

Broad Street United Methodist Church

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Rev. Nancy Hale, 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

The New Year has brought many changes to our church family and to my own family! On January 1, Jeff began his 6-month sabbatical, and I began my new appointment as senior pastor of Broad Street United Methodist Church.

I want to begin this New Year and this new relationship with the members and friends of BSUMC with some expressions of deep gratitude. I can't begin to list all the people for whom I am thankful, but this is a start! First, two **big** thank you's to:

- **Jeff**, for his leadership over the past 6½ years and for his support of my own ministry and continuing education. I'm also grateful that he has this sabbatical time to explore the new ways that God is calling him to serve our brothers and sisters. But I think I am most grateful for the legacy that Jeff has left here at BSUMC. Through his hard work and patient guidance, we have a congregation full of good communication, willing volunteers, and committees that do their jobs very well. Out of all the churches I have served in 13 years of pastoral ministry, BSUMC is the healthiest. I am very fortunate indeed to follow in Jeff's footsteps, and to be able to continue to work with all of you in this community of faith.
- The members of the **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** (SPPRC), who have been working very hard over the past couple of months, caring for all the details regarding Jeff's and my changes in appointment, and who continue to work in the search for a Director of Children's and Youth Ministries. We have had more meetings in the last few weeks than some SPPRCs have in an entire year! I am thrilled to be working with an SPPRC that is so diligent, caring, careful, and cooperative. They have proven time and again that they have the best interests of both the congregation and the staff members in mind as they carry out their work. *(There is an article elsewhere in this newsletter that describes the work of this committee and lists the names of the committee members for the coming year.)*

And then there are so many people who work behind the scenes, or who willingly share their gifts with us week in and week out. Again, I can't list them all, but as I look back over Advent and Christmas, I want to say thank you to:

- **Paul Curnalia** and **Violet Dunham** for making the wonderful wooden racks that held the new candle holders that we used on Christmas Eve.
- **Gary Thorne** for refinishing the top of the pulpit and making it look like new.
- the **members of the handbell choir**, who worked very hard and played very well for Advent and Christmas.
- the **members of our choir**, who have shared some really beautiful pieces with us over the past few weeks.
- **Mike Moren**, our choir director, **Charles Howe**, our organist, and **Joyce Bliss**, our 8:30 pianist, for enhancing our worship with their incredible talent and for showing great patience in working with me.
- everyone who helped with worship, especially on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, to make our services special and memorable.
- **Patti and Lenny Bosshammer**, **Jane Clement**, and **Karen Kamsoke**, for making our Christmas Day Ham Dinner a wonderfully warm and inviting time of fellowship.
- everyone who sent Jeff and I a card or other token during the Christmas season.
- everyone who has told me that they're looking forward to working with me, and who have done a lot to make me feel welcome in my new position.

I know I've missed a few people. In future newsletters, I will continue to lift up others whose efforts make our shared work at BSUMC such a joy.

It is my prayer that as we travel together through this year, it will be a time of deepening spiritual growth, new expressions of faithfulness and gratitude, and a growing love for God and for all of God's children, in Norwich and beyond.

Pastor Nancy

Sisters and Brothers of the Broad Street UMC,

I want to say thank you for all you have done for me. It is not easy to say goodbye, but through your prayers, hugs and gifts it has brought the love God to my heart.

The gifts I have received and the wonderfully special coffee hour that was done for me was fantastic. All of your notes that are in the jar are wonderful and I will keep them with me. The walking stick will always remind me of your love, care and our journey together.

I thank all committees, leaders, and Pastor Nancy for your patience and your willingness to look to the future and care for the community during my ministry here.

As I leave you are in good hands with Pastor Nancy and the leadership of the church. I will pray for you and ask God to continue to bless you.

