



Special Dates to Remember – City-Wide UMC Churches:

December 7	Happy Cookie Party – Brown Memorial –time TBD
December 13	UMW, Christmas Luncheon at noon, Fellowship Hall, Bellevue Heights UMC
December 14	Christmas Cantata – 11:00 AM – James St. Christmas Caroling, All churches, time and places TBD
December 24	TBD –James St UMC
December 24	Christmas Eve Service – 7:00 PM at Erwin First
December 25	Christmas Day Service – 10:00 AM at Erwin First
January 4	Teen Challenge 12 Days of Christmas Lunch – 11:30 AM at Erwin First
January 25	Christian Unity Week worship service 4:00PM, more info to follow

Bible Studies

Sunday Evenings	6:30 PM, James St UMC, small meal, at present guided by The Elfird Bible Study
Monday Afternoons	2:00 PM, Bellevue Heights UMC, studying the Gospel of Luke (book \$13.50)
Tuesday Afternoons	Spanish Bible Study – 3:00 – 4:30PM (Every Other) – Brown Memorial
Wednesday Mornings	10:00-11:00 AM James St UMC, First 6 weeks based on a group of scriptures, then an Advent study

Regular Mission Programs:

Tuesdays	Food for the Valley – 10:00, St Paul’s UMC
Thursdays	Sandwich Preparation for Bag Lunches, 8:15 PM The Road at former Onondaga Hill UMC location
Fridays	Personal Closet, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Gethsemane UMC Sandwiches & Communion offered to all at Perseverance Park – Noon, The Road Food Pantry Friday for the Community – University UMC

Weekly Meetings:

Sunday Afternoons	Soup ‘n Sermon Chat, follows worship 12:30 PM – University UMC
Monday Mid-day	Singing Groups, 11:00 – 1:00 and/or 1:30 – 3:00PM – University UMC
Monday Evenings	Handbell Choir, 7:00PM, University UMC, contact Danny Magowan@twcny.rr.com Free talk with a lawyer – 5:30-7:30 PM Brown Memorial
Tuesday Mornings	Adult Life Skills – 10:30-12:00 – Brown Memorial
Tuesday Afternoons	Youth Life Skills – 4:30-5:45PM Brown Memorial Food Pantry – 4:30-5:45PM Brown Memorial
Tuesday Evenings	Tutoring – 6:00-7:30 PM Brown Memorial
Tuesday Evenings	ESL class (English as a Second Language) 6:00 – 7:00PM – Brown Memorial
Wednesday Mornings	Food Pantry – 10:00 – 12:00 – Brown



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Wednesday Evenings	Friends in Faith & Fellowship 6:00 PM, Bellevue Heights UMC, food & fellowship Prayer & Reflection, 6:00 PM, Gethsemane
Thursday mornings	Young Mother's Group with childcare provided – 11:30 – 3:30PM
Thursday Evenings	Theology on Tap, Rosie's Sports Bar & Grill, 6:30 – 8:00 PM - The Road Tutoring – 6:00-7:30PM – Brown Memorial
Friday Mornings	Food Pantry – 10:00 – 12:00 – Brown Memorial
Saturday	Clothes Closet - 11:30 – 3:30PM - Brown

Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

2 nd & 4 th Sundays	Community Church Breakfast
3 rd Sunday	Food Pantry Collection at Erwin First for UUMC Food Pantry
2 nd Tuesday	Harmony Goodwill Circle, 1:00 PM
4 th Tuesday	UMW – 7:00 PM – Bellevue Heights
1 st Wednesday	Singspiration 7:00 – 8:00PM, with a dish to pass at 5:30 PM - Brown
3 rd Wednesday	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Wegman's, Fairmount, 7:00 AM, speakers
4 th Wednesday	Coffee & Conversation – 10:00 AM, The Guild, University UMC
1 st Saturday	Men's B&B (Bible & Breakfast) – All are welcome at Erwin First, Nov 1 st , Dec 6 th , Jan 3 rd
3 rd Saturdays	Sleeping Bag Mission, Collamer United Church – 9:30-12:00

