

**Christ United Methodist Church
Snyder, New York**

“Living Christ’s ways and exploding with love and service”

**UPDATE
January 23, 2013**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH
9:00 – Praise Celebration Worship
10:00 – FaithXpress and Soul Strength and AOL
11:00 – Traditional Style Worship**

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Here is what is happening at Church:

On Sunday we offered prayer for our friends who are traveling in Israel(left on Monday) They include Ed and Cindy Fisher, Don and Barbara Critoph, Barbara Carier, Marion Rowlands and BJ Norrix. They are joined by Rev Davis Matovu from Uganda and some travelers from Christ Community Church, Syracuse. Continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers over these ten days as they gain new meaning and understanding of where Jesus walked and what he taught and how we live as Christ followers today. We’ll have an opportunity to hear from our travelers during the Lenten Supper & Study series beginning Ash Wednesday, February 13 and continuing through Holy Week. By video we too will stop by the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, travel on to Capernaum and Jerusalem and perhaps find ourselves transformed as we journey. Along the way we’ll listen to Jesus teach and spend time with his friends. Our friends who are traveling in Israel will share their insights and reflections from their first-hand experiences.

I hope you’ll make time in your schedule to join in this Lenten journey to a greater commitment to Jesus as the center of your life and faith.

Lenten Supper & Study
Walking In The Footsteps of Jesus
Wednesdays, February 13 – March 27

5pm supper begins (*join in any time*) Discussion begins approx 6pm

1. Attendance last Sunday was 150. The choir celebrated Mozart’s birthday by singing some of his compositions. During the Children’s Moment the children recalled the Bible story of the four friends who were so DETERMINED to get their friend to Jesus to be healed that they lowered him through a whole in the roof! Thank you, Tom McCray for sharing this story during FaithXpress. We also enjoyed a conversation with Kevin Johnston who was born with a unique heart. Kevin’s DETERMINATION and never give up attitude helped him do school work and play sports that were much easier for others. His encouragement and desire to help others through difficult challenges makes him a HERO. We closed the Children’s Moment by singing our Hero Blessing and the children are learning motions with Lynn Ramsey. During FaithXpress the children made garden stones to help encourage visitors to our

Celebration Garden. Thank you to Scott Smith Bill Bauza, Diane Klenk, Sharon Ferrelli and all who helped with this project.

2. This year's Confirmation Class includes **Julie Sciolino** and **Hannah Smith** along with their mentors, **Kathy Weaver** and **Mary Ball**. Keep them and their families in your prayers and encourage them as we all grow in faith and learn more about the church community.
3. Each Sunday at 10:00 A.O.L.(Adult Opportunities for Learning) – is studying Leslie Wetherhead's classic The Will of God discussion led by Roger Johnson

4.. In our Prayers: Tom Brunner (upcoming surgery February 5), Louise Barber, Diane Lovejoy (recovering from rotator cuff surgery); Don Munson, Nicky Sebastiano, Bim Rowlands- now getting out when weather permits, Marian Steve, Ruth Kitson, Jan Beckwith, Mitch Mooney, Jean DiDomenico – remember those looking for work, families in crisis, and all in harm's way.

5. This Week at Christ Church:

Tuesday, January 29-Deborah Circle –12 noon
Program: Kathy Weaver* –Uganda Mission Trip

**Please note that Kathy has started a fund to provide a well in Uganda that will cost approx \$9,000. If you'd like to contribute to that fund that will provide clean water and prevent disease make checks payable to Christ Church and put Uganda Well in the memo line. Your help is appreciated.*

Wednesday, Choir 7:30 pm

Friday, February 1 – Books We Have Loved 10am Wesley Rm

MYM Board meets 12 noon in the Wesley Rm

Saturday, February 2 – Spaghetti Dinner @ CUMC 5-7pm

Bel Canto Fundraiser

Sunday, February 3- Rev. Jim Pollard will preach on the theme, "Called Beyond The Boundaries" and offer Communion at both the 9am Praise Celebration & 11 am Traditional Worship Celebration

10 am -FaithXpress – continues Hero Quest

A.O.L. continues "The Will of God"

Confirmation students & mentors meet

12:30 pm- Young Musicians Group

3-6 pm Youth Group to City Mission

6. **Upcoming Birthdays...**

Happy Birthday to Sara Thomas Reagan Jan 31), Barbara Burr (Feb 3rd),
Marion Rowlands (Feb 3rd), Kelsey Reed (Feb 4th)

Celebrating Anniversaries...

Mary Jane and Peter Shanley - February 2nd - 50 years!

Julie and Gregg Janecek – February 14th

7. **Dress our People Sewing "Bee"**

February 3 from 12:30 to 2:30 – making cancer caps for American Cancer Society and Roswell and Tube Pillowcases for the Ronald McDonald House. Contact Molly Butler for more information.

8. **Mid Years + and Ministry Soup & Sandwich Lunch & Magic Show**

February 10 12 noon - contact Marcia Snyder at 741-6901 for details

9. Jazz with Ron Corsaro Trio and Friends

February 10 at 7:30 pm - -. Concert sponsored by the youth group.
Proceeds go to the youth summer mission trip.

10. Hand To Plow

Christ Church is participating in a church revitalization training experience called *"Hand to Plow"*. The training will involve 9 sessions for clergy and 4 sessions for clergy and laity teams from participating congregations. 10 to 12 people are needed to participate. **The first gathering is Saturday, February 9 at Camp Asbury from 10 to 4 (includes lunch)** This is one of the ways our shared ministries dollars work for us). The remaining three sessions will be at Camp Asbury on April 13, September 28 and November 23 (all Saturdays). If God is calling you to be a part of this experience, please see me and I'll give you a book to get started.

11. Trustees wish list:

Here are some things the Christ Church Board of Trustees is planning for in 2013. If you can help with one of these see Tom Weaver:

1. New Lawn Tractor – Commercial Grade with bagger **cared for**
2. New Flowering Trees for the Celebration Garden **cared for**
3. Gas Powered Edge Trimmer
4. Multi-Ladder (currently borrowing Dave Wolf's ladder)
5. Parking Lot Repaving
6. Sanctuary Wing Hot Water Tank
7. Refurbish Sanctuary wing restrooms

And for the parsonage:

1. Gas stove/range
2. Back Yard Deck
3. Re-Wallpaper Guest Bedroom (now a TV room) **cared for**
4. Lawn mower (so Pastor can mow the lawn)

Again, contact Tom Weaver if you would like to make any of these wishes come true.

11. February 13 is ASH WEDNESDAY

5 pm Lenten Supper & Study – Walking In The Footsteps of Jesus

6:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP is at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. We will offer a service of repentance and reflection. The imposition of ashes will be available for those who wish to avail themselves of this ancient symbol of mortality and repentance.

Thanks for reading!

With Joy!
Sally

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