

## Weekly Update – December 28, 2016

### A Personal Word... From Rev. Jim Pollard

*All Things New...*

A New Year...a new start...a new opportunity to make something good happen.  
Welcome to 2017!

Appropriate to the beginning of another year, we begin with reflecting on the covenant of love and grace that God has made through Christ with humankind by offering our own lives as the means by which God's love and grace come to life. On Sunday, January 1, we will share in Holy Communion and the Wesleyan Covenant prayer, as acts of our commitment as disciples of Christ to be signs of the New Life in Christ God offers to all people.

You are invited to take another step in your walk of faith with Jesus.

In Christ's service,

*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.

December 28: Zechariah 7-9; Revelation 19

December 29: Zechariah 10-12; Revelation 20

December 30: Zechariah 13-14; Revelation 21

December 31: Malachi 1-4; Revelation 22

January 1: Genesis 1-2; Matthew 1

January 2: Genesis 3-5; Matthew 2

January 3: Genesis 6-8; Matthew 3

### In Our Prayers

**Joy – Thank you** to all who took part in our Christmas Eve service of Lessons & Carols – the Choir, readers, candle lighters, those who prepared candles/artwork/Christmas goodies, and so many more!

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Millie and Paul Staley** on the death of Millie's father, Norman Rollo, on December 21, 2016. The family will receive friends Saturday, January 7, from 10- 11am at New Comer Funeral Home, 2636 Ridgeway Ave. Greece, NY, where his service will be held at 11am.

We also extend our sympathy and prayers to **Janelle Martin** and her family. Janelle's grandmother, Ilona Hensel, passed away on December 23 in Pennsylvania at the age of 94.

**Keep in your prayers** – Jeremiah Cordero, Richard Mestler- at home, Al Tolsma- recovering from eye surgery, Mary Landel, Joyce Moser, Bob Kreib, Rita Arnold, Carol Teresi, Patty Keller, Charles Terranova, Joe & Carolyn Day, Janet Hill, Elvira Gonzalez, Florence Stengel, Fred & Lynda Painton, Castellino family.

Keep the church consultation process and planning team in your prayers as we move to determining goals will be achievable in the coming year or two and designing strategies for achieving them.

Pray for the coming together of all nations.

Pray for Chris Maliken, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson – all serve in the US Navy

### **This Week at Christ Church**

**Church Office – Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm, Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon**

Friday, December 23 - 7 p.m. – Game Night

Sunday, January 1 - 11 am – New Year's Day Worship – Covenant & Communion



### **Opportunities to Make A Difference**

#### **Food Pantry –**

**January 1 – Cereal (hot/cold/bars)**

**January 8 – Canned Meats**

**Hunger doesn't take a vacation over the holidays!!**

All food items are always needed to help stock local food pantries. Paper products and toiletries are welcome anytime. Grocery carts are available in the church for your donations.

## The Café is a connecting place.

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. Donations are welcome in the Café for use on Sunday mornings – baked goods, half & half, OJ, fruit & cookies are useful!

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## *Coming Soon...Mark your calendar*

### Faith Xpress

There will be no FaithXpress on New Year's Day. Sunday, January 8 begins the theme: "Follow The Star", kicking off the new year with an Epiphany party at 10 am to include stories and cookie baking.

### Dumpster Day!

On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Trustees and any other willing volunteers will be cleaning out the corners, closets and other hiding places around Christ Church! If you or your team have things you've been long "storing" around Church, please label it or ask the office to add it to the list of things to save. Otherwise, it's out to the dumpster!

### Community Youth – Lights! Camera! Action!

The Community Youth group will be meeting on Sundays, January 8 & 22 to make a movie! All middle and high school youth are invited to meet at the church at 1 pm.



### Men's Group

The next meeting of the CUMC Men's Group will be January 14, 2017. During June 2016, the Fishers took a tour through the spectacular Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park in the US and were able to fulfill a wish that had been on their bucket list for some time. They will show pictures and tell about their experiences as they traveled through Glacier NP and scenic destinations in Canada that included Lake Louise, Jasper National Park and Banff. The presentation will take place in the Christ Church Wesley Room beginning at 10:30am and will be followed by lunch at the Eagle House restaurant in Williamsville. We can car pool to the restaurant. All CUMC men, their wives, guests and others interested in seeing and hearing about this beautiful part of North America are welcomed! Please RSVP for lunch to the Fishers at: 839-2486 or send an email to: [ebcsfisher@aol.com](mailto:ebcsfisher@aol.com).

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“I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.” -Neil Gaiman