

Weekly Update: April 26, 2016

Sunday Highlights - Andrew Anable on drums joined Kaitlyn Fedele, keyboard, and Harold Price, guitar, on the Praise Team. Jeff Boyer is on a leave of absence. Lay Leader Peggy Bermudez, brought the message, helping us consider the shift we may need to make in our lives to live into the purpose for which we are created.

Organist Paul Staley delighted the audience of music lovers from CUMC and the community in an afternoon recital of "Great Masterworks & Victorian Confections" on the Arrison pipe organ. *Paul was graciously & ably assisted by Millie Staley as page turner!*

UMCOR Flood Bucket Assembly - Harris Hill UM Church, 7pm Thursday, April 28

The members of the UM Men's Group invite you to help with assembling Flood Buckets to be used by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for Disaster Relief clean-up efforts. Donations are appreciated (see list of items below). Meet at Harris Hill UMC (corner of Main St & Harris Hill Rd) at 7 pm. Thanks for your help!

As a member of the UMCOR Network, Harris Hill UMC's, "GO! Ministry" collects and packages different types of kits. Some go to aid victims in various countries throughout the world. Health kits and bedding kits are used domestically when disaster occurs. Cleaning buckets are distributed to areas in the US to aid in flood clean up. On **Thursday, April 28 at 7 pm**, Harris Hill's GO! Ministry will be offering an opportunity for everyone to get involved. With your help we will be working on assembling Cleaning (flood) Buckets and Health Kits. All help is appreciated, and NO experience is necessary! Our GO! "wish list" includes the items below. We welcome any quantity of these. They can be placed in the GO! bin at the Harris Hill Welcome Center.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLEANING BUCKETS: *FOAM Sponges* - No cellulose sponges due to mold issue
Liquid Household Cleaner - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water. No sprays. *Kitchen Dishwashing Gloves* - Durable for multiple uses; no thin surgical or food service type gloves *Liquid Laundry Detergent* - 25 oz. or 50 oz. bottles only *Clothes Line* - 50 ft. or 100 ft. cotton or plastic

ITEMS NEEDED FOR HEALTH KITS: *Hand Towels* - 15" x 25" to 17" x 27", Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels are not acceptable; *Metal Nail File or Small Nail Clippers* - No emery boards or toenail clippers please; *Bath Size Soap* - 3 oz. and larger sizes only - No Jergens or Ivory due to moisture content

What is the General Conference and Why Is It Important? Take 2!

In May, 2016, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will convene for a 10-day session in Portland, Oregon. The General Conference, which meets every four years, is the body that governs The United Methodist Church and approves the mission, organization, policies, agencies and The Book of Discipline – the document that guides the church in its global mission.

Session 2 takes place this Saturday, April 30. You are invited - 9:30 to 11:30 am. The session will be led by Rev. Jim Pollard. Session 2 will continue a review of the various proposals that

will be in consideration at General Conference. Although not essential, it will be helpful to you if you download and print a General Conference Guide, which is available at http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/general-conference/2016/documents/gc2016-guide.pdf (Note: 50 pages).

Sleepover!! Children and Youth! – Saturday, May 14 - 4 pm

We'll be filled with the Spirit for this sleepover – preparing the church for Pentecost Sunday – May 15. Projects include tie dying, banner & pin wheel making, cupcake baking & more! Join us and celebrate the birthday of the church!

Sign up on the bulletin board located at the bottom of the stairs.

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.

April 26: 2 Samuel 15-16; Luke 20:27-47

April 27: 2 Samuel 17-18; Luke 21:1-19

April 28: 2 Samuel 19-20; Luke 21:20-38

April 29: 2 Samuel 21-22; Luke 22:1-30

April 30: 2 Samuel 23-24; Luke 22:31-53

May 1: 1 Kings 1-2; Luke 22:54-71

May 2: 1 Kings 3-5; Luke 23:1-26

In Our Prayers

Patty Keller –recovering from surgery at home; **Elvira Gonzalez** – Weinberg Campus;

Glenn Hurst – at home; **Gaetano Castellino Sr.** - St. Joseph's Hospital

John Lopez – health concerns; **Nancy & Frank Annunciata** - recovering at home

All who are caregivers for others **New pastor appointment process**

Alex Dunbar, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson* (deployed) – all serve in the US Navy

This Week at Christ Church

Wednesday, April 27 – 6:30 pm – Praise Team rehearsal

7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 28 - 10 am – Life Lessons with Pastor Darryl
7 pm – UMCOR Flood Bucket assembly, Harris Hill UMC

Friday, April 29 - 7 pm – Game Night

Saturday, April 30- 9:30 am – General Conference Overview #2

Sunday, May 1 - 6th Sunday of Easter **Holy Communion**
Guest Preacher – Rev. James Pollard
“Presence...and Peace” John 14:23-29

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Food Pantry - suggested items:

April 24 – Rice & Beans

May 1 – Cereal – hot, cold or bars

*All food items, paper products and toiletry items are welcome anytime.
Grocery carts are available in the church for your donations. Thank you!*

We're Collecting! - Check around your home as you do your Spring cleaning!

Baby Clothes – newborn to 6X - **for Baby Blessings**

Clothing Items – new & gently used - **for Clara's Closet**

Women's interview appropriate suits and blouses,

Professional separates, work appropriate shoes, jewelry, scarves,

handbags – reg. & plus sizes - **For Dress For Success**

Clothing & shoes in any condition – **for Planet Aid**

And don't forget the Shredding truck will be here on Sunday, May 15 to safely shred your documents, papers and files. (Provided by Allaire Financial Strategies)

Offer Hospitality - Host the Cafe

Sign up on the bulletin board in the café to host some Sunday morning! Invite your family, friends, ministry team or group to join you!

Share in this Café ministry of hospitality and welcome.

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Upcoming events...

Follow along

Not every United Methodist will be a delegate to General Conference, but that doesn't mean that you can't participate in all that is happening May 10-20, 2016, in Portland, Oregon. General Conference is the global gathering of The United Methodist Church, and there are plenty of ways for you to be involved. - See more at: <http://um-insight.net/general-conference/2016-general-conference/every-united-methodist-can-be-part-of-general-conference-201/#sthash.SLHHxiGP.dpuf>

Our computers, phones, and tablets are giving us more ways to stay connected with General Conference than ever before.

Bookmark the website. GC2016.UMC.org is the source for everything about General Conference 2016. News, blogs, resources, videos and photos about everything happening at General Conference are available in this central location. United Methodist Communications will update this page throughout the General Conference with the latest news and daily summaries that share the highlights of each day.

Watch the live stream. Whenever the conference is in session, GC2016.UMC.org will feature live streaming video where you will be able to watch the voting, worship, speeches, and celebrations happening on the floor of General Conference. The feed will be available in English, French, and American Sign Language. The schedule is available online, just remember all times listed are Pacific Time Zone, and you may have to adjust.

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Appreciation Gathering – Sunday, May 22 10-11am

Christian Education Team members will honor those who have given of their time and shared their gifts as leaders at FaithXpress during the past year. The gathering takes place in the Parlor beginning at 10 am. Join us for this informal time to recognize and express our appreciation for the love and care shown to the children and youth.

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**“The Sabbath isn't about what's done or left undone,
but about breathing in the goodness of God.”**