



Bellevue Signal

February 2015

In This Issue

- Creating an effective e-mail newsletter
- An article for everyone
- Using this template

Link Category Title

[Link to a Web page](#)

[Link to a Web page](#)

[Link to a Web page](#)

[Link to a Web page](#)

[Link to a Web page](#)

Link Category Title

[Link to a Web page](#)

[Link to a Web page](#)

[Link to a Web page](#)

[Link to a Web page](#)

Link Category Title

[Link to a Web page](#)
Descriptive text that motivates the reader to click the link

[Link to a Web page](#)
Descriptive text that motivates the reader to click the link

[Link to a Web page](#)
Descriptive text that motivates the reader to click the link

[Link to a Web page](#)
Descriptive text that motivates the reader to

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Due to the receipt rule in income tax regulation 1.451-2(a), setting up a pastor's discretionary fund requires that strict guidelines are followed to make it legal and avoid the pastor paying unnecessary taxes or section 4958 penalties. Under the regulation, if any portion of the designated fund is personally available to the appointed pastor, then the entire fund is taxable. Consequently, the Administrative Counsel created a pastor's discretionary fund with two components, restricted and non-restricted portions. The restricted portion can only be used at the pastor's discretion, so long as it is for ministry purposes while the unrestricted portion can be used as the pastor wishes.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund serves the purpose of relieving certain administrative burdens. For instance, recently, resources from that fund were used to ensure the safety of a couple, their children and congregants!

The fund is subject to the following regulations:

The pastor's discretionary funds are restricted for purposes that are consistent with exempt purposes, including but not limited to helping brothers, sisters and families in need as well as ministering to the needs of the congregation.

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) maintains administrative oversight over the discretionary funds. The pastor submits receipts for expenses to the Chair SPPRC with copies to the Treasurer for entry into the church's accounting system for transparency and accountability. The Administrative Council maintains oversight over the discretionary funds.

Currently, the funds have been depleted and so I am appealing for donations to replenish the coffers to enable the pastor to respond to emergency needs without complications.

Patience Kisakye, Pastor

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2015

University – sanctuary open throughout the day for ashes

Bellevue Heights – Soup Supper 6 pm

Worship Service 7 pm

Erwin First – Worship Service 7 pm

James Street – Pastor Doug will be “on the street” with ashes throughout the day

[click the link](#)

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2015

St. Paul's – Worship Service 7 pm

Gethsemane – Worship Service 7 pm

Good Friday – April 3, 2015

Brown Memorial – Worship Service – 12 Noon

University – Worship Service – 7 pm

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2015

Bellevue Heights – Sunrise Service – 7 am Woodland Reservoir

Weather permitting; otherwise at church

Breakfast – 8 am

Traditional Worship – 9:30 am

All churches will hold their own traditional Easter worship.

Lenten Study

Bellevue Heights – Friends in Faith and Fellowship will have a Lenten Study each week beginning on Wednesday, February 25, thru Wednesday, April 1. We will start with supper at 6 pm, followed by the study at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is not exclusive to the group. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Also, the city Churches will be doing a common Lenten study. Exact times and locations TBD. Pastor Patience advises that the topic will be Adam Hamilton's "Final Word from the Cross" and the DVD, book and leader's guide have been ordered from the Resource Center. This may or may not be the topic used by Friends in Faith and Fellowship. If not, Bellevue Heights may have a second Lenten study group for those who wish to do the common study or you may choose to go to one of the other churches once we know their schedules.

NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb has announced the appointment of the Rev. Nola Anderson as a Conference Superintendent assigned to the Crossroads District replacing the Rev. Darryl Barrow in that capacity.

Rev. Anderson is currently pastoring Grace and Western Avenue UMC's in Rochester and sits on the UNY Board of Ordained Ministry. She has been active in Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the Northeastern Jurisdiction Clergy Women Consultation Planning Team and Aldersgate Renewal Ministries. In 2003 Rev. Anderson began serving in the former Wyoming Conference as an elder from the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas Conference.

