

Weekly Update: August 9, 2016

A Personal Word ...From Jim Pollard

The gospel reading for this coming Sunday (8-14) is a very challenging one. Read Luke 12:49-56 and you'll see what I mean. The reading will be the focus of Sunday's sermon, "Divided Loyalties?" Why did Luke include these words of Jesus in his gospel? What is the message Jesus was sending to the people of his day? What impact do they have on our lives now? What do these words reveal to us about the nature of the kingdom of God?

On Thursday and Friday of this week a team of 5 from Christ UMC will participate in the two-day "Leadership Summit" offered by the Willow Creek Association through a network of television simulcast sites across the US. The program includes a series of presentations about leadership in today's environment by a panel of well-known leaders in the church and in the secular world. We are looking forward to the stimulation of fresh ideas and challenging ideas as we seek to grow in our own understanding and practice of leadership.

Members of the team are Rev. Jim Pollard, Sally Pollard, Janelle Martin, Peggy Bermudez, and Guy Castellino. The church office will be staffed by Julie Wisley on Thursday and Friday mornings. Thank you, Julie.

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 9: Psalms 85-87; Romans 9

August 10: Psalms 88-89; Romans 10

August 11: Psalms 90-92; Romans 11:1-21

August 12: Psalms 93-95; Romans 11:22-36

August 13: Psalms 96-98; Romans 12

August 14: Psalms 99-102; Romans 13

August 15: Psalms 103-104; Romans 14

In Our Prayers

JOY! Congratulations To Brandon Miller – Eagle Scout



Brandon Miller, son of Marie and John Miller, has earned the highest rank attainable in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process. The requirements necessary to achieve Eagle Scout rank take years to fulfill as the Scout is required to earn at least 21 merit badges. Brandon has earned 30 merit badges. The Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit based on the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Brandon's project involved the planning, building and installation of a community dock on Java Lake.

The Court of Honor takes place today at Christ Church.

Jim Pollard, Sally Pollard, Janelle Martin, Peggy Bermudez, Guy Castellino - Staff /laity

Attending 2 day Global Leadership Summit in Rochester

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 – good medical report this week!!

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

Monday, August 8 – 7 pm Church Council

Tuesday, August 9 – 6 pm – Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Wednesday, August 10 – 12 Noon - Lunch with Community Youth

Thursday – Friday, August 11 & 12 – Global Leadership Summit, Rochester

Saturday, August 13 – **“Caller” Newsletter deadline**

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Food Pantry - suggested items:

August 14 – tuna, mushroom soup, pasta

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, fruit & cookies are useful, also lemonade

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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"While America figures this all out, I'm going to continue holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, being patient with a waiter, and smiling at strangers, as often as I am provided the opportunity. Because I will not stand idly by and let children live in a world where unconditional love is invisible. Join me in showing love and respect to someone who may not necessarily deserve it. Find your own way to swing the

pendulum in the direction of love. ♥
Because today, sadly; hate is winning.
Positivity has to start somewhere and love overpowers hate."

-Copied and pasted from a friend who got it from another friend...

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