known it. Now there is fear everywhere. Because of those moments in history, thousands and thousands of lives were lost on that day, and far more since that day.

The world had fought for peace before that day, and has certainly not achieved it since then. The world knows peace through power and ruling forces and not through peace and care for one another. Will there ever be worldwide peace? I hope so, but I'm afraid it won't be anytime soon.

Jesus says, “Peace be with you,” as he walks to the cross. Again the world does not understand how going to the cross can bring peace. Jesus turns a symbol of hatred and killing into a symbol of love and peace. Jesus teaches that there is forgiveness for the wrongs that are done and the need to love one another.

Worldly peace may not come anytime soon, and the way the world understands peace may not change anytime soon, but to those who believe in Jesus Christ,

peace can be discovered here and now. To know and follow Christ and to be the hands and feet of Jesus working with and loving others brings a kind of peace that cannot be matched by anything the world offers. As 9/11 approaches, let us remember the empty cross and how it is a demonstration to the world so that it might understand love and not hate.

How are you gaining the peace of Christ in your life each day?

In Christ's love, Pastor Jeff

A BIG SUMMER THANK YOU

I want to thank all who did so much this summer for the Relay for Life, Vacation Bible School, the picnic and intergenerational Sunday school, and all the wonderful worship services we had this summer. It has been a great time to be the congregation of the Broad Street United Methodist Church. Now we move to fall and continue to do the mission and ministry to which God is calling us.

In Christ's service we go! Pastor Jeff

COFFEE AND DISCUSSIONS WITH PASTOR JEFF

On Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time, Pastor Jeff will be offering a time of sharing and topical study. We will have time for prayer followed by a short video and then discussion on the topic of the day. All are invited to come to the fellowship hall and share in this informal time. This is being done during the Sunday School time so that you can bring your children to Sunday School and join us, or come after or before the worship services, or just drop by for this time together.

Peace, Pastor Jeff

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Regular Worship Service schedule resumes on Sunday, September 11, with Informal Worship in the Chapel at 8:30 A.M. and Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 A.M. We hope to see you!

COMMUNION MISSION PROJECT: DIAPERS

We will collect **diapers** during our Holy Communion services in September. Watch for sales, pick up a package or two when you can, and bring them with you to worship on Sunday, September 4, or drop them off at the church office. 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.

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

We had such a great time last May, that 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.

We hope to do some food collection and other projects on Saturday, and then on Sunday during our normal worship services, we will share stories of our experiences on Saturday.

We will provide a list of projects soon so you can sign up.



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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hey youth! We will start our fall activities with a Youth Group meeting on Sunday, September 11 from 5:00 to 6:30 at the church. This will be a time of fun, games, food, and devotion to God for all that we have to be thankful for. Come and bring a friend. Then we will go as a youth group to Sky Lake on October 2, for the fall festival. Keep posted for more details later. I am looking forward to a great time with you, so come and bring a friend to all youth group gatherings.

Sunday, Sept 11 5:00 to 6:30

Youth Group at the church.

Sunday, Oct 2

Sky Lake Fall Festival

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS INCREDIBLE!

Almost 70 kids were registered during the week, and we had good weather and lots of fun! We are deeply grateful to everyone who shared their time, talents, gifts, and love for God and for our children! Thank you especially to those who organized and helped lead the different sessions each night:

Assembly Time: Deborah Trythall, Pastors Jeff and Nancy

Bible Story: the folks from First Baptist Church – Dave and Martha Speigel, Jodi and Shawn Chase, Francis Robles, Shannon Spiegel and Moses Robles.

Music: Chris Dumond and Brenda Thall

Crafts: Trish Munson, Emily Gregory, Amanda Collins and Kim Marshman, Sharon White.

"Foodology Factory": Karen Wightman, Warren Nash

Recreation: Shawn Munson and Joyce Bliss

Snacks: Marilyn Kochersperger, Laverna Miles, Sandy Hal, Della Ericksen, Leanne Frayer, Paul Hendrickson, Shannon Reagan, Butch Ericksen, Courtney Ericksen.

