

Weekly Update – October 26, 2016

A Personal Word ...

What makes for a vital church, a fruitful congregation? In a book titled *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase offers the following practices:

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- Extravagant Generosity

Bishop Schnase asks this question: “How would your church look if your congregation committed to performing these five practices with excellence? “ It’s a question worth answering.

In Christ’s service,
Jim

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 26: Jeremiah 17-19; 1 Timothy 6

October 27: Jeremiah 20-22; 2 Timothy 1

October 28: Jeremiah 23-24; 2 Timothy 2

October 29: Jeremiah 25-26; 2 Timothy 3

October 30: Jeremiah 27-28; 2 Timothy 4

October 31: Jeremiah 29-30; Titus 1

November 1: Jeremiah 31-32; Titus 2

In Our Prayers

A note from Beth Sweet—

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and thoughts in the last weeks. My foot is healing well. I have also retired and moved and wanted to share my contact info with you. My address is now 8519 County Route 87, Hammondsport, NY 14840. My phone is [716-207-1849](tel:716-207-1849) and my email is bthswt@twc.com. I will miss all of you very much, as you are truly my family. God bless!!

Joy! Chris and Diane Klenk have a new great-grandchild! Nathaniel Isaac was born on Friday, October 18 to Chris's granddaughter Morgan Cermak.

Bob Kreib, Ann Burdette, Gaetano Castellino Sr., the Ortman and Hurst families, Rita Arnold, Carol Teresi, Patty Keller, Charles Terranova, Carolyn Day, Janet Hill, Susan Schauer, Elvira Gonzalez, Florence Stengel, Richard Mestler, Fred & Lynda Painton

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

We offer our sympathy and prayers for Hazel Getman and her family on the death of her husband, Jack, this past week. A memorial service will be held in Florida.

This Week at Christ Church

New Church Office hours in effect

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

Tuesday, October 25 - 7 pm Worship/Altar Guild Team

Wednesday, October 26 - 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27 - 6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, October 28 - 2 - 6 pm – Bloodmobile

7 pm – Game Night

Saturday, October 29 - 8 am to 1 pm – Retreat with Church Consultant

Sunday, October 30 - 9 am – Casual Praise

10 am – FaithXpress

11 am – Traditional Style Worship

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Blood Mobile –



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

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

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.

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, November 4
*All proceeds will go to the
Wells of Love Project*
5 – 7 p.m.
Adults - \$10, Children - \$5



Food Pantry - suggested items:

October 23 – Stuffing Mix & Mashed Potatoes (instant)
October 30 – Cranberry Sauce & Brownie Mixes

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!

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, fruit & cookies are useful!

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.

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Merry Christ-Mess... ...Beyond Time

All children, youth and adults are invited to join in telling the story of Jesus' birth through this year's Christmas pageant. You'll be amazed at what is found in the Christmas storage room.



Meet with Director, Margaret Mugel, as the fun unfolds **each Sunday morning at 10 am** in the Music Room on the lower level. There's a part for everyone!
(speaking, non-speaking parts and playing instruments)

Only God can turn a mess into a message!

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