

Weekly Update – September 27, 2017

Cleaning Kits and Hygiene Kits **STILL** needed by UMCOR

Thank you to the **Rachel Circle** for providing two more Hygiene Kits!
Cleaning supplies and personal care items are needed to complete kits for disaster relief.
Supply lists may be found at church and online at www.umcor.org

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.

- September 27: Isaiah 10-12; Galatians 5
- September 28: Isaiah 13-15; Galatians 6
- September 29: Isaiah 16-18; Ephesians 1
- September 30: Isaiah 19-21; Ephesians 2
- October 1: Isaiah 22-23; Ephesians 3
- October 2: Isaiah 24-26; Ephesians 4
- October 3: Isaiah 27-28; Ephesians 5

In Our Prayers

Joy! **Uganda Mission Team** shared their stories and photos on Sunday morning and presented a gift of a **candle holder** to the Christ Church Community. The candle holder will be on the worship table each week with the candle reminding us to be in **prayer for our neighbors near and around the world.**

*Victims of storms

*Richard Mestler, Kevin Cetola, Ed Fisher, Bob Snyder, Patty Keller, Sissie Mooney, Bob & Betty Kreib, Peter Shanley, Peter Zaleski, Jean Ericson

*Those who are **care partners** for others

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

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This Week at Christ Church

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

Wednesday, September 27 - 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 29 - 7 pm – Game Night, Wesley Room

Saturday, September 30 - 10 am – Crafting For A Cause, Wesley Room
11 am – Memorial Service – Clarence Spitzer

Sunday, October 1 - **World Communion Sunday**

9 am – Casual Praise - **Bible presented to Jonathan Swist**

10 am – FaithXpress – **Joseph The Dreamer – A Colorful Tale of Trickery**

10 am – Explore Membership Class

11 am – Traditional Style Worship

12:15 pm – Pastor’s Potluck – Everyone welcome!

1-3 pm – Community Youth Group – **Kindness rock project**

All middle school and high school youth are invited!

Supervised Child Care, Sky Box and Family Worship Space available

Visit the **Café Connection** each Sunday morning and enjoy delicious, fair trade, **New Day Coffee**, morning treats and friendly conversation.

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Cleaning Kits & Hygiene Kits

Pick up supply lists at church or go to www.umcor.org and drop off items at Christ Church. Donate **only** those items requested.

Pray for those whose lives have been dramatically changed due to these storms – individuals, families and responders giving aid and their families.

Financial contributions to – UMCOR – marked **Advance #901670** will go to storm relief **100% of your donation goes to the victims of disaster – no administrative costs are taken out.**

Food Pantries

Share food and personal care items through the local food pantries.

September – Shampoo & other personal care items – toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste – for school families through the **Tiger's Den Food Pantry**
And Peanut butter

All non-perishable food items donated will go to area pantries – Cheektowaga Food Pantry and Food Pantry at University Presbyterian Church.

Some of the food items donated go to the **Tiger's Den Food Pantry** is located on Main St. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eggertsville- serving the needs of children & families in the Windemere School & Smallwood Dr. School areas, living below the poverty level. **They have just expanded the pantry space and are able to receive perishables (meats, etc).**

Please help us fill up our carts!!! Paper goods and personal care items are always needed.



Explore Membership Class – Sunday, October 1

Pastor Daven Oskvig will lead an exploration of what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church. **Join him this Sunday, October 1 at 10 am.**

[A.O.L.@CUMC](#) - Sunday mornings at 10 am

“Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love” – Is there a difference in loving people who are more or less the same as we are, and those who are not only strangers, but people who live completely different lives? United Methodist Bishop, William Willimon’s recently published study resource explores the gospel’s command to love, and the call and challenge to love those considered to be “other.” Dr. David Pliss and Rev. Jim Pollard will facilitate the exploration using this book beginning Sunday, October 8 through Sunday, November 19. Books will be available at the first session. (\$10 donation if possible)

Express your interest or ask questions by using the Connection Card.

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“There is a beautiful moment in the Bible when the prophet Elijah feels God’s presence. The Scriptures say that a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart, but God was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. It was the whisper of God. Today we can hear the whisper where we least expect it; in a baby refugee and in a homeless rabbi, in crack addicts and displaced children, in a groaning creation.”

– *Shane Claiborne, The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical*