

## Weekly Update: September 27, 2016

### A Personal Word ... From Jim Pollard

#### *Water for Life...*

Through Kathy Weaver, Christ UMC has been invited to share in a project that will provide funds for fresh water wells in Uganda, perhaps as much as \$10,000. All funds raised, up to a total of \$5,000, will be matched by an anonymous donor. As of last week a total of \$550 has been contributed.

The project is administered through Erwin First UMC in Syracuse, where Christ Church's former pastor, Rev. B.J. Norrix, is now serving. B.J. will see that the funds will be used to accomplish the drilling of wells in Uganda, where he makes an annual mission and teaching visit. You will recall that a similar project was completed through Christ UMC during B.J.'s service at Christ UMC.

How can we rise to the challenge? Here's the suggestion that I made in my sermon on Sunday:

***Between now and October 30, every time you turn on a faucet at home, put \$1.00 in a glass. Then, at the end of the month, send a check for the glassful of money to: Erwin First United Methodist Church, 920 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210, marked Uganda Well Challenge.***

We have abundant water, and it is easy to forget the lack of water in many parts of the world. Sally and I now have a water glass next to our kitchen faucet. We started making the \$1.00 deposits yesterday. I expect that the glass will overflow by October 30, and that the well or wells that will be completed will overflow with life for the people of Uganda.

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.

September 27: Isaiah 10-12; Galatians 5

September 28: Isaiah 13-15; Galatians 6

September 29: Isaiah 16-18; Ephesians 1

September 30: Isaiah 19-21; Ephesians 2

October 1: Isaiah 22-23; Ephesians 3

October 2: Isaiah 24-26; Ephesians 4

October 3: Isaiah 27-28; Ephesians 5

## What are you wondering about??

## What topics would you like to explore?

Subjects may range from theology and doctrine, worship practices, interfaith understanding, the Bible as a whole or particular books or sections of the Bible, Christian art and symbolism, spiritual practices, religion and science, music and the arts, the church and public policy, history of Methodism, comparative religion, mission, prayer and devotional life.

I'd like to study/explore \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to Jim Pollard at [jmpump21@aol.com](mailto:jmpump21@aol.com), or Sally Pollard [sjpjoy@aol.com](mailto:sjpjoy@aol.com)  
or send to **Christ UMC, 350 Saratoga Rd., Amherst, NY 14226** **by Oct 2**

## In Our Prayers

**JOY!** Day of Dance event resulted in \$1356 going to Family Promise of WNY, Habitat for Humanity Buffalo and the Alzheimer's Association. Many thanks to all who planned, shopped, set up, over saw snacks, offered child care and of course, the dancers!

Carol Teresi, Beth Sweet, Bob Kreib, Glenn Hurst – Wesley Rehab, Guy Castellino Sr.- Sister's Hospital, Jean Ericson – MF Suburban, Charles Terranova, Alicia Ticconi, Patty Keller, Carolyn Day, Janet Hill, Susan Schauer, Elvira Gonzalez, Florence Stengel, Richard Mestler, Guy Ferrelli, Fred & Lynda Painton, Castellino Family

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

## This Week at Christ Church

Wednesday, September 28 – 11:30 AM- NCWC Lunch – Crafts Hall

7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 30 - 7 pm Game Night – Wesley Rm.

Saturday, October 1 - 10 am -United Methodist Women Breakfast  
Breadtime Stories with Chet Fery – Café  
RSVP to Mary Ball

Sunday, October 2 - World Communion Sunday

9 am – Informal Praise

**10 am – FaithXpress – God’s Creation Story**

11 am – Traditional Worship

1 pm – Community Youth Group – Candy Making

## **Opportunities to Make A Difference**

### **PINKTOBER Candy Sale**

The Community Youth (Middle & High School youth) will be making candy at their gathering this **Sunday, October 2 at 1 pm**. The candy will be available for sale at church on Sunday, October 9 to benefit **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**.

**To order candy in advance call the church office 839-2460 by Friday, September 30.**

Chocolate dipped Pretzel Rods w/pink drizzle and sprinkles \$1.50

Chocolate Covered Oreos w/ pink ribbon \$2

Pink Ribbon Chocolate Suckers \$1.50

Chocolate Covered Popcorn 3oz bag \$2

### **Newsboys Concert at The Chapel**

**Volunteers needed to help at a child sponsorship booth. Free admission to the concert is included.**

Date: September 29, 2016

Timeframe: 5-10:30pm

Description: ChildFund helper- students would be helping to aid ChildFund in getting children sponsored. Super easy job!

Location: The Chapel at Crosspoint.

-Also all volunteers MUST be at least 16 years old.

Contact Emily if interested in helping:

Emily Hefta, Volunteer Coordinator

[emily@loopevents.org](mailto:emily@loopevents.org)

[630-345-0755](tel:630-345-0755)

## Serving Our Veterans

Our local Veterans Hospital serves many veterans in the local area. They have various programs that serve the veterans who are hospitalized, those who are homeless and those who are outpatients. Since November 11 is Veterans Day, we would like to honor those who have served this country. Their need is great. Listed below are the items that they need. A box will be in the back of the Sanctuary for your donations.

### **The things that are needed are:**

- Socks
- Underwear
- T-Shirts – white, L-XXXL – v-neck
- Towels
- Toiletries such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors, mouthwash, nail clippers, body wash, combs, shaving cream, pocket mirrors, chap stick, etc.

### ***PLEASE NOTE: MOUTHWASH OR OTHER PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN ALCOHOL ARE NOT PERMITTED.***

- Gift cards to McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Tops Market (please give these to Diane Klenk or the Church Office, do not put them in the box.)
- Patriotic throws or lap blankets
- Audio Books
- DVD's

Questions? Contact Diane Klenk @ 651-0236.

## Seneca Street Coat Drive

Throughout the month of October Christ Church will be gathering gently used winter coats, hats, scarves, mittens and winter boots for the families at Seneca Street Church. Tubs will be available for items in Crafts Hall. Contact Debbie LaBerta with any questions (839-3276).

**Food Pantry** - suggested items:

**September 25 – Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant)**

**October 2 - Beans – canned and dried**

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, OJ, fruit & cookies are useful!

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“When you affirm big, believe big and pray big, putting faith into action, big things happen.”  
~Norman Vincent Peale