

# May & June

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## Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

### Jottings from Joy

*We are His people; the sheep of His pasture.<sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Psalm 100:3b-4*

This is the hardest message for me to write even though I have done this seemingly too many times in my life. Each time I have come to a church or left a church it was not the ordinary situation nor "regular" transition. Nor were any of my calls or appointments into churches that were ready but rather a forced change that had to happen due to life circumstances at that time in the church.

This time moving on seems ever harder instead of easier. How can this be? Each time I have left a church, I thought it was my last but then am called back. When I ponder all my ineptness, from singing out of tune, (appreciation to choir and Dave for allowing me to be part of them) to high distract able no memory loss and lack of grammar, I wonder at God's preposterousness! Calling the ridiculous to ridiculous situations! However, as is usual, this ever-knowing God reveals that all is good and dependence on grace is what living in love is all about.

Please forgive any transgressions and know I do not even know what transgressions you may have done to me but know I have forgiven them and with God's help leave here with a clean slate. Much love has grown deeply among us and that will continue as God's guidance keeps moving Center Brunswick ever closer to a community of continually expanding love! God is not done with either of us!

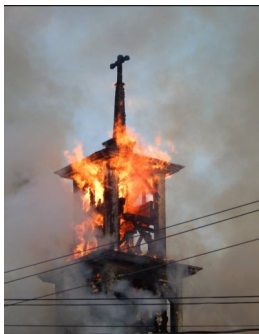
Good-byes are not said since the presence of the Holy Spirit keeps us one with each other! I finish with another UGH! And hugs to each and all! Knowing that the loving merciful God will move each above and beyond to a better yet place and time! Praise God and thank -you for the past three years of ministry together.

I will be with you until July 1 even though my official retirement is May 1. Joel Holcomb will be with you in and out to meet people before you all take off for the summer! See calendar so you can meet him!

Peace and Love, Pastor Joy

### Celebration of Ministry & Retirement

Join us following the June 23rd worship service to celebrate Pastor Joy



### Thank You for Giving With a Grateful Heart Schroon Lake Community Church *"We Will Rise Again out of Ashes"*

Thank you to all who have donated to the Schroon Lake United Methodist Church fund. The Church burned to the ground back in January and everything was lost. CBUMC finance committee agreed to donate \$500 and asked the congregation to match the amount. Over \$2000 has been donated.

The original \$500 that was given to Schroon Lake was used from the Blue Box funds. For those not familiar with the Blue Box Fund, The Blue Box organization pays the church for so many pounds of used clothes etc. that is collected in the box. The Blue Box is located in the back of the parking lot.

In addition to the generous \$2000 donation, the Jubilation Station is donating \$150 to the Schroon Lake UMC Sunday School to help them recover from the fire as well. They are in need of Sunday School educational material and supplies.

Administrative Council Minutes - March & April

The Administrative Council met on **March 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30.

- Financial Reports were submitted for approval.
• Committees reported on what each has been doing in the past month.
• SPPRC reported that a new pastor would be assigned as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Old business was addressed.

- The "polishing party" was a success. Planning for every two years.
• Palms have been ordered.
• Updates were given on the Swiss steak Supper.

New business was discussed.

- It was reported that the Copier may having a problem.
• Easter Sunrise service was set at 6am.

Next meeting date is April 11 at 7:30pm.

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- Sheryl reported that the carpets were cleaned on March 28th.
• Updates were given on the Schroon Lake Fire fund.

New business was discussed.

- Information was presented by Dave regarding our new pastor Joel Holcomb.
• Event and service dates were set for May and June.
• The Highlight Acting Troop was given permission to hold a summer program in July.

Next meeting date is May 9 at 7:30pm.

Check the website for updated information on coming events. The website is: www.centerbrunswickumc.company.

The Administrative Council is currently looking for a secretary.

Meeting are held the second Thursday of each month (September—June) at 7:30pm. Please reach out to any member of the committee if you are interested in taking on this position.

Trustees April Minutes

The Trustees met on April 25 to discuss the following:

- Church repairs
• Parsonage repairs and improvements
• Playground project with Boy Scout, Trevor LeVan
• Thank you to Chuck Rebuhn for removing the tree in the Sunday School playground
• Thank you to Sheryl for organizing the cleaning of the rugs in the sanctuary.
• It takes many people and a lot of work to maintain the Church, Sunday School, Parsonage and grounds.

