

Weekly Update – March 29, 2016

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

On Easter Sunday, April 16, Rev. Pollard will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and welcome new members into Christ UMC at both services. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your children, or if you would like to become a member of Christ UMC, please contact the church office, and meet with Rev. Pollard in the Parlor this Sunday, April 2 at 10 AM. If Easter Sunday is not available on your personal calendar, contact Rev. Pollard for another Sunday.

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.

March 29: Joshua 23-24; Luke 6:27-49

March 30: Judges 1-2; Luke 7:1-30

March 31: Judges 3-5; Luke 7:31-50

April 1: Judges 6-7; Luke 8:1-21

April 2: Judges 8-9; Luke 8:22-56

April 3: Judges 10-11; Luke 9:1-36

April 4: Judges 12-14; Luke 9:37-62

In Our Prayers

Joy! Al Sillato celebrated his 102nd birthday on March 24.

Joanne and Chuck Gilbert have a new address!

2395 N. Forest Rd. Apt. 108, Getzville, NY 14068 Their phone number is 580-3938

Keep in your prayers –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, March 29 - 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 30 - 6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal
7 pm – Christian Education Team

Friday, March 31 - **5:30 pm Music & Meditation – Give yourself the gift of peace**
7 pm – Game Night

Saturday, April 1 - 10 am – UM Women’s Breakfast
10 am – UM Men’s Heritage Center Trip - Carpool

Sunday, April 2 - 9 am – Casual Praise *
10 am – FaithXpress – **Peacemakers – Journey Toward the Promise**
Book Conversation – 10 am in the Wesley Rm
Half Truths – by Adam Hamilton
11 am – Traditional Style Worship *

*Communion offered at both worship times

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 Michele Sciolino 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



When have you had to trust that God is enough?

The next issue of the Upper New York Conference *Advocate* will focus on trusting that God is enough. We are looking for powerful testimonies. When have you had to trust that God is enough? Send your stories to news@unyumc.org by **Friday April 7** for consideration. If we feel that your story makes a great fit for our issue, we will respond with word-count requirements and a deadline.

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It's Coming soon...

...Get ready!

Join The Journey

Peacemakers – Journey Toward the Promise

The children of FaithXpress continue to learn how to be peacemakers. Learning the story of Moses leading the people of Israel through the wilderness and helping them to trust God helps us on our journey in life. What we do each day can move us toward God's peace or move us away from God's promise of peace.

We continue to add words and symbols to our peace pole and footprints to the pathways of peace. We hope others will join us on the pathways that lead to peace. Look for these in the Parlor and join us in journeying toward God's promise of peace.

God leads people today to trust God's leading, to work for the well-being of all people and to live together in peace.



Half Truths – Book conversation Sunday mornings at 10 am – Wesley Room

Dr. David Pliss leads this conversation based on the book by Adam Hamilton. Explore popular sayings that miss the point. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in some important ways. Books available at the church.



Supper & Study – Roll Down Justice

-Supper in the Café at 5 pm

-Conversation at 6 pm

Wednesday - April 5 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 31, April 7, 14

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

Day of Singing

Sunday, April 30

Worship with singing...

Eat with us at 12 noon

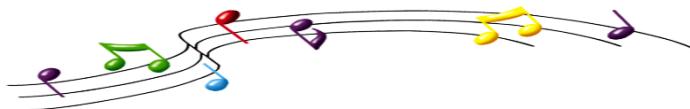


"Hymns & Hers" at 1:30 pm

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.



**“”You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you this look that says,
"My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!" ~ Dave Barry**