



Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

Latest news and bulletin updates

Summer 2025

Hello CBUMC community! We are bringing the church newsletter back to life. We are currently planning on quarterly publication. We welcome any additional columns, notes, or news of upcoming events. Submit them here secretary@centerbrunswickumc.org. We hope our project grows and we hope you enjoy it. Happy reading!

Meetings and Events

Sunday Service 9:00am.
990 Hoosick Rd, Troy, NY 12180

Sunday School
Sundays 10:15 am.

Topic: Bible Study
Time: Thursday 10:00 am
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92077854707>

Choir Practice
Thursdays at 7:00pm.
990 Hoosick Rd, Troy, NY 12180

Administration Meeting
Second Monday of the month @ 6:30pm

See full calendar
[Click Here...](#)

50 Days to Find Forgiveness

Feel free to join us as we continue to follow Jesus' journey of forgiveness from Resurrection to Ascension. The theme of seeking forgiveness from others and, most significantly, ourselves will be heard through the month of June in weekly sermons and music. Deeper

discussion and reflection will occur during the Thursday morning Bible Study and Friday evening Book Group. In that same journey, I will be taking a brief sabbatical for the month of July for my own self-reflection, healing, and forgiveness.



Just For the Health of It - Keeping Summer Safe

By Jeanine Santelli, PhD, RN, AGPCNP-BC, FAAN
Faith Community Nurse



For those of us who are anticipating summer visits from young relatives, take some focused time to review your environment for potential dangers. For many of us it has been a long time since we had to "child-proof" our homes. We have happily relegated cabinet and toilet seat locks to a distant memory. Depending on the ages of your visitors, you will want to be mindful of:

Securing cleaning prod-

ucts, particularly laundry pods and caustic chemicals, up and out of reach
Solid, stable, locked access to pools, ponds, and other water features

Sharp corners on tables and décor

Anything glass (for most any age - teenage boys have no proprioception)

Ranges with knobs on the front and/or that stay hot after being turned off

Medications that are in containers that are not child proof and locked away

For more information and tips <https://www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-guides/kids-and-babies/Childproofing-Your-Home>

To really bring home the point, see the attached for a brief listing of medication/candy look-a-likes!

Have a safe summer!



[Click on image to enlarge](#)

Upper New York Annual Conference

Theme: “Believe ... and See the Glory of God”

By April Snow

Upper New York Annual Conference 2025 Recap

Theme: “Believe ... and See the Glory of God”
Dates: May 22–24, 2025

The 2025 Upper New York Annual Conference opened with an acknowledgment and inspiring worship centered on resurrection and justice. Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez delivered a powerful message calling for courage, truth, and love. Business included approval of 15 church closures, a \$1,000 clergy salary increase for 2026, budget approvals, and a new strategic visioning plan.

Friday's highlights included an Episcopal Address cele-

brating \$1.2M in Advance Specials, 21 new faith communities (half ethnically focused), and full LGBTQ+ inclusion. A moving memorial service honored those lost, and a teaching session urged churches to better engage young adults. The day concluded with balloting and a celebration of new clergy, featuring a resurrection-themed sermon from Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.

Saturday closed the conference with joy, song, and new traditions—like Bow Tie Fridays! Reports, awards, and youth reflections from Africa University inspired attendees. Resolutions passed addressed inclusion, social justice, and historic



2025 Upper New York Annual Conference

recognition. Bishop Héctor closed with new appointments and a blessing to “see the glory of God revealed through our lives and service.”

 **Next Conference:** May 28–30, 2026

[Click here to see the conference website...](#)

Blessed with Gifts from Emmanuel UMC

By Sheryl Burke

Thanks to a unique opportunity, our church family has been blessed with a generous array of gifted items from the former **Emmanuel United Methodist Church** in Bolton Landing. Following the church's closure, **Sharen Holcomb**, serving as a Conference Trustee, was assigned to assist with the disposition of the building's contents.

The property has now been given to **Skye Farm Camp**, and we are grateful to have received several items that will enhance our worship

and fellowship spaces. Among the gifts:

- A beautiful Yamaha digital piano
- Pew cushions (yes, we said PEW CUSHIONS!)
- Worship and Song hymnals
- Two brass flower vases and two candlesticks
- A small altar pew, music stand, floor fan, large easel

And a variety of useful kitchen items

One trip has already been

made to transport these blessings to our church, and we are deeply thankful.

As a token of our appreciation, we ask that you consider making a **donation to Skye Farm Camp**. Contributions can be made by check payable to **CBUMC**, with “Skye Farm” noted in the memo line. We will gladly forward all donations to the camp.

Let us give thanks for the spirit of connection and generosity that lives on, even in transitions.



