

# Weekly Update – October 12, 2016

## 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.

October 11: Isaiah 45-47; Colossians 3

October 12: Isaiah 48-49; Colossians 4

October 13: Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thessalonians 1

October 14: Isaiah 53-55; 1 Thessalonians 2

October 15: Isaiah 56-58; 1 Thessalonians 3

October 16: Isaiah 59-61; 1 Thessalonians 4

October 17: Isaiah 62-64; 1 Thessalonians 5

October 18: Isaiah 65-66; 2 Thessalonians 1

## In Our Prayers

**Joy!** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping Offering –

\$152.00 to benefit the **Community Youth Group**

**Joy!** Community Youth Group Candy Sale –

\$260 to benefit **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**

Our sympathy and prayers are with **Ruth & Bill Swenson** on the death of their daughter, **Claudia**, on Friday, October 7 in Florida.

Carol Teresi, Beth Sweet, Bob Kreib, Glenn Hurst – Comfort care at Beechwood, Guy Castellino

Sr.- rehab, Sister's Hospital, Jean Ericson – at home at Asbury Pointe, Charles Terranova,

Alicia Ticconi, Patty Keller, Carolyn Day, Janet Hill, Susan Schauer, Elvira Gonzalez, Florence

Stengel, Richard Mestler, Fred & Lynda Painton, Castellino Family

Chris Maliken, Alex Dunbar, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson – all serve in the US Navy

## This Week at Christ Church

New Church Office hours in effect

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday & Thursday – 9am to Noon**

Wednesday, October 12 - 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13 - “Caller” Newsletter deadline  
6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, October 14 - 10 am – Books We Have Loved  
*Book review by Ross Markello – Hillbilly Elegy*  
Circle of Joy weekend retreat

Saturday, October 15 - Railroad Tour by UM Men& friends  
9:15 am carpool from church  
Circle of Joy weekend retreat

Sunday, October 16 - 9 am – Casual Praise  
**10 am – FaithXpress – God’s Creation Story**  
11 am – Traditional Worship

## **Opportunities to Make A Difference**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping offering**

On the second Sunday of each month a second offering will be received during Sunday morning worship to support a new ministry, service project or plan that will make a difference for others. Put your creative mind to work and offer your suggestions for a 2<sup>nd</sup> helping!

### **Uganda Wells of Love**



An anonymous donor has generously agreed to make a matching gift to the Wells of Love project in Uganda!! All gifts *up to \$5,000* will be matched to provide clean, safe drinking water to remote areas of Uganda. Your gift makes a difference! Donations and questions can be directed to the church office or Kathy Weaver.

## Serving Veterans

During October the following items are being collected for men & women at the local Veterans Hospital...Socks, Underwear, Towels, V-neck T-Shirts, Toiletries, Throws or lap blankets, Gift cards (McDonalds, K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Tops, Wegmans – Please give to Diane Klenk or the church office) Audio Books and DVDs are also collected. There's a bin at the back of the worship space. Got questions? Call Diane Klenk at 651-0236

**Food Pantry** - suggested items:

**October 9 - Pancake Mix**  
**October 16 – Canned Fruits and Vegetables**

All food items are always needed. Paper products and toiletries are welcome anytime. Grocery carts are available in the church for your donations. Thank you!

**Blood Mobile –**



**Friday, October 28 2-6 pm**  
Call Geoff Hill at 316-1522 to donate or to volunteer

## Coat/Winter Hats, Mittens

During October we're collecting warm coats, hats, mittens, scarves, boots, for Seneca St United Methodist Church located in the Seneca-Babcock area of Buffalo. Warm items will be given to neighbors in need. Look for bins in Crafts Hall.

## Operation Christmas Child

Bring smiles to children around the world by filling a shoebox with toys and gifts. Pick up boxes at church and **return filled boxes by November 6**. Instructions are included inside the box.



## Hospitality & Welcome

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.

**Café** – Donations are welcome in the Café for use on Sunday mornings – baked goods, half & half, oj, fruit & cookies are useful!



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## **Harvest Dinner**

**Friday, October 21**

**4:30 – 7 pm**

*Roast Pork dinner and homemade desserts!*

### **Pastor Appreciation Lunch on Sunday, November 6th**

**On Sunday, November 6th, at noon, the Staff-Parish Relations Team will host a potluck luncheon to celebrate Rev. Jim Pollard's ministry among us. Please bring a dish to share and a card or note of appreciation for Jim. We are thankful for all Jim is doing as our pastor and as our partner in mission and ministry at Christ Church!**

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Pray as you can, not as you can't.

It's not that all depends on the one that prays, but that all depends on the ONE to whom the prayers are offered.

“Faith does not insulate us from the turmoil of human living – hope always comes hard. Praying always without losing heart is part of the struggle of faith. It's a willed determination that God can be relied upon – even when I, the pray-er, am all too conscious of my hesitance, my insecurity and my poverty of motivation....There is no way to by-pass what life brings – keep hopeful, keep prayerful, keep at it.” ~ Christopher Burkett, *Preacher Rhetorica*