Rev. Anderson and her husband, Pastor Andy Anderson, have one son, Asriel.

"Rev. Anderson is first and foremost a disciple of Jesus Christ, who passionately lives out the mission of the Church," Bishop Webb said. "Her rich

and varied experiences in the local church, including her understanding of ministry in multiple settings, including the urban area, will bring tremendous gifts to the work of the Cabinet and to the context of the Crossroads District. I am excited about her leadership and commitment to our task as an annual conference, as well as her experience throughout the connectional church. Please join me in praying for the Anderson family, the congregations at Grace and West Avenue, the Crossroads District and the Upper New York Conference at this time of transition.”

SWUM - TERRIFIC T'S SUMMER PROGRAM 2015

Olga Gonzalez, Church & Community Worker for SWUM, is requesting help with the Terrific T's program this summer. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm beginning on Tuesday, July 14th, and continuing through Thursday, August 27th. Olga is looking for more help from the City churches this year. “We need to support each other and together make a difference in the City of Syracuse.”

Olga says, “If interested, you can come with a group from your church, bring your VBS or activity you want to share with our kids for one week (2 days, 1 Tuesday and 1 Thursday) or come for two weeks (4 days, 2 Tuesdays and 2 Thursdays). Also, if you are interested, you can partner with another church that came last year (Manlius UMC, Kirkville UMC, King of Kings Lutheran), work with them, share, connect and have fun with us.”

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The weather outside truly has been frightful at times but we are hunkering down and making our own fun inside! We continue to make great use of our Imagination Playground in a Cart and the children have created their own parades in the fellowship hall as they are really wanting to move in the morning! Today we set up a “yoga mat track” to accommodate those that run while those building with blocks can stay safe. They LOVED it and it was fun to see them all in their element. Please come and visit us sometime if you want to see the joy on their faces as they remind us that learning through play is, in fact, very fun!!

To vary our gross motor, physical part of our morning, we have also done yoga, relay races and music and movement. We will soon be bringing our bikes and trikes in to use some days to add more variety and different gross motor muscle development and skills. We also hope that the weather with windchill gets above 25 degrees so we can get outside on our playground! This week we brought snow inside to use in our sensory table, but they would really love to be playing with it outside!

Registration for next year is underway with our returning families and siblings of current students. We will soon be moving on to the new families who are on our interest list and have been touring for next September. This is an ongoing process so new families can call us at any point to begin the process and get on our interest list for next year. This new way replaces our walk-in registration that posed a lot of difficulty for families. We have been hearing good things about our new registration process and already have a great deal of new families planning to join us next year!

Our families generously made wish list donations to the school in lieu of holiday gifts so that we can purchase equipment and other items that fall outside the scope of

our typical budget. We are grateful for their support and to the Church and Board members who also made holiday donations. Thank you for keeping us in mind and supporting children to learn through play.

On Sunday, Jan. 18th, the Youth Sunday School class reported on their December mission trip to Buffalo to help with both the feeding and sorting-of-goods program at St. Vincent DePaul. Zoe Fortin, Alex and Halle MacKnight, and Will and Cate Streissguth, accompanied by Leslie and Mike Streissguth, learned of the many hungry people who receive food at the Buffalo site, including families with kids their same age.

Such experiences help our youth--and all of us!--to grow in our awareness of this world's needs and our capacity to share.

Having just returned from a 19-day Pilgrimage to India, in the company of sixteen "Mission of Peace" youth from our United Methodist Northeast Jurisdictional Council on Youth Ministries (Maine to Pennsylvania to West Virginia), I was inspired by these young people and their ability to "reach out". They reached out to gypsy children at a rural church where we worshipped, to teenage girls at a mission boarding school/orphanage where we shared a meal, and to little ones in a Methodist-sponsored day care center in the slums in the heart of Mumbai.

