

Weekly Update: May 17, 2016

On **Pentecost Sunday/ Make A Difference Day** we got out of our locked rooms and closed up lives to make a way for others. Teams of people went out to bake, cook, craft, clean up, lift, organize, receive donations, mow, mulch, package, photograph, prepare, shred, visit and welcome! *Whew!!*

Here are some responses...

*THANK YOU members of the Christ United Methodist Church who joined the **University Heights Arts Association** to help prepare and package art packets for the ARTcovz program. Held in the Community Room at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 21 people created dozens of packets for the ARTcovz. In addition, the parish made a large donation of art supplies to the UHAA to benefit the ARTcovz and Art Booth programs. We look forward to unveiling a large ARTcovz on the grounds of their parish(CUMC), where numerous community programs take place.

* A big Thank You to everyone who donated great salads, desserts, money and their help to make our lunch a success. Couldn't have done it without you very generous ladies!! **Donna Hammond**

*It was so great to meet you, Jaden and I really enjoyed ourselves today. I think it was good for Jaden to be a part of everything. He was really inspired by all the Seneca Street Church does for their community, as was I. We definitely plan on going back there to help.

We enjoyed the lunch and everyone we met there as well. Everyone was very welcoming. We plan to come back to visit sometime soon. It's a bit of a drive for us so it's a little difficult but we will definitely be back.

I just have to say that I've never been involved in the church much or considered myself a religious person but a few weeks ago after a rough day, I prayed on the way home. I prayed for guidance and help finding my "path." The chain of events that played out in the following weeks ending with today, at 2 churches, has been profound to me, to say the least... following through with finding volunteer work for the two of us, led me to today, where I was welcomed kindly and with open arms. I look forward to seeing where life takes us next and hopefully seeing...all the other wonderful people we met today again soon....It was nice to give back and be a part of the community. ...and hopefully opened up a door to a new life for us. **Thank you again! Karen**

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.

May 17: 2 Kings 18-19; John 6:22-44

May 18: 2 Kings 20-22; John 6:45-71

May 19: 2 Kings 23-25; John 7:1-31

May 20: 1 Chronicles 1-2; John 7:32-53
May 21: 1 Chronicles 3-5; John 8:1-20
May 22: 1 Chronicles 6-7; John 8:21-36
May 23: 1 Chronicles 8-10; John 8:37-59

In Our Prayers

Fred Painton, Patty Keller, John Lopez, Nancy & Frank Annunciata, Carol Corsaro, Gaetano Castellino Sr.; Elvira Gonzalez – now living at Brompton Heights; Glenn Hurst and Ed Maker – at home;

Family & Friends of **Mary Mowry** (wife of Rev. Clytus Mowry, pastor at Christ Church 1965-68) who died on May 7.

New pastor appointment process

General Conference in Portland, OR – Pastor Darryl participating with the Connectional Table Alex Dunbar, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson* (deployed) – all serve in the US Navy

This Week at Christ Church

Tuesday, May 17 – 12 noon – Rachel Circle at Asbury Pointe
7 pm – Christian Education team

Wednesday, May 18 – 6 pm – Alzheimer’s Assoc. Program
6:30 pm – Praise Team rehearsal
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19 - 10:00 am – Life Lessons

Friday, May 20 - 8:45 am – 3:30 pm – AARP Safe Driver Course

Saturday, May 21 - 10 am – Crafting For A Cause

Sunday, May 22 - 9 am & 11 am - Worship - *“Reclaiming Our Wesleyan Vitality:
The Secret of Abundant Living”*
10 am – Appreciation Gathering (CETeam)
Noon – Trustees Meeting

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Food Pantry - suggested items:

May 22 – Toiletries May 29 – Soups & Stews

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

Offer Hospitality - Host the Café

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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Follow along with General Conference

You can participate in all that is happening May 10-20, 2016, in Portland, Oregon. General Conference is the global gathering of The United Methodist Church, and there are plenty of ways for you to be involved. - See more at: <http://um-insight.net/general-conference/2016-general-conference/every-united-methodist-can-be-part-of-general-conference-201/#sthash.SLHHxiGP.dpuf>

Our computers, phones, and tablets are giving us more ways to stay connected with General Conference than ever before.

Bookmark the website. GC2016.UMC.org is the source for everything about General Conference 2016. News, blogs, resources, videos and photos about everything happening at General Conference are available in this central location. United Methodist Communications will update this page throughout the General Conference with the latest news and daily summaries that share the highlights of each day.

Watch the live stream. Whenever the conference is in session, GC2016.UMC.org will feature live streaming video where you will be able to watch the voting, worship, speeches, and celebrations happening on the floor of General Conference. The feed will be available in English, French, and American Sign Language. The schedule is available online, just remember all times listed are Pacific Time Zone, and you may have to adjust.

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Upcoming events...



**Healthy Living for your Brain and Body:
Tips from the latest research**

Wednesday, May 18 6-7 pm in the Café

Appreciation Gathering – Sunday, May 22 10-11am

Members of the Christian Education Team will honor those who have given of their time and shared their gifts as leaders at FaithXpress during the past year. The gathering takes place in

the Parlor beginning at 10 am. Join us for this informal time to recognize and express our appreciation for the love and care shown to the children and youth.

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Summer Jazz Vespers

With the

Ron Corsaro Jazz Trio

Sunday, May 22

4:30 pm

Meal to follow

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Sacred, Secular and Comedy Concert

Sunday June 5

4:00 pm – Reception to follow

With

Valerian Ruminiski

Singing songs from all genres as well as a preview of music from the musical “SHOT” a story of the events of the 1901 Pan American Expo and the death of President McKinley, part of Buffalo history.

Contact Carol Teresi for details.

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“She thought of the Good Shepherd with His sheep. Of the Man hanging upon the cross. And the understanding bubbled up within her soul:

He makes all things new.”

— Alicia G. Ruggieri, *The Fragrance of Geraniums*