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"Living Christ's ways and exploding with love and service"

UPDATE: June 17, 2013

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

9:00 – Praise Celebration Worship

11:00 – Traditional Style Worship

FaithXPress/Soul Strength and A.O.L. will resume in September

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Hi Everyone:

Pastor BJ, his wife Karen and his parents, Bob & Lorna, are on their way to Newfoundland on vacation. Keep them in your prayers for a time to relax, enjoy family and be inspired by beautiful scenery and a sense of homecoming for BJ's mom.

Beginnings seems to be a theme for us at Christ Church as we've celebrated milestones of Confirmation for Julie Sciolino and Hannah Smith, marriage for Kathleen Morris and Steven Mong, Baptism for 6 yr. old Giovanni Castellno, honoring the graduates of 2013 and a memorial service for Curt Barber. Each celebration and remembrance marks a completion and at the same time a fresh start...a new beginning. We are in a relationship with the God of new beginnings. Every day, no matter what's happening in us or around us, we have a fresh start, a new opportunity to be more than we once were. The opportunities stretch out before us and we get to choose the path we'll follow. What path are you following today?

Here is what is happening at church:

1. Today we begin summer hours for the church office. Office Manager, Rachel Vaughan, may be reached between **9am and 3pm** Monday through Friday now through mid-August.
2. Attendance at worship on Sunday was 126. Bill and Marg Bauza provided music and song for **both** the Praise service and the traditional service. Thank you!! Organist, Elizabeth Curtis is taking a summer vacation break and our prayers are with her for a refreshing time away. We celebrated the baptism of Giovanni Castellino, son of Gaetano and Jamie. Gio's grandparents were also here to support him in this step of faith.
We also recognized our 2013 graduates...a stellar group of men and women who have BIG dreams and great plans for making the world a better place as they offer themselves and their gifts.
3. On Sunday, June 23 we'll welcome as our guests Ben and Laurel O'Conner. Ben and Laurel are seminary students at Drew Seminary in New Jersey. Their message entitled, "With A Little Help From My Friends," will be a dialogue based on readings from Judges 4:6-9, 14-17 and Romans 12:3-6a. I'm sure we'll do more than "get by" as we listen for the message God has for us through the O'Connors.
Looking ahead to Sunday, June 30, the Rev. Mark Abbott, his wife Diane and their family will be with us to share what God is doing through mission work in Spain. Christ Church supports the Abbott's in their work and we look forward to having them with us for worship.

Pastor BJ will return to worship at Christ Church on Sunday, July 7, and begin a sermon series on the 10 Commandments for today.

4. Celebration Walkway – In honor of the life of Don Jurewicz and the contribution he made to the life of Christ Church, a brick will be added to the walkway in the Celebration Garden. If you would like to contribute to this memorial gift, please make check payable to Christ church with “Don J. Brick” in the memo line. To learn more about the Celebration Garden walkway see information outside the Church Office.

4. In our prayers: family and friends of Curt Barber; Nicky Sebastiano-it's been wonderful to see her at worship recently, Marian Steve, Ruth Kitson, Ruth Luss, Shirley Downey- now residing at Terrace View at ECMC, Ed Maker, Doris Schanzlin, Carl and Jean Ericson, Gena Magoon, Art Gundlach, Mitch Mooney, Alice Schmidt, Diane Lovejoy, Greg Yungbluth; families in crisis, those looking for work. High School students finishing up exams and upcoming graduations.

5. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT takes place August 8 and 9 in Syracuse, New York. This Annual Leadership gathering is put on by the Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago, ILL. It is challenging, it is inspirational and it is highly educational. Go to <http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/speakers.asp> for a list of speakers at the event. Last year BJ, Rachel and I attended from Christ Church and will be participants again this year. We'd like some of you to join us. Registration is \$199 before June 25 (plus housing – though some can stay at my house or share a hotel room). Please contact Rachel at 839-2460 if you are interested.

6. This week at church:

Monday, June 17 - 6:30 pm CPR/AED Training in the Wesley Room.

Tuesday, June 18 - CET/VBS Planning Team

- HKC Community Picnic 6pm at the Harlem Rd Community Center. Food and entertainment by Magical John! Join us!

Thursday, June 20 - Caller Assembly Team at 9:30 am Wesley Room

- Rachel Circle meets at 11 am to carpool to summer home of Grace Markello

Friday, June 21 - Red Cross Blood Mobile 2-6 pm

Contact Geoff Hill with questions or to make an appointment.

- Family Promise Family at Crossroads Church -

Contact Lee Watson to help with meal/visiting with family

Saturday, June 22 - Bison's Baseball Star Wars Night 6pm Sponsored by UMMen.

