

Weekly Update: August 2, 2016

Meet our newest baptized member!

Graciella Kathleen, daughter of Michelle and Jeremiah Cordero



A Personal Word... From Jim Pollard

Looking ahead to Sunday...

I invite you to prepare for worship this Sunday by reading Luke 12:32-40, which includes two familiar passages that raise questions of priorities in our lives as disciples. Where is our heart? Where is our treasure? What does “readiness” require? And how do we deal with such matters in the 21st century world in which we live?

Also, invite you to prepare for Holy Communion. Bring your spiritual hunger, your search for forgiveness and newness of life, your gratitude for God’s grace, your thanksgiving for the community of the church, your expectant spirit. Christ, our host, has already set a place at the table for each one of us and welcomes us into his presence.

The late Bishop Reuben Job has written: *Our daily lives are enriched and ordered by the nourishment we receive, for at this table we not only confess with sorrow our sins and receive God’s forgiveness and restoration, but we also have renewed our vision of how we are to live in relationship to God and neighbor.* ([A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader](#), p. 61).

-Jim

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 2: Psalms 68-69; Romans 3

August 3: Psalms 70-72; Romans 4

August 4: Psalms 73-74; Romans 5

August 5: Psalms 75-77; Romans 6

August 6: Psalms 78; Romans 7

August 7: Psalms 79-81; Romans 8:1-18

August 8: Psalms 82-84; Romans 8:19-39

In Our Prayers

Carolyn Day – Home after a hospital stay

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

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

Carol Corsaro – recovering – in church on Sunday!

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

Gaetano Castellino Sr., Castellino Family

Elvira Gonzalez – now residing at Bristol Village on Clarence Center Rd.

Florence Stengel – now residing at Beechwood Continuing Care

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

This Week at Christ Church

Monday, August 1 – 7 pm Stewardship & Finance Team

Tuesday, August 2 – 7 pm – Staff-Parish Relations Team

Saturday, August 6 – 8:45 am Carpool for Buffalo Architecture Tour

Lunch following at 716 Restaurant

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Food Pantry - suggested items:

July 31 - Paper Products & Toiletry Items

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!

Needed

Removal of 2 dying Ash trees on the church property.

Cost - \$5000. Mark your contributions – *tree removal*.

Summer Sundays - 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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MYM Picnic – Mature Years Ministry



Picnic in Clarence Town Park

Sunday, August 14 3 – 7 pm

**Tickets on sale on Sunday mornings at church or
call Bob & Marcia Snyder (741-6901)**

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“Do not fear, little flock,” these words of encouragement might be better heard as the conclusion to Jesus’ previous sayings. Jesus has just pointed out the lilies of the field that grow because of God’s care, the ravens for which God provides. In other words, “do not fear” is not an out-of-the-blue optimistic statement, pie-in-the-sky platitude, but one grounded in the claim that God’s faithfulness extends to the entirety of God’s creation.

~ Karoline Lewis