

CHRIST UMC VISION STATEMENT
*"Living Christ's ways and
exploding with love and service"*

Summer Worship Schedule
June 3- September 2
Praise Celebration 9 am
Traditional Style Celebration 11 am

*TOTAL STEWARDSHIP
PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS,
AND SERVICE*

Serving - the nature of stewardship

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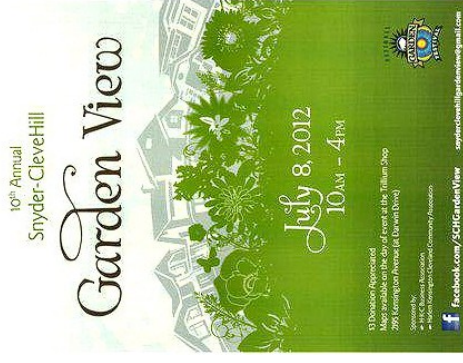
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The Caller



**Confirmation Class
of 2012**

July-August 2012



With Joy... From Sally

On July 8th the Harlem Kensington Cleveland Community Association will hold its Garden View tour of community gardens. The Celebration Garden at Christ Church will be a part of that tour. The Celebration Garden began in the fall of 2002 when Pat and Peter Zaleski transformed a

patch of ground into a garden that would celebrate life; a place to remember and reflect on the joy we find in living and loving. The “seed” of a plan took root. The transformation of hard, dry soil now gives life to dogwoods, plum trees, hostas, azaleas, and cone flowers. But visitors find much more in this garden.

Those whose lives feel dry and lifeless may experience the same “cracking open” of their shell. And the shedding of fears and sadness will prepare the soil of their hearts to receive the seeds of peace, caring, healing, compassion, courage, strength, faith, and love that have also been sown in this garden.

Visitors to the Celebration Garden may also find themselves remembering ones who sowed the seeds of human kindness into their lives, people who believed in them, nurtured, inspired, or even challenged them; whose influence was hidden, like seeds planted in their season and have finally burst into bloom.

Through changing seasons, in the garden and in life, there are times of quiet and rest, greening and potential, vulnerability and new life bursting forth. Stepping stones throughout the garden and walkway mark events that give meaning to our lives. All are welcome to come and linger for a time, to find comfort and joy in the memories. A Spirit of love and celebration grows in this garden and in us so that we can’t help but share it with others.

Sally

Garden View maps available July 8 at the Trillium Shop, Kensington Avenue at Darwin Dr.



July 1 marks my first anniversary as your Pastor. It has been an interesting, challenging, and eventful year. Happy Anniversary everyone! At Annual Conference this past week nearly every one of my colleagues, after the usually formal greetings, asked the same question: “So, how is it going at Christ church?” This seemingly innocuous question sent me pondering and wondering, so, how is it going? Here is my response:

I was asked to come here because Christ Church was in need of revitalization. The five months prior to my arrival my mind was preoccupied with two things: 1) saying goodbye to my church community in Syracuse; and, 2) pondering how does one arrive in a new place, get established, and begin to lead in a new direction? Revitalization was the focus of my 2007 Doctoral dissertation; it is something I have experienced, something I have studied and something I care passionately about. I want to help build strong vital churches. After several meetings with Pastor Theva, the SPRC, and the Church Council of Christ Church last spring, we worked out a plan of entry that could lay the foundation for our future work together.

The plan was simple. I would invest the first 100 days getting to know the Christ Church family and our community. I met with all the identified leaders of the church, one on one, to learn of their families, their ministries, their hopes, and dreams. Next I met with the overwhelming majority of the active congregation in small groups in people’s homes. We would have beverage and dessert and I would hear of your Christ Church stories and you would get to know me a little better. I also decided to preach a series of sermons on being on a journey – experiences on the road. All of this was intended to help us get to know each other and to help get the “big picture” of where we are.

I have learned over the years that leadership is earned not conferred. There are certain rights that are extended to a person because he/she has the title: Pastor. But that is the lowest level of leadership possible. Leadership is built through relationships and positive experiences together. In light of this understanding I was looking for some opportunities to help us in tangible ways and was blessed to find the Boiler project sitting there for us to engage together. Success on that project helped us learn some things about each other and moved us deeper in our relationship together.

So, how are we doing? Worship attendance is running about 20% ahead of a year ago. We have seen growth in our outreach, our mission, and our participation on many levels. I have been privileged to preside at the funerals of some great Christ Church people. I have been blessed to perform baptisms and a wedding. I have watched the energy in our community grow on an almost weekly basis. I am excited to preach at Christ Church and excited to see what’s already happened.