In Christ Love,
Pastor Jeff

TAKING WORSHIP ON THE ROAD

Because worship is one of my passions, and because I think it's critical that every person have access to worship, I will be holding worship services in two of our local facilities. Every first Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m., I will lead worship at Grace View Manor Apartments on Calvary Drive. And every 3rd Sunday at 3:00, I will be at the Chenango Valley Home.

I would love to have volunteers accompany me each month, to help lead worship, to help serve communion, maybe to provide special music, and most importantly, to visit with the residents of these facilities. Please let me know if you would like to join me some month.

Pastor Nancy

SERMONS AVAILBLE ONLINE

Pastor Nancy's sermons will be available for download from our church website. Go to www.BroadStUMC.com and click on the "Sermons" link on the top of the left hand column. Each sermon is available in either Word or PDF format. You can also find the sermons on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/broadstumc.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The Norwich Ministerium will host an Ash Wednesday Service on February 22 at 7:00 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey with our brothers and sisters in Norwich.

HOLY COMMUNION MISSION PROJECT

We are still collecting items on the first Sunday of each month, when we celebrate Holy Communion. For February, we will collect all sorts of baby items, which, according to the Chenango County Health Department, are in great need. You may donate any of the following:

- blanket sleepers (all sizes)
- onesies
- infant Tylenol (liquid)
- baby bath (liquid soap)
- baby wipes

Please bring the items to worship on Sunday, February 5, or drop them off in the church office anytime. Thank you!

“THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS”: A STUDY FOR LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This year, we will spend the six weeks of Lent thinking about how we can balance our personal faith with our participation as a member of the larger community. Both are important! You cannot be an individual Christian without also participating in a faith community. Likewise, you cannot fully participate in the community without also nourishing your personal faith.

As part of our Lenten discipline, we will hold a study called “**Three Simple Questions**” by Bishop Reuben P. Job. This study brings new insight on how to live a Christ-like life and explores the three most basic and profound questions at the center of our faith—questions that all major religions try to answer and around which there seems to be much confusion:

- Who is God?
- Who am I?
- Who are we together?

In three brief and engaging chapters, we will explore these questions and gain new understanding of the answers:

- Know that God is greater than you can imagine
- Believe that you are God's beloved child
- Be the love of Christ in the world

Each short chapter concludes with a simple spiritual practice to help us remember and respond to what we have read.

Now it is time for us to know, believe and **become the answers**. Please join us!

The study will be held on **Mondays at 7:00 P.M.**, from February 27 through April 2. You do not have to attend every session! We do need to order books, so please call the church office if you're interested.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITES

Sunday January 15th

THE YOUTH ARE GOING TUBING!! That's right, tubing! Four Seasons in Fayetteville is making snow and we are going. All youth and their families are invited. The cost is \$5.00 per person. We will leave around 12:30, after a "picnic" lunch in Fellowship hall. If you are interested in going please RSVP to Tricia in the office by January 12th and let her know how many will be attending. If we don't get snow we will take you to it!!

January 29th – 3:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Sledding and supper at the Holmes's house. Bring a snack or dessert to share. (See below for more info.)

February 5th

Superbowl Party at Julia and Dan Wards' house, 31 Conkey Ave, Norwich. Youth bring a snack or dessert to share. Julia and Dan will provide chili and mac & cheese.

February 26th

Bowling with the Morens in Norwich. Stay tuned for pricing information once the Morens have information back from the bowling alley.

FAMILY SLEDDING/ GAME NIGHT

January 29th – 3:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Sledding and dish to pass supper at the home of Tom and Grace Holmes, 31 Newton Avenue, Norwich. Please bring a dish to pass for dinner; the youth are invited to bring the snacks and dessert. This event is open to everyone! If there is no snow we will have a game night inside.



Jodi Chase; Dorothy Blinebry Smith; the family of Ingrid Schutte; the family and friends of Duane Miller; 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; Lorraine Lawson; 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.

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 12th at noon in the church lounge. Devotions will be given by Debbie Wheeler. The hostesses are Laurie Johnson and Helen Halom. All women are invited to meetings.

