

Weekly Update: June 7, 2016

A Word From Pastor Darryl

This past Sunday was my last “First Sunday” here at Christ Church before beginning my new pastoral appointment at Lockport: Emmanuel UMC. The theme of last Sunday’s message was “*Do Not Weep.*” In Luke’s Gospel chapter 7:11-17 Jesus saw a widowed, desolate mother, had compassion for her, thinking perhaps of his own mother reputedly widowed at an early age. “*Do not weep,*” he told her. Her tears for her son no doubt now intermingling with the endless salty tears shed for her husband; and in the continuing drama risking ceremonial impurity, he reached out, touched the bier and possibly the body, and the procession halted...why? Two processions - one going into Nain and headed up by Jesus, the Lord of Life; the other going out of Nain and headed up by death. Jesus showed his deep compassion for the widow’s suffering. Jesus always had compassion for people. We see it time and time again in Scripture. He healed people, fed them, he embraced them and was concerned for people’s well-being. The role of the Church is similar. We are to show compassion on people and to help ease their suffering as best we can. The Church is to be the voice of those who have no voice in society; we are to be the hands and feet of Christ in the community and in the world, not looking for anything in return. “*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden,*” said Jesus. The Church is to be the beacon, a light that shines in this darkened world to lead people to safety, to bring them home, and into the loving arms of God. This is our mission. This is the Gospel in a nutshell; Jesus was raised from the dead, not so he would have life but that we would have life. The earthly ministry of Jesus is meant to be a model for us on how we are to live our lives. Jesus never did anything for himself, he sacrificed himself for others, he provided for others before he even provided for himself, and this is what we are called to do not only as individuals but as the church. We are church when our attention turns outside these walls to the community that exists, not within the church alone, but outside the church. Yes, we need to care for each other, but that comes after we care for others. This is the essence of the Gospel. This is the life of a Christian, and this is the purpose of the Church. Just as Jesus brought hope to the widow who had lost her son, we need to bring hope into the world that has lost hope. Just as Jesus told the woman not to weep, we need to help the world, one person at a time, and bring them hope so they will not weep. *Do not weep* because the God that created you loves you and cares for you and wants you to know God’s love, Christ Church! This Gospel story is a story of unconditional grace, and hope and love – it is no mistake that Christ Church has as our mission statement – “*living Christ’s ways and exploding in love and service!*” As always, I am praying for you and with you daily. May God’s love and blessings be always with you, and my love to all of you. Invite someone to join us for worship this Sunday!

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.

June 7: 2 Chronicles 23-25; John 16:16-33

June 8: 2 Chronicles 26-28; John 17

June 9: 2 Chronicles 29-31; John 18:1-23

June 10: 2 Chronicles 32-33; John 18:24-40

June 11: 2 Chronicles 34-36; John 19:1-22

June 12: Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42

June 13: Ezra 3-5; John 20

In Our Prayers

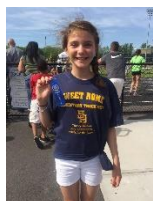
Ed Maker – Now home from the hospital; **John Yungbluth** – injured in motorcycle crash
Please keep **Ariana Castellino** in your prayers. Her mother, Danielle Hoos, died on Sunday June 5.
Our sympathy & prayers are with **Donna Hammond** on the death of her brother, Ron Trammell and
with the family of the **Rev. Richard (Dick) Harrington**, who served Christ Church as an Associate
Pastor in 1961 and as Senior Pastor from 1980-1988. Dick died on May 25 at the age of 85 years. A
memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 2 pm at the Fairport UMC.

**Guy Ferrelli, Fred Painton, Patty Keller, John Lopez, Carol Corsaro, Gaetano Castellino Sr.
Charles Terranova, Elvira Gonzalez, Glenn Hurst**

New pastor appointment process

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



Ashley Miller won the 400 meter race for all of the Sweethome Elementary
School 5th Grade Girls.

Pam Elberson and Kevin Johnston

Received **Spirit Awards** from the Cheektowaga Adapted
Recreation Program. Pam and Kevin were recognized for their
positive attitude, hard work, willingness to lend a hand and overall
enthusiasm for their fellow athletes.



Way to go Ashley, Pam and Kevin!!

This Week at Christ Church

- Tuesday, June 7 - VBS preparations – Art room AM & PM
Outreach Team – 7 pm
- Wednesday, June 8 - 6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, June 9 - 10 am – Life Lessons Bible Study with Pastor Darryl
7 pm – Staff-Relations Team
- Friday, June 10 Family Promise at Crossroads Lutheran Church 4:30-9:30 pm
- Saturday, June 11 Health Insurance Presentation – 10:30 am
- Sunday, June 12 - 9 am & 11 am – Worship

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Food Pantry - suggested items:

June 5 – Kid's Snacks June 12 – Tuna, Pasta, Cream of Mushroom Soup

*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.

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Health & Wellness

Workshop - Navigating Health Insurance **Saturday, June 11 at 10:30 am**

Geoff Hill will help you navigate the complex health insurance network. Bring your laptop and Geoff will walk you through the information and options. **Call Geoff Hill (839-3052) or the church office (839-2460) if you plan to attend so that we have enough copies of paper work.**

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A Date With Darryl Sunday, June 19

Join in a celebration of the ministry of Pastor Darryl Barrow on Sunday, June 19. It will be a special day for honoring Darryl's ministry and presence with and among us and for sending Darryl, Pauline and their family off to their new church and new home in Lockport.

**Worship at 9 and 11 am
Party at noon!**

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Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 19 * Note change of date

If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please send the information in to the church office by **Wednesday, June 15**



The phrase “do not be afraid” is written in the Bible 365 times. That’s a daily reminder from God to live everyday being fearless.