Have you seen the beautiful banner displayed on the front wall of the Church?

Recently, a variety of banners were purchased using funds from the Memorial Fund. The Memorial account gets donations from families of people who have passed away as well as memorials that are donated from others on their behalf. The Memorial fund is used for purchases that are meaningful and long lasting. If you are interested in making a donation to the Memorial fund, please contact Donna Bonesteel.



The banners will be changed according to the liturgical calendar along with the paraments and alter backdrops. They are a beautiful addition to the alter.

# Swiss Steak Supper - Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser and helped in preparation of the Swiss Steak Supper - from the organization and groceries and supplies shopping weeks before, the preparation the week of the supper and finally the day of the supper. We are happy to announce that the supper had a profit of \$1115.59. The profit will go towards operating expenses of the church.

*"We could not have done it  
without every single person that helped, big or small"  
Thank You!*

Jill Walton & Shelia Hyde, *Swiss Steak Supper Co-chairpersons*

*Save The Date  
Fall 2019 Swiss Steak Supper  
October 5*



## Many Hands Make Little Work

The Parsonage Committee is busy getting the parsonage ready for the July arrival of Pastor Joel and his family. Both inside and outside work needs to be completed before their arrival. Please contact Kathleen Burden if you have time in your schedule to give a helping hand.

As part of the inside work, all of the furniture needs to be removed. If you have any interest in the below items, or know of someone who may be, please contact Kathleen Burden as soon as possible. Donations for these items will be appreciated.

### Basement Items

- Floral Couch with matching chair
- 2 swivel chairs
- Maple chair (broken)
- 2 vacuum cleaners

### Office

- Computer desk
- 2 pressboard book cases
- Metal desk

### Kitchen

- Refrigerator
- Range Magic Chef
- Toaster

### Dining Room


- China closet
- China closet (glass front)
- Buffet or side board
- Table (3 leaves)
- 6 matching chairs (1 is an armchair)
- Brass candlesticks
- Wall mirror (round)

### Living Room

- Floral sofa (large)
- Floral arm chair
- Low wood coffee table
- 3 glass top tables (1 round/2 semi circle)
- 2 tall lamps

### Bedroom Items

- 2 mirrored dressers
- Dresser
- 2 night stands
- 2 lamps
- Round table
- Humidifier



## Missions Updates

We give thanks for the overwhelming response of medicine bottles, deposit cans and plastic bags.

See below how each of these items were put to good use.

- **Medicine Bottles** - The bottles went to the United Methodist Women for distribution to folks in need here and afar!
- **Cans & Bottles** - Funds were used for youth programs!  
**2019 Fall Collection:** If anyone would like to resume the responsibility of supervising the collection of cans & bottles for the fall months please reach out to Pastor Joy or Pastor Joel. The proceeds will go towards future youth activities.
- **Bag Collection** - Bags were collected and provided to the Food Pantry, Unity House, and Gilead Lutheran Church. The bags were used to make mats for the homeless.
- **Christmas Candles** - Jubilation Station will be sending three campers to Skye Farm this summer.

### Friendly Circle

The Friendly Circle will meet at Diamond Ridge on May 4 at 10 am. Anyone is welcome to join.

We will discuss being a volunteer for The Red Book Shelf.

### Note of Thanks

Thanks to my Church family for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers during my recent eye surgery. I appreciate all the get well cards, phone calls and home baked cookies. Since I am up and about now, but cannot drive as of yet, I really appreciate those that have been giving me rides home from Church events. Having such a wonderful Church family fills my heart with much love.  
Thanks again, Donna Bonesteel

### Finance Committee

Pledges are still coming in for the 2019 year. We currently have 31 pledges totaling \$25,796 for the operating expenses of the church. Please see Mark Schott if you would like to make a pledge.

### Veteran Recognition

Please provide Pastor Joy with names of Veteran, past and present, active and non active, as well as their branch of service and the number of years they served in which war by May 20th. A list of the names will appear in the May 26th bulletin

### A Time Away For Women

**Pawling Ave. United Methodist Church, Troy - Saturday, May 18**

Do you ever wonder what God sees in you? We so often rely on what the world tells us about ourselves, but it is God who sees what lies deep within. We have each struggled with that question once or twice in our lives, and what we have discovered we would like to share with you.

