

Weekly Update: September 21, 2016

A Personal Word ... From Jim Pollard

Loving God With Our Mind...

We are called to love God with our heart, soul and strength – and our mind. As United Methodists, we are called to be thinking Christians – to grow and knowledge and understanding so that we can connect our faith in Christ with the world in which we live.

Rather than randomly select topics, subjects and issues for possible studies, I invite you to note questions, issues, and subjects that you'd like to explore in study groups. Please note them in the space provided, and send them to me.

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. Don't confine yourself to just the above categories; they are just a few of the myriad possibilities.

It will be interesting to see what emerges, what some of the common questions might be. Send them along. Let's study and explore together, and love God with our minds.

In Christ's service,

Jim

Jim: I'd like to study/explore _____

Your name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please send to Jim Pollard at jmpump21@aol.com,

or send to **Christ UMC, 350 Saratoga Rd., Amherst, NY 14226** **by Sept 30, 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.

September 20: Eccl. 10-12; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

September 21: Song of Songs 1-3; 2 Corinthians 12

September 22: Song of Songs 4-5; 2 Corinthians 13

September 23: Song of Songs 6-8; Galatians 1

September 24: Isaiah 1-3; Galatians 2

September 25: Isaiah 4-6; Galatians 3

September 26: Isaiah 7-9; Galatians 4

In Our Prayers

JOY! Ron Corsaro, Viki Smith & Hannah Smith (3 generations) were honored by the United Methodist Women's group with a **Gift to Mission**. Ron, Viki and Hannah received mission pins as a remembrance of this recognition of the ways in which they have loved their neighbors near and far by sharing themselves. **Way to go!!!**

Bob Kreib – Mercy Hospital, Glenn Hurst – Wesley Rehab, Guy Castellino Sr.- Sister's Hospital,
Jean Ericson – MF Suburban, Beth Sweet – recovering from surgery, 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

Monday, September 19 – Welcome Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra –
now making their home at Christ Church

Tuesday, September 20 – 12 noon – Rachel Circle
7 pm - Christian Education Team
7 pm – Trustees

Wednesday, September 21 – 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 24 - **Day of Dance! Dance the day and night away!**



Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity,
Family Promise & Alzheimer's Association
Refreshments and child care available.

Sunday, September 25 - 9 am – Informal Praise

10 am – FaithXpress – God's Creation Story

11 am – Traditional Worship

1 pm – **Community Youth Group**

Be A Star! Practice your acting skills



encore EXPERIENCE With Valerie Villa
— Performing Arts —

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Flood Bucket Project – Last Week!



Cleaning supplies for flood buckets will be collected all during September. The complete list is available on the church website and below.

www.christchurchamherst.org

Cleaning Bucket

1 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

Liquid laundry detergent two 25-oz. or one 50-oz. bottle(s) only

Liquid household cleaner 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water no spray cleaners

Dish soap 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

1 can air freshener aerosol or pump

1 insect-repellent spray 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

1 scrub brush plastic or wooden handle

18 cleaning wipes handi-wipes or reusable wipes no terry cleaning towels –
remove from packaging

7 sponges no cellulose sponges due to mold issues remove from wrapper
5 scouring pads remove from wrapper **no** stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads
(nothing with soap built in)

50 clothespins

Clothesline two 50-ft. or one 100-ft. cotton or plastic

24-roll heavy-duty trash bags 33-45 gallon sizes-
remove from the box

5 dust masks

2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves should be durable enough for multiple uses
remove from packaging

1 pair work gloves cotton with leather palm or all leather

A complete bucket costs approx. \$65

Money donations will also be received – put flood bucket in the memo line.

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.

Food Pantry - suggested items:

September 18 – Baby items – food, formula, diapers
September 25 – Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant)

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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Community Youth – Middle & High School **This Sunday, Sept. 25 at 1 pm**



**Try out your acting skills
With Valerie Villa!**

You may be a star!



Invite your friends and neighbors. All youth are welcome!

UMW Breakfast Gathering

All are welcome (ladies AND men) on Saturday, October 1, at 10 a.m. in the Café for 'Breadtime Stories' with Chet Fery. Chet is a retired teacher and amateur bread baker, showing how random acts of kindness can change our lives and create a world community that is caring, supportive and secure. Elizabeth Circle will provide breakfast. Cost is \$5. Reservations are essential - Chet will be bringing a loaf of homemade bread for each person! For reservations, call Mary Ball at 741-3301 or 445-3286 **by Monday, September 26.**

Men's Group

All are welcome (men AND ladies) to join our October 15th activity – the fall 'leaf peeping' Arcade and Attica Railroad tour. Information is available on line at arcadeandatticarr.com.

Tickets are \$17 adult, \$15 Senior (62 or over) & veterans, \$14 children. These will be purchased the morning of departure. We will be riding in a covered coach. We will meet at the church at 9:15a.m. to carpool, allowing us time to drive the hour to Attica, purchase tickets, and board 15 minutes before the 11:00 a.m. departure. The trip is about 2 ½ hours. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant. No outside food or beverages are allowed on the train so drink up and fill up before you board! Reservations are required **by Sunday, October 9** through Tom Nye (213-3642). We have a tentative block for 15 but we can vary that as the time approaches.

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“The stories in the Bible are so rich and deep and packed with a thousand different meanings that they cannot be explained just one right way.... Jews, Christians and Moslems have been writing stories about stories in the Bible for a very long time. I'm not exactly sure of all the ways they are different and all the ways they are the same...It doesn't matter. What matters is that it's a way that the love of the Bible shines forth and lifts up children and their parents and whispers to them, “Listen to the words of the Bible! Listen to them with your ears and your heart and your mind and your soul.” ~ Rabbi Marc Gellman