CHRISTMAS BOX UPDATE

To Our Congregation,

For almost 30 years, we have been (thankfully) successful with our Christmas Food Box ministry. That success wouldn't be possible without the continued support of so many people. Without the help of picking up boxes, decorating them, picking up the food at Sav A-Lot (a huge job with pickup trucks, and usually not great weather – this year, rain!), without your ham donations and monetary donations and the wonderful hats, mittens, socks etc. for our tree and of course, your prayers, this ministry couldn't continue.

This year we were able to help 237 families. Our food expenses increased significantly but we did it!! I would like to thank the people who made calls for me, a great help! It is truly a humbling experience to see so many families come to us for food and to know we did help to feed them. We are so blessed. Thank you for sharing your blessings with so many others.

Peace,
Linda Gregory
Outreach

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

A big THANK YOU to all who helped in making the Holiday Bazaar a great success. Those who worked a year ahead using their creative talents; to the many who helped with set up and tear down; our terrific bakers; the great cooks preparing wonderful soups, sandwiches & deserts; and those who came to enjoy and share fellowship with each other and our many guests.

“Behold! I am doing a NEW THING!”

Oneonta District Day Saturday, February 4, 2012

Snow date: February 18

Broad Street United Methodist Church

Come join us as clergy and lay members of churches in our district gather for a day of learning, sharing, worship, and growing together in the Spirit and in our identity as **missional churches**.

Morning and afternoon workshops will include:

- ◆ **“Going to the Roots,”** a group discussion of the missional church led by Jan Rowell
[NOTE: Will only be offered in the morning session]
- ◆ **“Weathering the Storms,”** helping people begin spiritual recovery and rebuilding, led by Lisa Jo Bezner
- ◆ **Reconciling Ministries**, led by members of First UMC, Oneonta
- ◆ **Worship in a Missional Church**, led by Nancy Hale
- ◆ **Outreach Brainstorming**, led by Walt Forsythe
- ◆ **Spirituality and Food**, led by Rachel Morse

Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. We will finish by 3:00 P.M.
Lunch will be provided.

To register, contact the church office **by January 30**
by email: bsumc8@frontiernet.net
by phone: (607) 334-2895

Please provide your name, phone and/or email address,
and your choice of TWO workshops.

DAFFODIL DAYS

This year the American Cancer Society will celebrate Daffodil Days during the week of March 14th. Daffodils, the flowers of hope, are like a breath of Spring for someone you love or for your own home! The funds raised through Daffodil Days will support life saving research, education, advocacy, and patient services. We're offering all of the items available through this campaign! They are:

- **Bear and a Bunch or Bear and a Pot:** \$25.00
- **Bunch of 10 Daffodils:** \$10.00
- **Potted Daffodil Plants:** \$10.00
- **Gift of Hope:** \$25.00 1 bunch of Daffodils delivered anonymously to a cancer patient in an oncology facility chosen by the American Cancer Society.

Please consider purchasing some daffodils to make a difference in the fight against cancer. The flowers will be delivered to the church the week of March 14th. Daffodil Sunday will be on March 18th. Please make your check payable to the American Cancer Society and include with the bottom portion of this order form by: February 26, 2012.

Thank you, for your generous support!

Any questions please call Chris Casodonte, Daffodil Days Coordinator at 843-2313.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Item Purchased	QTY.	Price

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Cash _____

Check _____

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, please check the Flower Chart outside the church office to see what dates are available for the coming months. Or, you may call the church office (334-2895) to ask if a specific date is available. When you call to reserve the date(s) you want, please provide the names of those you wish to honor or remember.

We also ask that you arrange with a local florist for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday (the day before your reserved date). Or, you are invited to bring flowers yourself, preferably early on Sunday morning. **(Please note: the church does not arrange for flower delivery.)**

January flowers

1	OPEN
8	OPEN
15	Chris Robb
22	Pastor Nancy
29	OPEN

February flowers

5	OPEN
12	OPEN
19	OPEN
26	Vicki Kosowsky

March flowers

4	OPEN
11	OPEN
18	OPEN
25	OPEN

MCC NEWS

The MCC Church Cares package program resumes on February 5th with the final packing of boxes on March 4th for this season. If you have any names that should be added or deleted from our current list please advise the church office or Joyce Lawson @ 336-7824. 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. A HUGE "Thank You" for your support of this program.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Remember we said we'd meet for our next UMM breakfast in February, 2012? We'll plan on Saturday, February 18th, 8:00 A.M. at Denny's. As usual, have what you want and pay for your own. How about trying to sit with someone different than the last time? Bring a friend. And keep the date of March 31st in mind for the district Palm Saturday breakfast. It will be held in Windsor this year.

Regular weekly events at the church

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

NA - Saturday at 7 p.m.

TLC Nursery School - Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

WHAT IS “SPPRC” AND WHO ARE THEY?

SPPRC is Staff-Parish Pastor Relations Committee. The list below identifies the members of the **SPPRC**. Specifically, we are the unit of the Church Family working with Staff, Church Members, Pastors and Community hoping to keep us all focused on the mission of our Church. We try to be the “listeners” of the Staff, Church Members, Pastors and Community – what are they thinking, expecting, needing, etc. Because a lot of our church members don’t realize we have such a Committee and because a lot our members don’t know who to talk to, we decided to put this note in our newsletter.

So if you have an issue, question or concern on how “things are going,” please contact any member of the **SPPRC** Committee. We will try to do our job of being good listeners!

Kristene Campbell
Joyce Koterba
Mary Davis
Patti Giltner
Seth Urie

Jim Ives
Al Kochersperger
Mike McCollough
Mary Webb
Joyce Bliss

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers **All the people**
Pastor **Nancy Hale**
Lay Leader **Albert Kochersperger**
Choir Director **Michael Moren**
Organist **Charles Howe**
Office Secretary **Tricia Munson**
Financial Secretary **Deborah Trythall**
Treasurer **Della Ericksen**
TLC Director **Sharon Komendarek**
Custodian **Gary Burke**
Weekend Custodian **Tyler Stockton**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 04 James Ives
- 09 Gerald Cuyle
Stephanie Stewart
- 10 Mary Davis
James Moren
- 11 Linda Gregory
- 12 Gladys Trythall
Tylyn Seaman- Lawton
- 13 Heather Crandall
Thomas Taylor
- 14 Brenda Cuyle
- 15 Rich Hall
- 16 Derek Exley
Tavane Cammarn
Aaron Lanfair
- 17 Wade Johnson
- 18 Richard Phillips
Taylor Ford
- 19 Douglas Prytherch
- 21 Donna Huzinec
- 22 Logan Ford
- 25 Sharon Pelosi
- 26 Johnny Wonka
- 27 Ann- Lisa Kochersperger
Carol Squires
- 28 Kayleigh Lo Presti
- 30 Donna Seaman
Laura Cammarn
- 31 Jessie Sutton

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Jennifer Stenman
Carol Whispell
- 04 Lane DeCordova
Jadyn Munson
- 06 Sid Dunham
Elliott Stewart
Chris Vischi
- 07 Chris DuMond
- 08 Craig Cleveland
- 10 Cathy Hodgson
- 12 Shawn Munson
Gerald Rowe
- 13 Dawn Strobel
- 14 Jeff Hale
Tyler Stockton
- 15 William Au
- 16 Sarah Stewart
- 17 Collin Urie
- 19 Myrtle Barrett
Debbie Bowers
- 23 Barbara Bush
- 24 Hillary Potter
- 25 Julie Lowe
- 26 Lois Lo Presti
Alynn Proskine
- 27 Judy Sargent
- 28 Richard Griffin

If you would like to add your birthday to the list,
please call or send an email to the church office.