

Christ Church Update

Week of October 1st, 2012

"Living Christ's Ways and Exploding With Love & Service."

God made and named almost everything in the world. God made and named heaven...and earth...the sun and the moon, the stars and the waters. God made and named almost everything. God even made and named the first man, "Adam", which means "red earth" because God made the first man out of red earth. But God did not name the animals. God thought..."Maybe if I let Adam name the animals, he will get to know them better and really take care of them." Well, when Adam heard that he could name the animals, he was so happy. He ran right over to a brown furry with teeth who was sleeping under a tree and yelled in its ear....."

This Sunday, October 7, at Christ Church we'll have a "Blessing of the Pets," and we'll get to hear what Adam yelled in "brown furry with teeth's" ear in this story by Marc Gellman. (rabbi and writer of the "God Squad" article found in the Buffalo News.) Small pets should be crated or in appropriate containers and large pets should be leashed. Bring them to FaithXpress at 10am or for worship at 11 am.

We were joined this past Sunday by 170 worshippers including guests and extended family home for a visit. Seven "Christ Church Cupcakes" aka "The C-Cups" walked in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk downtown. With your support they raised over \$1000 for the American Cancer Society and donations are still coming in. There were over 10,000 walkers totaling over \$650,000. What a joy it was to participate with so many people walking for this cause that touches our lives so deeply. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we will help "Paint The Town Pink" and our church as well in support. The Remembrance Board will be available to add the names of those we have loved who have lived with cancer.

During the worship service we also sent off the Uganda Mission Team with our blessing and prayers. They are currently en route and should arrive in Uganda today by 9:30pm our time. Keep Kathy Weaver, John Miller, Pastor BJ, Esther Keeney and Claire Mosher in your prayers as they travel over the next 17 days meeting and ministering to people in Christ's love.

This Sunday, October 7, is World Communion Sunday. The Rev. K. Wayne Butler, District Superintendent, will be our guest preacher at both worship celebrations. We're happy to have Wayne and Molly Butler as part of our Christ Church family and look forward to sharing in worship with him this Sunday. A special World Communion offering will be received which supports scholarship assistance for graduate and undergraduate students as they pursue higher education in becoming United Methodist leaders.

The Habitat Women Build house dedication scheduled for October 7th has been postponed. The ingathering of church support will still be held this Sunday. We'll announce the dedication date as soon as it's announced. Keep these women in your prayers as they build a home and relationships to last a lifetime.

Keep in prayer all those participating in the Mature Years Ministry (MYM) retreat at the United Methodist House in Chautauqua this weekend Oct. 5-7 with leader, Jim Pollard. Our Youth Group will participate in a Lock-In at church this weekend. Keep them in your prayers as well.

We celebrate with Todd Evans on the occasion of his 80th birthday (Oct. 2)! Carolyn Day, Brad Loliger & Nick Darling also celebrate birthdays this week.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Bob, Betty and Paula Kreib. Bob's younger brother, Bill, died on September 30th. Arrangements for celebrating his life are not known at this time.

Our ongoing prayers are requested for Carmen Ticconi, Alicia Ticconi, Ruth Kitson, Marian Steve, Nicky Sebastiano, Barbara McCray.

Watch and plan for these upcoming events...

- Parenting in The Digital Age workshop, Saturday, Oct. 6 10-11:30 am presented by Christopher Gengo. Call the church office by Wednesday to RSVP. Child Care available.
- Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ, Friday, October 12, 4-7 pm sponsored by the youth group to benefit their 2013 mission trip.
- United Methodist Men's Group visits the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum on Sat. October 13. Meet at church at 10am to carpool. Cost is \$10 plus lunch. Contact Geoff Hill to RSVP 316-1522.
- Children's Sabbath worship service, Sunday, October 14. Beverly Newkirk of "It Takes A Village" will be the morning speaker. sponsored by the United Methodist Women
- Harvest Dinner, Friday, October 19, 4-7pm, sponsored by the United Methodist Women's group to support UMW mission projects. Sign up to help! Call Janet Hill with questions.
- A Women's Spring Retreat is being held April 26-28 at Camp Asbury Silver Lake in the brand new Manor! Facilitator, Rev. Gail Lewis will lead us in a theme, "Called to Be Friends". A deposit of \$75 due by October 21st will hold your spot. Contact Peggy Bermudez or Beth Sweet with questions. All women are invited!
- M & M Sunday (Mission & Ministry) Come see and hear about all the mission & ministry opportunities available in and through Christ Church. Find the place where you and your gifts make a difference!
- Annual Church Conference, Sunday, October 21, 3pm, led by Rev Wayne Butler, District Superintendent.
- Howling With Laughter women's gathering , Monday, October 29, 7 pm at the church. All women are invited to come (in costume if you like) to share in a howling good time! Watch out! There'll be lots of surprises!
- AARP Safe Driver Course, Friday, Nov. 2, 9am to 4pm. Cost is \$17 for AARP members, \$19 for non- members. Course is FREE to Veterans, and their family members during November. Lunch may be purchased for \$6 or bring your own. Call the church office to register.

Keep celebrating life!

With Joy,

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