Pre K: Terri Currie, Kari Lollman, and Annika Kelsey.

Photographer: Lori Ericksen

Registration: Wendy Glanville, Sandy Trifaro

Servers: Taylor Munson, Marinda Hill, Kaitlyn Darling, Elizabeth Breese, Mercedes Akers, Michael McCoy, Destiney Holmquist, Ashley Holmquist, Katelyn Diamond, Matt Tubbs, Natasha, Mariah Ivan, Vinnie.

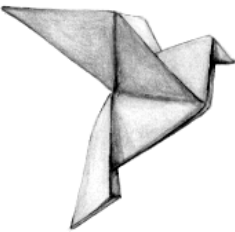
Thank you also to all those who donated food and other items, who sewed aprons, who helped decorate the building, and who supported us with their prayers and their presence!

MCC NEWS

It's time again to think of the college students who were affiliated with us in one way or another who would appreciate a goodie box four times during the upcoming academic year. We also want to remember those in the military who are serving for all of us. In order to carry out our program, we need **complete addresses** for these people. Please send these to the church office or to Joyce Lawson at cjlaws@frontiernet.net or 244-9433. Please get these addresses in right away. We don't plan on calling you for them this year. THANKS! Our mail out dates are 10/2, 11/6, 2/5 and 3/4!

A SERVICE OF PEACE

The 10th anniversary of 9/11 falls on a Sunday, and on that day, we will celebrate a Service of Peace in which we proclaim our hope in the kind of peace that Jesus promised. As part of our worship, everyone will receive an Origami (folded paper) Dove. Besides being a traditional symbol of peace, the dove is also a symbol of God's abiding presence with us through the holy spirit.



We will need to fold a lot of these doves, so we will have a dove-folding session after worship on Sunday, September 4, and you are welcome to help! It's easy and fun! If necessary, we will hold more sessions during the following week. If you would like to help fold some doves, please call the church office.

BASIC LAY MINISTRY CLASS

A **vital, active church** is one that has vital, active members who lead in a variety of different ways. In the United Methodist Church, we offer special training to equip people to be vital leaders in their congregation. Lay Ministry Courses offer many options for serving in the congregation such as:

Care Giving; Discovering Spiritual Gifts
Growing Spiritually Through Daily Discipline
Interpreting to Others Our UM Heritage
Leading Bible Study; Leading in Prayer
Leading in Stewardship; Leading in Worship
Leading Small Groups; Teaching Adults
Telling Stories; Witnessing in Mission
Understanding Men's Ministry

The **first step** is to take the **Basic Lay Ministry Course**. Pastor Nancy and Andy White are offering the Basic Course at our church for our church members. The classes will be held on two consecutive **Saturdays, October 22** from 9:00 A.M. to about 4:00 P.M., and **October 29** from 9:00 A.M. to noon. The only cost is \$11 for the course book.

If you would like to take this course, please talk to Pastor Nancy or Andy White, or call the church office to register.

CHOIR NEWS

Attention! Anyone who'd like to join the choir, we are in need of new members. If you'd like to give it a try, you can just show up at rehearsal. Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7 p.m. beginning September 7th. If you'd like more information you can contact Mike Moren at 674 -2309 or mjmoren@twcny.rr.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE FALL

September flowers are given by...

The whole month is OPEN

October flowers are given by...

2nd OPEN

9th OPEN

16th Karen & Bob Kirkby

23rd OPEN

30th OPEN

November 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.

RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE

Thank you for all support given to our church relay team this year! We had over 30 members on our team. Our goal at the beginning of the year was \$1000.00 but we were able to exceed our goal because of the generosity and support of our congregation. We raised \$3,500.00 for the fight against cancer! We appreciate everything that was done to help us whether you baked for our cookie walk, baked again for the event, gave money, walked at the event, purchased luminaries or sun and moon cards, golf passes, worked and painted our set or volunteered in any way! **THANK YOU THANK YOU!** A great time was had at the event! This year our team got 2nd place on "the road to recovery lap". We also became a Bronze Team for the amount of money we raised. Not only did we raise money for this fight but we had wonderful fellowship as we did it! Great Job everyone! **Thank you for supporting team BSUMC!!**

ATTENTION UMW

Our meeting will be **September 11, 2011**. We will meet right after church fellowship at noon in the lounge.

Devotions: Donna Moren

Hostesses: Bernie Windsor and Gale Hamstra.

The **UMW RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE** is fast approaching:

Friday, September 23rd (9:00-4:00 p.m.)

Saturday, September 24th (9:00-12:00 noon)

Start going through the closets and get out your goods. We will start accepting donations at the church beginning on Sept 12th.

ALL HANDS ON DECK! We will need help that week with setting up, working the sale, and clean-up, so please come if you are able. This is a great fundraiser for mission projects. We really need everyone's help to make this event successful.

Bake sale both days – We need salads: potato, macaroni, cole slaw, baked beans, etc. Also 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. Drop off your food items on Thursday evening or Friday morning. Thank you!

Clean-up will begin at 12 noon on Saturday. We really need lots of help with set-up and clean-up! For those who want to help out in the evening, we will be setting up on Wednesday, Sept. 21 starting at about 6 pm.

OUR HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS DECEMBER 2 & 3

We hope you are all putting your creative talents to use with the Bazaar in mind. Be thinking of what you are able to contribute: time, craft items and/or baked and holiday goodies. If you have an idea, but need help, remember it takes many hands. Working together, we can look forward to a very successful bazaar! The Bazaar is the largest fundraiser for the UMW - so let's work together and make it happen! Call Jane Clement (336-9127) or Karen Kamsoke (334-7961) or the church office at 334-2895 and get involved.



Children, Youth and Parents/Guardians:

Mark your calendars!

**We will begin our 2011-12 Sunday school year on
Sunday, September 18th**

We look forward to greeting you and will begin our day with the **Sunday school Kick-Off in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m.** (or on the lawn if weather is permitting). We will have some games and snacks and crafts, and meet with your teachers. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children for this first Sunday. Remember, even if you cannot attend every Sunday, we have an open enrollment policy. In other words, come and join us whenever you can. We never have an attendance requirement. We are so excited to begin another year together. Please join us!

PRICE CHOPPER-TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

The TLC Childcare Center at Broad St. United Methodist Church is participating in the "Tools for Schools Program". All credit is earned electronically through the Price Chopper Advantage card. Please help us earn much needed free educational equipment for TLC. Please sign up by September 7th 2011. Our school code is 18578. Go to www.pricechopper.com to register your Advantage Card for our school. If you don't have internet access, please fill out the attached form. Everyone must re-register this year. From July 31, to March 31 our school will automatically earn credits.

Shopper sign up sheet

Take this form to family, friends, co-workers & neighbors to get as many signed up as possible.

Return to school by 9/7/11

School Name- TLC

School Code- 18578

Ten Digit Price Chopper card numbers:

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Robert Kirkby
- 02 Jennifer Anderson, Emily Johnson
- 03 Rachel Symonds
- 05 Chelsea Leibundgut
- 06 Ralph Lynn
- 08 Dale Storms
- 09 Chris Holmes
- 11 Robert Cleveland
- 13 Cameron Crugnale, Lillian Pritchard
- 14 Maxwell Collins, Arden Hamstra, Anthony Hunt
- 15 Skip Leibundgut, Georgianna Rowe
- 16 Lois VanWagner
- 19 Pamela Lake
- 20 Annetta Dunkle
- 21 Tiffany Donnelly
- 23 Trisha Wheeler, Julia Ward
- 25 Grace Holmes, David Koterba
- 27 Francine Nash, Judy Oliver, Josh Sacks
- 30 Gary Thorne

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 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.

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