Join us for a day set apart to uncover some of the ways in which you are God's chosen daughters - finding your sense of self through God's Word.

Pastors Deb Peacock, Kim Krause and Karyl Hopp invite you to join them on **Saturday, 18 May 2019** for a day of discovery at Pawling Ave. U.M.C., 520 Pawling Ave., Troy. We will begin gathering at 8 a.m. for registration. A light breakfast and a delicious lunch, snacks, dessert and beverages and materials - everything you need for this time - will be provided for you. The program will begin at 9 and conclude at 3. The cost for the day is \$20, payable to PAUMC, and one feminine hygiene product to be donated to Hope 7 Food Pantry.

Please, dress comfortably! If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know so that we can meet your needs. If you have a favorite snack you would like at the table, please bring it with you. We will have coffee, tea and water to drink. Also, please bring a photo of something, some place or someone that brings you great joy.

We are truly looking forward to spending this time with many of you, our sisters in Christ. Until then, we pray that God blesses you with deep peace, boundless love and endless joy. SHALOM

To reserve your spot, please call 518-273-6859 by May 4, 2019. Leave a message and we'll call you back to confirm.

We can't wait to see you there!!

## Introduction from Pastor Joel

For as long, as I can remember I have heard a call to something in my life. This was very hard for me to identify when I was younger. I knew that God was an important connection for me as I grew up in the church, but I didn't think I had anything to offer to anyone. Concretely, the first time that I can remember thinking about ministry was during confirmation class. We were putting together the service for youth Sunday and they asked me if I would preach. I had no idea why anyone would ask me to do this. I talked to my pastor and we found a sermon that he had used that I could build off. To my surprise it worked! People responded to what I said and told me that they had felt some of the same things that I did.

As my life continued, I walked away from church and instead entered the US Air Force. I thought that this might be the best way for me to get away from the call. I wanted nothing to do with the church, and thus nothing to do with a call to serve God by serving churches! I lived a life away from the church for several years being spiritual but not religious. Then a series of life events demonstrated to me the importance of church for my life. My father was diagnosed with stage four brain tumor. I watched him deal with his illness with faith and grace. He showed me how his belief was what guided him through some of the most difficult times he was dealing with. I realized that this grace was through faith and his connection to the local church. This was something that I was missing. God was again calling to me through things in my life.

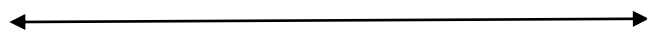
I found Christ Church United Methodist in Troy. This church seemed to call out to my soul, particularly through the mission statement, "on a journey together with Christ questioning, serving and growing." It was something I wanted to be a part of! Through Christ Church, I started to connect with the wider church and to the people around us. Serving as lay leader, I was once again asked to preach. I grudgingly accepted and prepared. This time I could talk about my calling as I am now. I felt the connection to the spirit in a way that I never had before. I understood that this was what I should be doing. I may have come to this call later in life than others, but this gives me perspective.

This led me to continue to answer God's call for me in new and exciting ways. I was appointed as a part-time Licensed Local Pastor in Berlin. Becoming a servant leader of a congregation has been both a challenge and a gift. My experience as laity has led me to a style of leadership and worship that is very lay involved. I feel this empowers people to speak of their own understanding of faith allowing a deeper connection to the Holy. This is what I feel a pastor is called to do, to walk along side people and allow them to come to a deeper connection on their terms.

The call to serve God by serving as a pastor to people in The United Methodist Church is in part due to the connection. Yet to be honest, to have others who share your beliefs and have a higher connecting body is both reassuring and distressing. As this is a difficult time for the church I understand that my call is a leap of faith that the larger church will be here for the generations to come. I want to not only be a part of the church of today but to help form the church of tomorrow so that all may feel the connection to the holy that comes from a life of faith.

I look forward to the possibilities ahead of us as we join on this amazing journey of faith. I am excited to look ahead and know how God has placed us together for the work of the church.