When I asked the youth how they felt about listening to a couple of lectures back-to-back, one of which was on "The Caste System", I was impressed with their response that they were anxious to learn more about their world.

Elliott Lawrence, to whom our church gave scholarship help, led the youth in some lively campfire guitar-singing, and Makenzie Knowlden from Canton preached an outstanding sermon in Bishop Suda's home church in Mulki. Jurisdictional youth coordinator, Rev. Ted Anderson and his wife, Mary, as well as Tom Shmidt, kept the youth happy and lively in their "family groups" during the trip.

All of this is to say that we need to continually encourage our children and youth to take advantage of opportunities to serve, to learn, and to grow, expanding their world by meeting new faces in new places. Thank you, Mike Streissguth, for initiating this with our youth here at Bellevue Heights. Jesus calls us to put our love into action.

Linda Bergh, Christian Education Coordinator

UPCOMING CONCERTS – Sandy Murphy

Syracuse Vocal Ensemble presents *A Pacific Rim Tour* with guest conductor Yunn-Shan Ma.

Saturday, March 7, 2015, 7:30 pm

St. David's Episcopal Church
14 Jamar Drive, Fayetteville

Sunday, March 8, 2015, 3:00 pm

Liverpool First United Methodist Church
604 Oswego Street, Liverpool

Our final concert of the season features a multi-cultural choral festival from the Pacific Rim. Aboriginal as well as folk arrangements from Japan, India, Korea, Bali, Taiwan and Australia come together with traditional Latin settings of the *Ave Maria* from Paert, Rachmaninoff, and Matsushita. Please come to enjoy colorful choral works from the Far East and witness SVE's multilingual mastery!

STOP HUNGER NOW RETURNS IN 2015

Following the great success of last year's on-site mission, the Upper New York Conference has committed to once again package meals during the 2015 Annual Conference Session. This year the Conference endeavors to package 150,000 meals, twice the 2014 total. Through the nonprofit Stop Hunger Now, attendees will measure ingredients and package meals for distribution around the world.

There will be four meal-packaging shifts in 2015: two on Thurs., May 28 (during the lunch and dinner periods) and two on Fri., May 29 (also during the meal periods). All four shifts will again take place at the War Memorial, which is next to the OnCenter. Participants will have a chance to eat, either before or after the meal packaging event.

There will be further information forthcoming regarding sign-ups for participation in this program.

February Birthdays

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

01	Virginia Fletcher	17	Jason Vaughn
04	Lindsay Nogash	18	Emily Lowin
	Marge Tyler		Scott Kroft
05	James Streich	19	Janet Garman
06	Emily Mocete		Kay Yenny
	Emily Nielsen		Michca Fortin
	Murray Vortice	21	Patricia Makely
07	Carolyn Yucha		Richard Black
	Jennifer Leonard	22	Beverly Martin
	Heidi Kovarik		Michael Holley
08	James Thompson	23	Karsten Martin
11	Bruce Yenny		Amelia Ott Egan
12	Tia Merrick		Emily Ott Francis
	James Williams		Patrick Mocete
13	MacKenzie Phelps		Lee Ann Hill Gilbert
13	Lisa Woolner		Dava Lee Schmidt
14	Andrew Starke	24	Stephen Newman
15	Charles Brown	25	Suzanne Hamilton
16	Mildred Strock		Ni'Zavier Evans
	Carol Karins	26	Jason Morey
	Connie Simoneau	27	Jessica Ann Hanson
	John Ott	28	Cynthia Travis

IMPORTANT NOTICE - ALTAR GUILD REQUEST

The Altar Guild would appreciate hearing from donors who would like to provide flowers on the altar on any Sunday during the year. Please call either the church office (475-0011). The cost is \$20.00. Thank you all for your support.

