

Weekly Update – May 17, 2017

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.

May 17: 2 Kings 18-19; John 6:22-44

May 18: 2 Kings 20-22; John 6:45-71

May 19: 2 Kings 23-25; John 7:1-31

May 20: 1 Chronicles 1-2; John 7:32-53

May 21: 1 Chronicles 3-5; John 8:1-20

May 22: 1 Chronicles 6-7; John 8:21-36

May 23: 1 Chronicles 8-10; John 8:37-59

In Our Prayers

Joy – Thank you to all the Moms and Grandmas who joined us at **FaithXpress** on Mother's Day, sharing stories of their travels and marking them on the map.

Sister Act! - **Patti Sandle, Lynn Ramsey, Kathy Weaver, Karen Kraatz, Sandy Cumming and sisters, Pam Doman and Barbara Brayman** all participated in the recent Amherst High School Alumni Chorale concert. It was a musical treat! Kudos to **Dave Wolf**, another singer in the chorale.

Joy – The **2nd Sunday, 2nd Helping offering** for a Peace Pole for the Celebration Garden - **\$256**

Thank you everyone!

The Celebration Garden at Christ Church is a place for remembering, honoring and celebrating life. The Celebration Garden was started by Pat and Peter Zaleski in memory of their son, Matthew. Through the years many plants, garden stones and bricks in the walkway have been added by church members and friends for all kinds of reasons and occasions. The garden is an invitation. It creates a space that welcomes people to come and spend a moment or more to think about the life we share, to spend time in prayer, to let your heart grieve and find comfort, and to let your mind wander.

The children and the Christian Education Team members are looking forward to selecting a Peace Pole for our garden. We thank everyone for joining with us on the journey toward the promise of peace by trusting God's leading and working for the well-being of all people as we live together in community and peace.



Keep in your prayers...

Erin Johnson – medical procedure on May 24; Evelyn Cole – Wells House at Beechwood Continuing Care; Florence Stengel – now receiving Hospice Care; Elvira Gonzalez – Wesley Rehab; Mitch Mooney – Harris Hill Nursing long-term care; Joyce Moser; Richard Mestler; 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; Fred & Lynda Painton; Castellino family.

Keep the church consultation process and planning team in your prayers. Strategies and steps (both short & longer range) toward goals for the coming years have been identified you're your feedback throughout the process. They will be presented to the Church Council in May and to the church community in June.

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, May 17 - 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18 - 6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00 pm – Charge Conference – Church Council members will vote on
clergy compensation package for Rev. Daven Oskvig

7:30 pm – Church Council Meeting

Sunday, May 21 - **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

Worship at 9:17 am followed by MAD projects

Lunch at 1 pm

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Make A Difference Day

Join us this **Sunday, May 21 from 10am-1pm** as we impact our community in positive ways. Bring your items to our **collection trucks!** We will have a **shredding truck** onsite, as well as the **Daily Bread Food Truck**. We will be collecting: **clothing, electronics and technology items to be recycled, non-perishable food items, and items for male and female veterans.**

Check out our website for complete lists of what we're collecting this year and our projects.

<http://www.christchurchamherst.org/outreach-missions/make-a-difference/>

We also need people to bring food to our volunteer potluck lunch!

Contact Donna Hammond (Hammond4970@roadrunner.com) to bring a dish to share or a salad bar item!



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).

The children will visit the animals at the SPCA and deliver the supplies.

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



Volleyball Team – St. Stephen-Bethlehem United Church of Christ on Wehrle Dr. has a Wacky Wednesday Volleyball League. They are looking for churches who would like to form a team and join them on Wednesdays for fun, fellowship, food and some summer fun. Interested? Contact Sally Pollard 839-6548.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

We'll recognize and celebrate all of our High School and College Graduates in June. Please call or email the church office with information about graduates in your family- including name, degree, school and future plans.



Transportation Need – We are still trying to find people 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 – NEWS!!

Some of the food items donated through Christ Churches collection will now be going to the newly opened Tiger's Den Food Pantry located on Main St. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eggertsville. The Amherst Central School District asked St. Paul's to join forces with them to ensure that Amherst families in poverty receive the food they need to keep children healthy. **THEY NEED OUR HELP!** If the Tiger's Den Food Pantry can run on their own for six months to show it's worthwhile, the Food Bank of WNY will join their efforts and provide additional funding. It will also bring perishable food items such as milk, cheese, dairy products, meats, fruits, and vegetables to the pantry. Over 60% of the families in the Windemere School area live below the poverty level. Families who need it most at Smallwood and other Amherst Schools will also be able to enroll in the Tiger's Den Food Pantry. **Will you help us fill up our carts????**

May – Peanut Butter and Jelly

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

The Hospitality Team is looking for individuals/groups to host the café and help bring people together. Donations are also welcome in the Café for use on Sunday mornings – baked goods, half & half, OJ, fruit & cookies are useful.

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“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” ~ *Jane Goodall*