New Website Rollout

By April Snow

We're excited to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website at www.centerbrunswickumc.org! This update reflects our commitment to being a welcoming, connected, and mission-driven church family.

The new site offers a fresh look and improved navigation, making it easier to explore our ministries, events, and worship opportunities. Whether you're seeking information on our choir and bell choir, looking to support our missions like Joseph's House and the Pittstown Food Pantry, or interested in our Christian education programs, everything is now just a click away.

centerbrunswickumc.org

A special thank you to everyone who joined us for the "Breakfast in the Basement" event on April 6, where we unveiled the website over a hearty meal of baked cheesy polenta, coffee, and juice. Your enthusiasm and feedback were invaluable.

centerbrunswickumc.org

We invite you to visit the new site and discover all the ways you can connect, serve, and grow with us. If you have suggestions or notice any issues, please reach out to us at secretary@centerbrunswickumc.org. Your input helps us continue to improve and serve our community better.

centerbrunswickumc.org

Let's continue to build our online presence together—one faithful click at a time!

A Blooming Success: Mother's Day Flower Sale Recap

By April Snow

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Flower Sale at Center Brunswick United Methodist Church! Despite a few bumps in the road—including a limited plant selection and a small number of returns—we're thrilled to report that the event was a great success.

Held on Friday, May 10 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, our front lawn was bursting with color as we offered a variety of beautiful potted plants and hanging baskets—perfect gifts to celebrate the wonderful moms in our lives.

Although we weren't able to

get all the varieties we had hoped for, we came very close to selling out—only 13 plants remained at the end of the day. Even more impressive? We raised approxi-

mately \$840 for our church ministries and outreach efforts!

Thanks again to our volunteers, organizers, and all who

stopped by to support us. Your generosity helps our community grow—in more ways than one!!

Loaves for Others: Be a Blessing, One Loaf at a Time

Local food pantries serving Grafton and Pittstown are facing a shortfall in donations—particularly in something as basic and essential as bread. Due to reduced contributions from area food markets, these pantries are struggling to keep shelves stocked with this staple item.

In response, Center Brunswick UMC has launched the

Loaves for Others mission—a simple but powerful way we can help.

Our goal: For every Communion Sunday, each church family is encouraged to bring one loaf of bread to be shared with those in need. It's a small gesture that adds up in a big way.

During our first collection, we joyfully delivered:
6 loaves to the Pittstown

Food Pantry

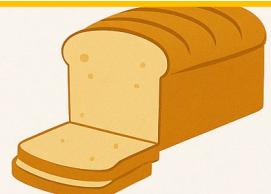
6 loaves to the Grafton Senior Center

We're just getting started—and we invite you to join us in being the hands and feet

of Christ. Bring your bread to church on Communion Sundays, and we'll take care of the rest.

Let's keep the loaves coming—and share the love.

 **First collection:**
6 loaves to Pittstown
6 loaves to Grafton



Forty Days – Forty Items: Mission Accomplished!

During this Lenten Season, our congregation embraced a meaningful challenge: to remove one item of clothing each day for forty days—filling a bag to help those in

need. And wow, did you deliver!

Thanks to your generosity, we collected over 35 bags of clothing!

Thanks to your generosity, we collected over 35 bags of clothing!

 15 bags to Berlin UMC for their Summer Clothing Tent



 9 bags to the Lansing Inn, where 30 residents—both men and women—gratefully received much-needed clothing and accessories.

Here's where your kindness went:

- 15 bags were delivered to Berlin UMC for their Summer Clothing Tent, helping neighbors in need prepare for warmer weather.
- 9 bags went to the Lansing Inn, where 30 residents—both men and women—gratefully received much-needed clothing and accessories.

The remaining bags were shared with local shelters

and outreach organizations, ensuring your gifts reached those who need them most. From coats and shoes to hats and belts, every item donated was a reminder that small actions—done with love—can bring big blessings.

Thank you for opening your closets and your hearts. You didn't just donate clothing—you shared compassion, hope, and dignity.

Let's keep that spirit of giving alive, one mission at a time.

Graduate Sunday – June 29 at 10:00 AM

Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students!

As is our tradition, we will honor the **Tamarac High School graduating senior** and the recipient of the **Harold and Mabel Keyes Education Award** during the worship service on **Sunday, June 29 at 9:00 AM**.

We would also love to recognize **all graduates** connected

to our church family. If you have a **child or grandchild graduating from high school or college**, please let us know so we can include them in our celebration.

To share their name and school, please contact **Helen Godfrey or Sheryl Burke**.

Let's come together to bless and encourage these bright young minds as they step into the next chapter of their

lives! Stay tuned for details on our next event—your health journey starts here!?



GRADUATE SUNDAY