Extra: "No Fault Orchestra" performs several times a year. Rehearsals are usually a few weeks before a performance. For people who still play, or would like to dust off their instruments and present music during the worship service. Contact Tom Boll at uumctb@twcny.rr.com.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming soon - our annual **Election Day Bake and Craft Sale** held this year while polls are open on **Tuesday, November 4**. You can support the preschool by **signing up to work a shift** at the sale, **donating baked goods or crafts**, by **stopping in to shop** on Election Day **and by inviting your friends to support us, too!** If you are interested in helping to work, bake or craft, please **call Deb Coman at 475-2344** for more details and to sign up or just see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

We started the month of October with our annual field trip to **Tim's Pumpkin Patch**. The weather cooperated and we had two mild days where many families joined us as we went on a hayride, played in the barn, fed some animals, picked pumpkins and enjoyed cider and donuts. It proved to be another wonderful couple of days at Tim's. Please remember to support this local business in Marietta, who is always great to our school.

The children have been working on art projects for our annual Square 1 Art fundraiser where any flat 8 1/2 x 8 1/2 piece of art can be printed on all sorts of keepsake items that also make great holiday gifts. Last year families purchased key chains, coffee mugs, wall hangings, trivets and many other items. We are hoping for another successful fundraiser.

We recently had BHNS Night at **Gannons Ice Cream** in the Valley and were happy to see so many church members there. Thank you for coming out in support of our program! The Gannon family donated an ice cream cake that helped us raise additional funds. All-in-all, you



helped us raise \$251! Eileen Gannon also kindly invited us back to do another one in the Spring! More news on that as we schedule it for some time in March. Please remember that Gannon's downtown location will remain open year round and we hope you'll visit this wonderful local business that continues to support our preschool.

On Tuesday, October 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., we will have our annual **Parent Open House** where we share more in depth information about a typical school day for children in our inclusive **NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS** (cont'd from p. 4)

preschool. Parents get to be kids for an evening as they see firsthand what a day in the life of their child looks and feels like. If anyone is interested in stopping in, we would love to have you join us to learn more about our program.

Our Board of Directors has been hard at work to improve our **registration process** to make it easier for families, so that they don't need to do an early (very early) morning walk-in registration in mid-January weather! Please share that our new process is a **rolling registration process** beginning with a completed Interest Form (accepted mid-October) and tour of the program and then actual registration after our current families make decisions about next year beginning in January. If anyone has questions, they can visit our website at www.bellevueheightsnurseryschool.org or call Deb at 457-2344.

2014 CROP REPORT

On a dreary, rainy October 5th, intrepid CROP Walkers left Columbus Circle at 1:00 pm. The Youth Fellowship joined with many teens and parents as the Syracuse Methodists. Others, mostly adults, walked as Bellevue Heights' members. Walkers were Dorothy McIntyre, Jeanie and Charlie Brown, Maxine Adams, Laura and Valerie Mattice, Allison Virgo, Adam McIntyre, Lisa and Nick McIntyre, Charles Miller, Amy and Jordan Rooke, Ben Virgo, Anna Bernard, Mr. Person, Chris and Gretchen Kinnell.

So far, the combined total from Bellevue and the Syracuse Methodists is approximately \$1,180. Thanks to all walkers and sponsors. One-quarter of the money we raised will support our local food pantries.

Jeanie Brown

BE PREPARED

BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES, TAKE THESE STEPS TO BE READY

Disaster can strike anytime, anywhere. It's not just storms that threaten our safety and financial well-being. It could be a flood, earthquake, landslide, fire or even a home or office break-in.