Pauline

City Youth Group 2015

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

Schedule:

- Feb. 8th Habitat for Humanity Annual Bowl-a-thon – 12-3 pm at Bowl Mor Lanes in East Syracuse.
- Mar. 1st Snow tubing at Four Seasons in Fayetteville – afternoon, exact time to be determined.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR CONGREGATION

Many thanks to the congregation for the generous holiday gift. I am richly blessed to work among such thoughtful and generous people! Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2015.

Sandy Murphy

+++++

Dear Friends,

I write to acknowledge with gratitude your Christmas gift. Asante sana, Bellevue Heights!

“Asante sana” in the Swahili language of East Africa is to say, thank you, people of God. But it really means, “I cannot thank you enough.”

This is the strongest expression I can find to express my gratitude for your thoughtful gift.

God bless you.

Patience Kisakye, Pastor

+++++

Thank you to all the kind and thoughtful people of Bellevue Heights who express their appreciation throughout the year and, then, give me a wonderful gift at Christmas on top of that! You are what keeps me sane in this sometimes stressful and chaotic job!! Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Linda Snow

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE OTTS

Hannah Allyene Egan, 8 lbs., 20 inches, was born to Amelia and Eric Egan on Friday, January 9, 2015 in Brighton, MA. Her very proud and happy grandparents are Janet and John Ott.

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY:

Feb. 1 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany: Deut. 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Feb. 8 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Feb. 15 – Transfiguration Sunday: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday – Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Feb. 22 – 1st Sunday of Lent – Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

COFFEE HOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

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
November	Worship
December	United Methodist Women
January	Trustees

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

Head Usher –Ray Brunner

Regular Ushers: Ted Jewett, Jim & Dottie Montgomery

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION

SWUM FOOD PANTRY

Let's mix it up for February and supply our food pantry at Brown Memorial with non-food items. Choose from: dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning solutions – Mr. Clean, Pine Sol, laundry detergent, bar soap. Of course, whatever you bring will be accepted, including monetary donations.

+++++

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING typically starts the Sunday following Ash Wednesday. There will not be any calendars to follow this Lenten season. But, it is suggested that each family keep a log of good deeds done during the six weeks of Lent. Then, have someone in your family write one paragraph on your experience. The sky's the limit – think about how Jesus made people feel good – think about the people around us who do not have enough food to eat – think about the people who don't feel good. We will collect your logs and share them during a service after Easter.

+++++

It's that time in the year when we usually assemble the **Church World Service Kits**. Late in 2014 we emphasized the school kits, so now let's concentrate on the health kits. There is a display in the narthex that shows exactly what needs to be included in the kit. If you'd rather give a monetary donation, please see Carol Karins. The following items go in the health kit:

1 hand towel	\$1.00 for toothpaste
1 wash cloth	\$1.00 for shipping
1 bar of soap – 3 oz. or larger	
1 nail file – <u>not</u> clippers	
6 bandaids	
1 individually packaged toothbrush	
1 large comb – <u>no</u> pocket or rat tail combs	

Put all items in a 1-gallon ziplock bag.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Sue and Jim Hamilton

2/10/1978



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

+++++



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

On Jan. 21st, 19 gathered at 7:00 A. M. for breakfast at Fairmount Wegmans. Our speaker, **Mr. Mohammed Khater**, President of the Islamic Society of Central NY, did an excellent job of informing the audience about the religion of Islam, and answering many of our questions. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, Feb 11th, at 7:00 AM** at Fairmount Wegmans. Our speaker will be **Mr. Joseph Shedd**, who will speak on the topic of Common Core

+++++

SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION

GET READY for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015

GET SET and

GO TO: Spaghetti Dinner/Auction – Live/Silent
5:30 PM Preview 6:30 PM
\$6.00 Adult Starts 7:00 PM
\$3.00 (3-12)

BID ON: Crafts, Services, Gift Baskets, Restaurant
and other Gift Certificates, Homemade Sweet
Tooth Goodies

AUCTIONEERS PRESENT

Ann Barnes at the piano

Proceeds benefit "Love Gifts."

Hope to see you there!!