

Weekly Update – April 19, 2017

A Word From Your Favorite Office Manager ;)

Phew! We've traveled through the solemnity of Lent and the sacredness of Holy Week, and arrived at the joyful celebration of Easter! I pray that you've grown closer to God through your journey with Jesus during this time.

In the afterglow of Easter and meditating of the incredible love of God displayed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, these verses from Ephesians have been on my mind.

“May you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.” –Ephesians 3:18-19

As I read these verses, I want so desperately to comprehend God’s great love for me. I want to *feel* God’s love for me in tangible ways, like a physical hug. And yet God’s care and compassion for us goes far beyond physical affection. I pray, “Lord, how can I know the depth of Your love for me? Open my eyes to see it!” And then I go about my day scarcely taking note of the myriad ways He reveals His love to me. How often do we miss the goodness of the Lord displayed before us? The beauty of spring flowers popping their heads through the cold earth. Shared laughter with a good friend. A hot shower relaxing away the tension after a stressful day. Sipping a hot cup of tea on the couch with your pet curled at your feet. A kind smile from a stranger.

God loves You! Deeply. Intimately. Personally. Take time this week to see it!

Dear Lord, open our eyes to see Your love displayed in the world around us. Grant us the power to understand the depth and height of Your great love for us. Enliven our souls with gratitude for who You are and for Your blessings to us! Amen.

Daily Bible Reading – 2017 Shaping Our Life Experience

Excerpts from both the Old and New Testament are included each day. This is a great way to support your ongoing growth in faith and the Christ Church community as well.

April 19: 1 Samuel 27-29; Luke 17:1-19

April 20: 1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 17:20-37

April 21: 2 Samuel 1-3; Luke 18:1-17

April 22: 2 Samuel 4-6; Luke 18:18-43

April 23: 2 Samuel 7-9; Luke 19:1-28

April 24: 2 Samuel 10-12; Luke 19:29-48

April 25: 2 Samuel 13-14; Luke 20:1-26

In Our Prayers

Keep in your prayers –Elvira Gonzalez – Wesley Rehab, Mitch Mooney – Harris Hill Nursing long-term care, Joyce Moser, Richard Mestler, Al Tolsma, Rev. Darryl Barrow – at home recovering from surgery; Debbie LaBerta – recovering from surgery, rehab at Harris Hill

New Pastor- Daven Oskvig & Family; Ron Corsaro, Millie Staley’s mother, Dolores, in rehab in Rochester, Janet Hill, Carol Teresi, Patty Keller, Charles Terranova, Joe & Carolyn Day, Ruth Malone, Elvira Gonzalez, Florence Stengel, Fred & Lynda Painton, Castellino family.

Keep the church consultation process and planning team in your prayers as we continue to identify strategies toward goals for the next few years.

Pray for peaceful relationships among the nations of the world and that we all will choose to be peacemakers as we live each day.

Pray for Chris Maliken, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson serving in the US Navy

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office – Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm, Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, April 19 - 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20 - 6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal
7 pm – Staff-Parish Relations Team

Saturday, April 22 - 9 am – Outdoor Work Day

Noon – 2 pm Uganda Fundraiser Sub Sale

Extra Subs Available on a First-Come, First-Served Basis

Sunday, April 23 - 9 am – Casual Praise
10 am – FaithXpress
11 am – Traditional Style Worship

Guest Preacher: Dr. David Pliss

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Transportation Need – Are you willing to pick up church friends for worship on Sunday? Contact **Sandy Cumming** (*of the Visitation & Care Team*) for more information. **835-1061**

Food Pantry –

All food items are always needed to help stock local food pantries. Paper products and toiletries are welcome anytime. Grocery carts are available the church for your donations.

Hosts needed--The Café is a where people connect!

Thank you to Phyllis Maliken for hosting the Café!

Sign up on the Café bulletin board to host the café and help bring people together. Invite your family, friends, ministry team or group to join you! Share in this Café ministry of hospitality and welcome. Donations are welcome in the Café for use on Sunday mornings – baked goods, half & half, OJ, fruit & cookies are useful!



Children Love Animals

During April/May the children of FaithXpress will be collecting toys and supplies for cats and dogs sheltered at the local SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). On **Make A Difference Day, Sunday May 21st**, the children will visit the animals at the SPCA and deliver the supplies. We invite everyone who loves animals to help us with this project. Look for collecting bins in the church entrances.

- Cat Food
- Fancy Feast Appetizers
- Purely Fancy Feast Natural White Meat Chicken Entree in a Delicate Broth (used for critical care cats and dogs)
- Friskies canned cat food (any flavor with gravy and sauce preferred)
- Pooper-Scoopers....long-handled, please!
- Paper towels
- Washcloths
- Newspaper
- Light blankets (no comforters, electric blankets, knitted or crocheted pieces, sheets, or rugs, please)
- Hand and bath towels
- Pillowcases
- Small fleece cat beds
- Dog biscuits (small or medium size)
- Plastic pet carriers (medium size)
- Stuffed animals (6" or larger)
- Baby receiving blankets
- Feliway Spray
- Dog collars of any size



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It's Coming soon...

...Get ready!

Uganda Sub Sale Fundraiser

The Uganda Mission Team is having a sub sandwich fundraiser on **Saturday, April 22!** 12-inch turkey, ham, and assorted (ham, turkey and salami) subs on Costanzo rolls will be available for \$7.50 from noon-2pm. All proceeds will support our mission team!

Day of Singing

Sunday, April 30

Worship with singing...

Eat with us at 12 noon

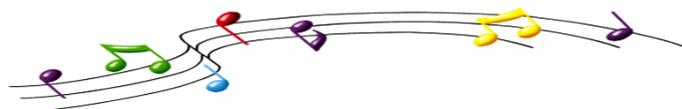


“Hymns & Hers” at 1:30 pm

Celebrating the men and women composers, poets, and arrangers of some of our most beloved and famous Protestant hymns and spirituals. His presentation will include brief biographies of these famous and not-so-famous creative personalities as well as singing many of these beloved hymns and spirituals found in the United Methodist Hymnal.

A musical program with Maestro Paul Ferington -

Paul Ferington is a talented teacher and musical maestro. He has been referred to as a “distinguished local conductor” and a “local musical treasure.” A graduate in Orchestral Conducting from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, Paul Ferington has served as a professor and senior academic administrator, conducted the Buffalo Philharmonic orchestra in over 450 performances in more than 68 locations, and has earned and received numerous awards, honors and recognitions for his contributions in music and academia. This is just a small sampling of what Maestro Ferington has accomplished in his career. Paul is a life-long United Methodist. He & his wife, Karen, reside in Barker and are members of the Williamsville UMC, where they enrich the music ministry with their participation. Enjoy learning more about songs/song writers, hear Paul playing the Arrison pipe organ and an opportunity to sing along on this Day of Singing.



Niagara Frontier District UMW Morning Apart

Saturday, May 6th, 9:30 - Noon

Emmanuel UMC, 75 East Ave., Lockport, NY 14094

Speakers: Beeba & Mandeep Singh from Gobind Sadan (God 's House Without Walls)

Cost is \$5.00. RSVP to Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897 by April 28th

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