WHAT YOU NEED IN AN EMERGENCY

Here's what the American Red Cross suggests that every household have on hand in case of an emergency or evacuation:



- Water: One gallon per person per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food: Nonperishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Radio: Battery-powered or hand-crank
- First aid kit
- Medications: at least a 7-day supply of prescriptions
- Multi-purpose tool: Should include can opener, knife, etc.
- Personal hygiene items
- Personal documents: Copies of medications list, proof of address, mortgage or property deed, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies
- Cellphone (with chargers)
- Emergency contacts (Names of family members, insurers, etc.)
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) for local area, as well as designated family meeting spot in case of emergency
- Other: Baby care items, pet supplies, hearing-aid batteries, spare eyeglasses or contact lenses, extra car keys
- Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK): Copies of your all your pertinent financial documents

By Claudia Buck
The Sacramento Bee

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you!!!



Please notify the office by phone or e-mail with additions or corrections.

01	David Ianuzi	18	Lawrence Hamlin III
	Lily Veronica Prisco		Meghan Doss
	Nicholas McIntyre	20	Devon Schmidt
	Sarah Dancks		Morgan Posewitz
02	John Sleeth	22	Andrew Russell
	William Travis		Christopher Lind
03	Gregory Riebel		Gordon Spooner
	Jean Roseamelia	24	Danny Cole
05	Mary Beth Lewis		Jeff Yucha
06	Elaine Lasda		John Cherundolo
	Kenneth Parton	26	Margaret Welch
	Timothy Cowin	27	Barbara Keating
07	Bonnie Parton		Maxine Swift



	Pamela Hubby		Linda Randall
08	Eric Behnke	29	Alex MacKnight
	Matt Crenshaw		Robert Nogash
10	Eric Anderson		Joshua Mattice
11	Craig Yoder		Sara Mathews
12	Sam Haines	30	Carol Travis
13	Voigt Archer		Robert Steele
15	Maureen Foran Mocete		Linda Snow
16	Archie Spencer		
17	Ashley Lorraine Mahoney		
	Jennifer Attfield		

City Youth Group 2014

Save the following dates for some exciting activities for youth in Grades 6-12:

Schedule:

- Nov. 2nd Neighborhood Food Drive - **1:00-3:00 pm**. Meet at St. Paul's to pick up food. Flyers need to be delivered to houses before the drive. Flyers handed out on Oct. 26th.
- Nov. 9th Ice Skating at Shove Park in Camillus **2:00-4:00 pm**. Meet at Bellevue Heights. \$3 ice fee, \$3 skate rental. Youth funds available.
- Nov. 16th Serving at the Rescue Mission **3:30-5:30 pm** (need group of 8). Making ziti and bread at Bellevue Heights and serving it at the Oxford Inn **4:30-6:30** (all others)
- Nov. 23rd Van Duyn Nursing Home escort ministry **1:00-3:00 pm**. Meet at Van Duyn. We help bring residents of Van Duyn to their church service and return them to their rooms at the end of the service.
- Nov. 30th No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

If you have any questions, please call:
Diane Dermody or Laura Mattice



THANK YOU TO OUR CONGREGATION

Dear Friends at Bellevue Heights UMC,

I enjoyed visiting your church today. It was interesting being in a church where my mother had been pastor for a while. Thank you for the \$350 donation today. I also received a check for \$20. Your donations put me just over the total that I needed for the trip to India.

It was nice to meet Linda Bergh and know I will have her as a friend on the trip. I'm looking forward to coming to visit again after I get back. I'm glad that I will be able to share the trip with you.

My mother wants you to know she had a great time during the worship service and was blessed to see so many old friends. She says "Hello".

I'm happy that I am able to do this ministry with your help.

Your Friend,
Elliott Lawrence

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HALF-BAKED THANKSGIVING

There is a story about a newspaper food editor who, on the day before Thanksgiving, received a call from a youthful sounding woman who asked how long it takes to roast a 19 ½ pound turkey. "Just a minute," said the food editor as she turned to consult a chart on the wall in her office. "Thanks a lot!" said the caller as she hung up.

That young cook must have served a Thanksgiving dinner fit for wild animals. To believe that a turkey that large could be cooked in one minute is a sign of our times. What once took days, now takes only minutes, whether developing a photograph, preparing food or calculating math problems. But some things, like a 19 ½ pound turkey, still require time!

