

Weekly Update – February 15, 2016

Daily Bible Reading – 2016 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.

February 15: Leviticus 20-21; Matthew 28

February 16: Leviticus 22-23; Mark 1:1-22

February 17: Leviticus 24-25; Mark 1:23-45

February 18: Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

February 19: Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-21

February 20: Numbers 3-4; Mark 3:22-35

February 21: Numbers 5-6; Mark 4:1-20

In Our Prayers

Joy! John Miller promoted to Lieutenant in the Amherst Police Force

Joy! School Musical events- featuring Ashley Miller in “Hairspray” at Sweet Home Middle School and Robert Paddock in the orchestra for “Beauty & the Beast” at Amherst High School.

Joy! Christ Church is proud to be the rehearsal site for the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra. They performed in concert on Sunday at Lippes Hall at UB. Robert Paddock plays cello in the GBYO.

Keep in your prayers – Beverley Hurst, Ruth Swenson, Ron Corsaro, Peter Shanley, Millie Staley’s mother, Dolores, in rehab in Rochester, Joyce Moser, Janet Hill, Richard Mestler, Al Tolsma, Rita Arnold, 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 move from goal setting to determining strategies for achieving our goals.

Pray for peaceful relationships among the nations of the world.

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, February 15 - 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 16 - 6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm – Staff-Parish Relation Team
Sunday, February 19 - 9 am – Casual Praise
10 am – FaithXpress – **Peacemakers**
11 am – Traditional Style Worship
1 pm – Community Youth group – Movie Making

Opportunities to Make A Difference

2nd Sunday, 2nd Helping Offering –

Thanks to you and your 2nd Helping offerings last Sunday, \$99 will go to **Hearts & Hands** —a neighbor helping neighbor organization that links willing volunteers with older or physically challenged adults for basic services such as transportation for medical appointments, errands or social activities; caregiver respite, companion visits, wellness checks, phone pals, and minor home maintenance. You may also become a Hearts & Hands volunteer by calling 406-8311.

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 in the church for your donations.

Celebration Walkway

The Celebration Walkway in Christ Church’s memorial garden is a great way to remember a loved one, honor a special person, or commemorate a significant event. Forms with further information on pricing and ordering can be found in the Café on the Celebration Walkway bulletin board.

The Café is where people connect!

Sign up to host the Café and help bring people together. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Café. 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!

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Coming Soon ...Mark your calendar

Catch The Spirit – New Sight/New Vision – Saturday, February 25

Join friends from the UM churches of the Niagara Frontier District for a day of learning and growing in faith. A variety of workshops (full day & half day) on many topics from serving on ministry and mission teams to dealing with addiction, end of life decisions and even crafting ideas. Lunch and a time of worship are included. Information and registration forms are available in the café and church office.

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 1st

Worship at 7 pm

Supper and Study Series – Wednesdays in Lent

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 3 5 – 7 pm

“Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,” says the prophet, Amos. Lent is a time for reminding ourselves who we’re called to be in this world. Through the powerful music of Mark Miller and the remembrance of our baptism, this season will offer reflection and renewed inspiration to let our voices be tuned to the heart of the gospel—telling God’s love for all people.

Give yourself the gift of peace



Music & Meditation

Fridays during Lent

5:30 – 6 pm

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7

Contemplative form of prayer, meditation, music, silence and candle light

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“Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.”

– **Cornel West**