

Weekly Update: August 16, 2016

A Personal Word ...From Your Office Manager 😊

Last week, several staff members from Christ Church had the opportunity to go to Rochester for two days to attend the Global Leadership Summit. Each year, some theme or nugget stands out from the Summit and lingers in my mind as I take the time to process through all I've experienced and heard from the world-class speakers. My main takeaway theme for this year was simply one word: passion.

Bill Hybels, the founder of the Summit and the Senior Pastor of Willow Creek Church in Illinois, talked about the importance and effect of passion in the lives of leaders. He equated passion to protein – it energizes and sustains. God has given each of us unique talents, personalities, and passions that help to define who we are and how we live our lives. We're **uniquely gifted** and **specially formed** to fulfill the exact role that God has designed for us. We can be energized by a friend's passion, but it's up to us to fill our own "passion bucket".

What fills your "passion bucket"? Are there places and experiences that stir your soul? Are there certain people or events that rekindle a spark in your spirit? In what ways can you be intentional this week about filling up your "passion bucket"? I encourage you to take some time to reflect and evaluate how God may be calling you (yes, you!) to live out your passion. Others might not understand your vision, and that's ok! Don't procrastinate pulling the trigger on what God has planted in your heart!

~ Janelle

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.

August 16: Psalms 105-106; Romans 15:1-20

August 17: Psalms 107-108; Romans 15:21-33

August 18: Psalms 109-111; Romans 16

August 19: Psalms 112-115; 1 Corinthians 1

August 20: Psalms 116-118; 1 Corinthians 2

August 21: Psalm 119:1-48; 1 Corinthians 3

August 22: Psalm 119:49-104; 1 Corinthians 4

In Our Prayers

Alicia Ticconi – upcoming surgery for breast cancer

Carolyn Day, Peter Zaleski, Janet Hill, Susan Schauer, John Yungbluth – recovering at home

Jean Ericson – Wesley Rehab, Glenn Hurst – rehab at Elderwood at Bassett,

Carol Corsaro, Patty Keller, Charles Terranova, Richard Mestler, Guy Ferrelli, Fred & Lynda

Painton, Gaetano Castellino Sr., Castellino Family

Elvira Gonzalez –Bristol Village on Clarence Center Rd.

Florence Stengel – Beechwood Continuing Care

Chris Maliken, Alex Dunbar, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson – all serve in the US Navy

This Week at Christ Church

Tuesday, August 16 – 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Sunday, August 21 - Worship at 9 & 11 a.m.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Gail Lewis

Worship Leader: Peggy Bermudez

Rev. Jim Pollard and Sally will be taking a vacation from Mon., Aug 15 through Wednesday, August 24. Rev. Mary Kelly, Pastor of Central Park UMC, has agreed to be on call. In the event of a need for a pastor, please call the Christ Church office (839-2460) and Janelle Martin will contact Rev. Kelly.

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Uganda Wells of Love

An anonymous donor has generously agreed to make a matching gift to the Wells of Love project sponsored by our friend Rev. Davis Matovu from Uganda!! All gifts *up to \$5,000* will be matched to provide clean, safe drinking water to remote areas of Uganda. Your gift makes a



difference! Donations and questions can be directed to the church office or Kathy Weaver.

Food Pantry - suggested items:

August 14 – Tuna, Mushroom Soup, Pasta
August 21 – Canned Fruits & Vegetables (Low Sodium)

Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation!

Our food carts have been low. Food items are always needed.

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

**Café – food donations are welcome in the Café for use on Sunday mornings –
baked goods, lemonade, fruit & cookies are useful!**

Needed

Removal of 2 dying Ash trees on the church property.
Cost - \$5000. Mark your contributions – *tree removal*.

Hospitality & Welcome

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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Men's Group

The “Masters of American Architecture” tour in downtown Buffalo has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 17. We will meet at 8:45a.m. sharp at Christ Church and carpool downtown to the Buffalo Niagara Visitor Center (Washington & Clinton Streets). The tour begins at 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing, as the tour will take place rain or shine! After the tour, we will have lunch at 716 Restaurant.

For more information, visit www.explorebuffalo.org. The tour cost is \$15 per person, paid by check (made out to Christ UMC) or cash to the church office by September 12. This will be a great day for fun and facts about our hometown! Call Bob Snyder (741-6901) with any questions or concerns.

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“Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire.”