Excerpted from A Pilgrim's Almanac
By Edward Hays

COFFEE HOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

November	Worship
December	United Methodist Women
January	Trustees
February	Staff Parish
March	Christians in Action
April	Friends in Faith and Fellowship
May	Choir
June	Finance
July/August	Congregation Signups
September	Church Council
October	Youth Group



USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:

Head Usher – Jim Morgan
Regular Ushers: Steve Mattice, Ozzie Mocete, Andy Monds

LITURGISTS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to do the liturgy during Sunday morning services. It entails reading the Scriptures and leading in prayers as they are printed in the bulletin each week. If you are interested, please advise Linda Parton at ljparton@bluefrog.com or 469-3460 OR call the church office at 475-0011.

Special Session of Annual Conference

On Saturday, October 18th, 2014, members of the Upper New York Annual Conference voted to approve the Trustees’ recommendation to purchase a 33,000-square foot building to serve as the new Conference Center at 7481 Henry Clay Boulevard, Liverpool, with an option to consider other properties should that purchase not work out. The vote authorized up to \$3.4 million be spent for the purchase and renovations. The move from the current Conference offices at University United Methodist Church is expected sometime in the fall of 2015.

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CHRISTIANS IN ACTION

FOOD PANTRY

We need to keep building our wall of veggies. We have a start, but need more. Since veggies are an integral part of the diet, let’s build the wall bigger than ever and continue our support of a vital ministry within our community.

We also need to continue providing other items, such as canned soups, canned stew, small canned hams, pasta and sauce and paper products: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, etc.

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SWUM FUNDRAISER

It was with many hands, planning and working together for a common goal, that we were able to raise \$1,040 for the SWUM operating budget. The newly-formed Mission Team comprised of members from the six Syracuse churches realized that their core group could and would support our local mission at Brown Memorial UMC. Although we really didn’t know each other at our first meeting, by the time we were cleaning up the fellowship hall and kitchen at St. Paul’s UMC on Nov. 7th, we were friends in the United Methodist tradition. As a side note, the chef and his wife, who spent all day cooking the spaghetti sauce and assisting with other preparations alongside the Mission Team, actually belong to Our Lady of Lourdes parish but were United Methodists for the day. There was an outpouring of support for this project, which has encouraged the Mission Team to look toward the future and other ways we can work together and lift up the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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SWUM CHRISTMAS STORE

Participants in programs/classes at SWUM earn points to use as purchasing power at the Christmas store “opened” each December. Enclosed as a separate insert is a Christmas list of items for men and women, teenagers and young children. The participants shop at the Christmas store for gifts for members of their families. Please bring donations to the church to be delivered to Brown Memorial UMC during the second week of December. Thank you.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:



Carol and Michael Berman	12/03/1983
Jessica and Tim Morgan	12/06/2008
Marie and Bruce Mathes	12/27/1996
Katie and Jamie O’Leary	12/30/2000
Amy and Paul Monsour	12/31/1993

Please notify the church office, either by email or phone, of any necessary changes.

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Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

On Oct.15th, 17 Men gathered at 7:00 A. M. for breakfast at Fairmount Wegmans. Our speaker, **Dr. Cynthia Morrow**, former Onondaga County Health Commissioner, presented a very informative and timely talk on Public Health. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at 7:00 AM** at Fairmount Wegmans. Our speaker will be **Ms. Katie Knudsen** from **The Nottingham**.

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SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION

COME ONE, COME ALL:

- WHO: Bellevue Heights UMC Circle of Concern
- WHAT: Spaghetti Dinner and Auction- Silent & Live
- WHERE: Bellevue Heights’ Fellowship Hall
- WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2015
Dinner at 5:30 PM; Auction Preview at 6:30 PM
Auction from 7:00-9:00 PM

You will be receiving a call for a donation of a basket, food, craft or a service. Thank you.