Shalom, Pastor Joel Holcomb



### Regional Gatherings

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb has announced regional gatherings that he will be hosting throughout the Upper New York Conference in April and May. These regional gatherings will primarily focus on unpacking the Judicial Council's decision regarding the constitutionality of the petitions that made up the Traditional plan affirmed by the delegates of the 2019 Special Session of The General Conference. It will also be a time to help attendees to understand what becomes part of the Book of Discipline on January 1, 2020 and what does not. These times will include an opportunity for questions and conversation about what God might be doing in and through The United Methodist Church in the future. There will be a brief time of worship at each gathering as well

May 29 - Shenendahowa UMC - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

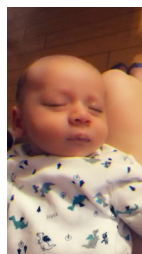
### Congratulations Confirmation Class

Scott Burdick  
Emma Scavo  
Aniya Bailey



### Congratulation to Michael & Gretchen Walton (grandson of Jill Walton)

Thomas Edmund Walton  
Born 2-5-19 at 10:02 a.m.  
6lbs. - 20ozs.  
20 inches



# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 10am - Diamond Ridge
5 9:30 am - Worship Bonanza Bells 11 am - Jubilation Station	6 7 pm - Bell Choir Pizza Party	7 7 pm - Choir	8	9 6:30 pm - Finance Mtg. 7:30 pm - Admin. Mtg.	10	11
12 9:30 am - Worship <i>Children's Day - Jubilation</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> 12 noon - CROP Walk	13	14 7 pm - Choir	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 am - Worship <i>Pastor Joel</i>	20	21 7 pm - Choir	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 am - Worship <i>Memorial Day - Veterans Remembered</i>	27 Memorial Day	28 7 pm - Choir	29	30	31	

## May Birthdays

02 - Aaron Stillman	17 - Jennifer Bourgault
04 - Lynne Little	18 - Kathy Hoffman
07 - James Stillman	19 - Michael Bonesteel
08 - Larry Bonesteel	20 - Skye Goyette
08 - Beverly Fredericks	21 - Gavin Foust
11 - Vincent Salvatore Fallova	21 - Ryleigh Foust
11 - Kyle Lewis	29 - Connie Bonesteel
12 - Tom Riston	29 - Timothy LeVan

## May Anniversaries

01 - John & Kathy Pagano  
23 - Don & Mindy Huerter

# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am - Worship <i>Welcome reception for Pastor Joel and family following the worship service</i>	3	4 7 pm - Choir	5 Upper NY Conference	6	7	8
9 9:30 am - Worship	10	11 7 pm - Choir	12	13 6:30 pm - Finance Mtg. 7:30 pm - Admin. Mtg.	14	15
16 9:30 am - Worship <i>Pastor Joel Scholarship &amp; graduate Father's Day</i>	17	18 7 pm - Choir	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 am - Worship <i>Celebration of Ministry &amp; Retirement for Pastor Joy following the worship service</i>	24	25 7 pm - Choir	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 am - Worship						

## June Birthdays

02 - Bailey Ouimet	21 - Jim Burden
05 - Shawn Eddy	21- Natasha Charron
07 - Natalie Johnson	21 - Jake Huerter
10 - Michelle Godfrey	22 - Elaine McIntyre
13 - Marjorie Derrick	24 - Dianna Parisi
14 - Stacey Fallova	26 - Brenda Slingerland
19 - Kyle Eddy	29 - Ethel LeVan
20 - Gary Conn	30 - Jill Walton

## June Anniversaries

06 - Ron & Sue Hayner  
08 - Robert & Sheryl Burke  
14 - Donald & Irene Cushman  
22 - Dan & Elaine McIntyre  
29 - Ed & Helen Godfrey

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## The World is Hugged By The Faithful Arms of a Volunteer

Looking to Lend a Helping Hand?

Scripture Readers  
Greeters  
Ushers

Contact Pastor Joy  
for further information

If you are feeling down — unsure — unhappy — or just lost  
**Go Volunteer!**

I promise you—the best feeling in the universe is  
helping someone in need.

I believe that the quality of your life is solely  
determined on the quality of your contribution to others.

When you take the time to stop thinking of yourself,  
and start working to improve the life of someone else,  
God steps in and improves yours.

Unsure of how to begin?  
Start where you are - use what you have - and do what you can.

*LeeAnne Locken*

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