Contact Jim Pollard to see if tickets are still available. 839-6548

Happy Birthday this week:

June 17 - Laura Smith

June 18 - Vinny Malpica, Andrew Rapini

June 19 - Taylor Ramsey

June 22 - Louise Barber, Donna Hammond, Emily (Nye) Heimer, Laura (Nye) Hagley,

June 23 - Sean Brown

Happy Anniversary this week:

June 18 - Jim and Linnea George 25 years

June 20 - Allen and Joan Lesswing 60 years

June 20 - Charles and Marion Wenner - 65 years

June 20 - Greg and Donna Yungbluth

June 22 - Chuck and Joanne Gilbert

Through the Bible in a year – this week's readings – I have recently posted introductions to the books of Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon on my blog: www.drjbithoughts.blogspot.com.

June 17 – 1 Kings 20-21; 2 Chronicles 17; Colossians 3

June 18 – 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18 & 19; Colossians 4

June 19 – 2 Kings 1-3; Psalm 82; 1 Timothy 1

June 20 – 2 Kings 4-5; Psalm 83; 1 Timothy 2

June 21 – 2 Kings 6-7; 2 Chronicles 20; 1 Timothy 3

June 22 – 2 Kings 8-9; 2 Chronicles 21; 1 Timothy 4

June 23 – 2 Kings 10; 2 Chronicles 22-23; 1 Timothy 5

June 24 – 2 Kings 11 & 12; 2 Chronicles 24; 1 Timothy 6

7. **THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER** (Northtowns) is underway. Here is a report from the Christ Church representatives: Dede Johnson, Kathy Weaver, Peggy Bermudez – if you wish to help with any of the items below see Dede, Kathy or Peggy!

1) Our "change a life" program continues. Donation jars are located at the back of the sanctuary, in the cafe and in the office. You can help change the life for victims of domestic violence by donating your spare change.

2) The FJC Northtowns group is looking for names of people/companies that can donate new items to help with the building project. Also people who can help with carpentry, putting in a new concrete walkway, building the handicap ramp to the back door, making or donating window treatments. If we have anyone in our congregation that can help with or provide possible contacts it would be very helpful.

3) **Volunteer skills forms are available in the Church office.** We need to have interested people fill it out asap and return it so the group knows what kind of volunteer work we can do verses paid contractors and vendors.

8. **Trustee's Wish List –**

If you can help with one of these see Tom Weaver:

1. Parking Lot Repaving
2. Sanctuary Wing Hot Water Tank
3. Refurbish Sanctuary wing restrooms

And for the parsonage:

1. Gas stove/range **rumor has it this is ready to go!! (thank you)**
2. Back Yard Deck

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

MISSION UPDATES:

1. **Amy Johnston** leaves in mission to the Dominican Republic on June 25. Keep Amy and her group in your prayers.

2. **Members of our Youth Group and their leaders** are preparing for the Confrontation Point, TN Mission trip in mid July. You can support them financially by enjoying the M&Ms they have available for the taking in the worship area. Then fill the plastic container with quarters and return to the church office. Direct contributions are also welcome. We have families with more than one youth participating on the mission trip which makes it more expensive. We hope to lower their cost through donations.

3. **The Uganda Mission team Pastor BJ, Pastor Clair Mosher, Kathryn Weaver, and Joe Fort** are seeking your prayers as they prepare for the Uganda Mission trip in November. We will have a big fund raising event in late September (20th or 27th) here at Christ church.

4. **Dress Our People** – Throughout the summer we will be making clothing to send to Uganda with this year's Uganda Mission Team. We currently need fabric for the larger size girl's dresses. On the Outreach bulletin board in Craft's Hall are tags with different needs listed that should be taken if you are planning to fill that need. Fabric should be turned in by June 15; then we will begin cutting out dresses. T-shirts should be turned in by August 15.

There are packets of dresses in the Dress Our People mailbox outside the church office. Instructions included.

*Don't forget **Everywhere Fun Fair ,Vacation Bible School** - July 15-19! M-F 9am-noon
Pre K- Grade 6 To register call 839-2460 Cost \$15 per child (max \$30 per family)

Community Fun Fair on Saturday, July 20 10 am to noon

Here's some ways you might help... We need

*maps -*any kind that you won't want returned to you*

*decorating items- *we can borrow related to Mexico, Japan, Zimbabwe, UK and Australia*

***\$\$** donations - *to support our community fun fair.*

We hope to rent a popcorn machine and a photo booth from Nova Photo

*Juice - 100% orange, apple , lemonade

*stickers - that relate to the world and neighbors

* band aids, small hand lotion, small hand sanitizer, small combs, small size shampoo, new toothbrushes singularly wrapped, small size toothpaste, bars of soap. (for care kits)

*bean bags

As you go through the coming week be aware of your neighbors, friends and colleagues. In what way do they make a difference in your life each day? Take time to show appreciation for their help, their support, their encouragement and the reassurance and friendship they provide with their presence. What would you do without them? What would they do without you? Are you living "*with a little help from your friends*"??

See you in church and around the town!

With Joy,

Sally

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