

Weekly Update: September 6, 2016

A Personal Word ... From Jim Pollard

Invitation to the Future...

The Sunday following Labor Day marks the beginning of the more active season of the church year. Summer travelers are returning, school has started, and the choir returns to the 11 AM service.

Therefore, it is an appropriate Sunday for me to outline the nature of my ministry at Christ UMC for the coming 9-10 months. Why did I say "Yes" to being appointed? To what call am I responding? As I respond to that call, what are the priorities that I have discerned? What are my areas of focus, and why? What is the invitation I am extending to you, as friends and members of Christ UMC? What opportunities will God open for us as we take time to look toward the future for Christ UMC? What gifts and graces will be discovered and we journey together?

In preparation, please read I Corinthians 12: 12-17 and I Peter 2:4-10. What do they reveal to you about the nature and purpose of the church? Prayerfully consider: How is God inviting you into the future of Christ UMC?

-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 6: Proverbs 9-10; 1 Cor. 15:1-32

September 7: Proverbs 11-12; 1 Cor. 15:33-58

September 8: Proverbs 13-14; 1 Corinthians 16

September 9: Proverbs 15-16; 2 Corinthians 1

September 10: Proverbs 17-18; 2 Corinthians 2

September 11: Proverbs 19-20; 2 Corinthians 3

September 12: Proverbs 21-22; 2 Corinthians 4

In Our Prayers

Joy! **Joyce Moser** is celebrating the birth of her 18th great-grandchild, Kayden Alexander Moser, born Aug. 22nd. Kayden had some breathing difficulties at birth, but is now home and making progress.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of **Rosemary Little** who died on September 5. Rosemary lived at Blocher Home. She was sister-in-law to Joyce Moser and aunt to Laurie Hannon.

Alicia Ticconi – surgery for breast cancer

Carolyn Day, Janet Hill, Susan Schauer, John Yungbluth – recovering at home

Jean Ericson – Asbury Pointe, Elvira Gonzalez –Bristol Village, Glenn Hurst and

Florence Stengel –Beechwood Continuing Care

Patty Keller, Charles Terranova, Richard Mestler, Fred & Lynda Painton, Gaetano Castellino Sr., Castellino Family

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

Children and youth Back-to-School Teachers and administrators too!

This Week at Christ Church

Tuesday, September 6 – 7 pm – Staff-Parish Relations Team meets

Wednesday, September 7 - 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 11 - 9 am – Informal Praise w/ Communion

10 am – FaithXpress – God’s Creation Story

11 am – Traditional Worship w/ Communion

Remembering the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on the
15th anniversary of that life-changing event

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Uganda Wells of Love

An anonymous donor has generously agreed to make a matching gift to the Uganda Wells of Love project!! All gifts *up to \$5,000* will be matched to provide clean, safe drinking water to remote areas of Uganda. Make checks payable to Erwin First UMC, with 'Uganda Wells Challenge' in the memo section, and mail to: Erwin Frist UMC, 920 Euclid Avenue Syracuse, NY 13210.



Food Pantry - suggested items:

September 4 – Cereal – Hot, Cold, Bars

September 11 – Canned Meats – tuna, chicken, salmon

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!

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

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.

Flood Bucket Project



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.

Monetary donations to **UMCOR** for relief efforts may be made to Christ Church and designated **Louisiana Flooding Advance #901670** in the memo line.

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Niagara Frontier City Ministries

Please remember the VOICE Public Meeting this **Thursday September 8 at 7 pm** at 70 Chalmers Ave Buffalo (Central Park Plaza). The meeting will focus on the race for Erie County District Attorney. Three of the candidates have committed to being there and will answer questions regarding diversion programs for those with drug or mental health problems. Rev. Wayne Butler has written a letter in support, portions of which will be read at the meeting. The primary for the DA candidates is Tues September 13. This is a very important election. NFCM is a member of VOICE Buffalo.

UMW

The **UMW Executive Board will meet next Tuesday, September 13th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room.** If you cannot be there, please send a report.

The Niagara Frontier District UMW Annual Meeting:

Saturday, September 17th, 9:30 - 2:00

St James UMC, Niagara Falls

Business meeting, lunch, program - \$10.00

Speaker is Rev. Sun Ho Lee - "Growing in Blessedness"

Peggy Bermudez is planning to go and is willing to carpool. Please let her know if you plan to attend (626-4897).

Men's Group – Architecture tour

The “Masters of American Architecture” tour in downtown Buffalo has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 17. We will meet at 8:45a.m. sharp at Christ Church and carpool downtown to the Buffalo Niagara Visitor Center (Washington & Clinton Streets). The tour begins at 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing, as the tour will take place rain or shine! After the tour, we will have lunch at 716 Restaurant.

For more information, visit www.explorebuffalo.org. The tour cost is \$15 per person, paid by check (made out to Christ UMC) or cash to the church office by September 12. This will be a great day for fun and facts about our hometown! Call Bob Snyder (741-6901) with any questions or concerns.

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**Community Youth – Middle & High School
This Sunday, Sept. 11**

1 pm

Build A Hovercraft! *Be a human hockey puck!*

With Mark Swihart –

Professor of Biological & Chemical Engineering at SUNY Buffalo

Invite your friends and neighbors. All youth are welcome!

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“September 11... I will never forget feeling scared and vulnerable...

I will never forget feeling the deep sad loss of so many lives...

I will never forget the smell of the smoke that reached across the water and delivered a deep feeling of doom into my gut... I will never forget feeling the boosted sense of unity and pride... I will never forget seeing the courageous actions of so many men and women... I will never forget seeing people of all backgrounds working together in community... I will never forget seeing what hate can destroy... I will never forget seeing what love can heal...”

— **Steve Maraboli**