## Weekly Update: June 21, 2016

#### A Word About Our Pastor – From Ed Fisher – Staff-Parish Relations Team

I am pleased to announce that our pastor beginning July 1 will be Rev. James Pollard. He has been appointed by the Bishop to serve in the capacity of **Interim Pastor** of CUMC for a period of up to one year. During that time, he will use his gifts and graces to work with us to develop a plan to revitalize our church and prepare it for the future. It is a real joy to welcome Jim in this capacity. He has also promised to remain in the choir! Finally, I want to thank you, the congregation, for your patience during this time of uncertainty and I am sure that everyone, especially the SPR Team, is relieved that we are finally able to make this announcement.

## 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.

<u>June 21</u>: Esther 1-3; Acts 5:1-16 <u>June 22</u>: Esther 4-6; Acts 5:17-42 <u>June 23</u>: Esther 7-10; Acts 6 <u>June 24</u>: Job 1-3; Acts 7:1-19 <u>June 25</u>: Job 4-6; Acts 7:20-43 <u>June 26</u>: Job 7-9; Acts 7:44-60 <u>June 27</u>: Job 10-12; Acts 8:1-25

## **In Our Prayers**

Carol Corsaro, Ed Maker, Chris Klenk, John Yungbluth – recovering at home; Patty Keller, John Lopez, Charles Terranova Richard Mestler, Guy Ferrelli, Fred Painton, Gaetano Castellino Sr. Elvira Gonzalez, Glenn Hurst Pastor Darryl & Pauline and their family - in this time of transition to their new church and new home in Lockport. Alex Dunbar, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson\* (deployed) - all serve in the US Navy

Pray for people of Orlando, FL

Pray for students, teachers and administrators as the school year comes to a close

## Graduates of 2016 -

High School - Kayleen Hannon, Brandon Miller, Leanne Paddock

## College – Sean Brown, Guy Castellino

# And the following extended family and friends – Samantha Hemenger, Allison Hess, Erik Lipa, Luke Mahr, Collin Schanzlin, Mackenzie Schanzlin

**Joy!** We celebrate with Billy & Katie Worthy as they entered into marriage on June 18. We also celebrate with Christopher Maliken and Kristy Nivens, who recently became engaged.

## This Week at Christ Church

## Summer Office Hours begin –

#### Janelle Martin will be available in the Church Office M –Th – 9 am to 3 pm; F – 9 am to 12 noon

Tuesday, June 21 -	VBS preparations – Art Room - AM & PM
	Rachel Circle – Summer Picnic
	7 pm – Stewardship & Finance Team
Wednesday, June 22 -	6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal
Friday, June 24 -	<ul><li>7 pm – Game Night</li><li>7 pm - Benefit for Patty Keller @ Eagle's Club, Depew</li></ul>
Sunday, June 26 -	9 am & 11 am – Worship –
	Preaching - Peggy Bermudez, Lay Leader
	Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

## **Opportunities to Make A Difference**

Food Pantry - suggested items:

June 19 – Canned Fruits & Vegetables June 26 – Juices & Powdered Drinks

All food items, **paper products** and **toiletry items** are welcome anytime. Grocery carts are available in the church for your donations. Thank you!

## **Summer Sundays - Host the Cafe**

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.

## **Celebration Brick Walkway**

Donations are being received to add bricks to the walkway in the Celebration Garden to honor our former Pastors:

Sinnathamby Thevanesan B.J. Norrix

**Darryl Barrow** 

Simply mark your contributions "Brick Walkway"

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## **Vacation Bible School**

July 11 – 15 9 am – 12 Noon

Pre-K – Grade 5 (completed)

Register online at

http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/christchurchamherstny

Or call the church office at 839-2460

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." — C.S. Lewis