We have a great staff (Sally, Rachel, Elizabeth, Dave, and Doris). We have a great leadership team and ready and willing ministry team leaders. We have a terrific commitment to be in mission in Buffalo and around the world. We have worked hard to reconnect with the community and the world around us here in Snyder. The reality is this: great people make a great difference in building a great church. Christ Church has great people.

And, what is next? We have set a goal to have 500 in worship and 100 in Sunday school by 2015 (1 and 5 by 15). We have set a goal of getting every member and friend of Christ Church engaged in some form of hands on mission on a regular basis. Later this summer we will be working to build up our ministry with children and their families. We are exploring ways to improve our parking situation. We are exploring opportunities to help all of us go deeper in our faith and our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We are working to deepen our community connections. We are looking to deepen our relationships within the Christ Church family. Many new ideas and possibilities will be offered as we move into our second year together.

How are we doing? I think we are doing great! And we are getting better.

Your pastor,
BJ

Mature Years Ministry *Autumn Days*

For those age 55 and above

A time for renewal, community, and relaxation in a beautiful lakeside setting

October 5-7, 2012

The United Methodist House, Chautauqua Institution

Leader:

REV. JIM POLLARD

Again this year we will be meeting at the United Methodist House at Chautauqua, a special place for small gatherings. The rooms are lovely with private baths, and fully handicapped accessible. Wheelchairs and "pushers" can be available for touring the grounds.

The cost is \$80. Preference will be given to members of the church.

Requests for partial scholarship help will be kept confidential.

Reservations are limited to 20 people, so register early!

Act now! Send your \$80 (per person) check, payable to "MYM" with the form below:

MYM AUTUMN DAYS REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

___ Enclosed is my check for \$80 or ___ I wish for partial scholarship help.

___ I can drive and have room for ___ additional passengers.

___ I (we) need transportation. ___ I request a wheelchair.

Please mail to:

Phyllis Nicholson
17 Princess Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14225



THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to my friends at CUMC for your many cards and prayers before and after my recent surgery. I appreciate them very much. God Bless.

Mary Parsons



Vacation Bible School

July 16-20
9 am-noon
Pre-K - 6



Operation Overboard

Aquarium Field Trip On Friday

Christ Church invites all children to dive into fun at

Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep With God!

Explore and experience God's underwater universe at VBS! The adventures include deep sea voyages into Bible fun and creative arts, great music, games, and daily visits with "Ocho" the Octopus.

To be part of the adventure visit the church's website at www.christchurchamherst.org or call us at 839-2460.

VBS is free and open to the public.

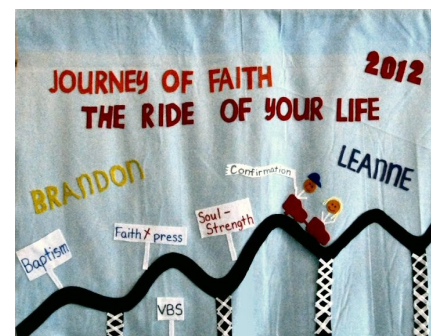
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Congratulations 2012 Confirmation Class

Brandon Miller

Tom Weaver, Mentor

Leanne Paddock

Michele Sciolino, Mentor

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Leanne Paddock.....	03
Carmen Ticconi	03
Ann Burdette	04
Sharon Ferrelli.....	04
Kathleen Cady	05
Robert Munley	06
Jim Hannon.....	07
Thomas Cataudella	10
Peggy Nye	10
Thomas Davis.....	11
Garrett Lesswing	11
Trevor Smith	11
Frank Willhauck.....	11
Courtney Cataudella.....	13
Tom Nye	14
Hannah Smith.....	16
Lynne Beller.....	17
Kay Barber.....	21
Laura Johnston	24
Shirley Downey	26
Dede Johnson	26
Greg Ramsey	27
Ryan Carier.....	28
John Miller	28
Brandon Miller.....	29
Cindy Fisher	30
Bill Kearney.....	30
Alex Ladowski.....	30
Linda Ladowski	30
Ruth Luss	30

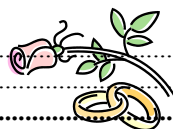
JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Chuck & Sue Terranova	July 01, 1984
David & Barbara Mitchell.....	July 03, 1964
Art & Carol Gundlach <57YEARS!>	July 09, 1955
James & Lisa Juergens	July 12, 2003
Ed & Cindy Fisher <50 YEARS!>	July 14, 1962
Robert & Betty Kreib <62YEARS!>	July 15, 1950
Chris & Laura Smith	July 15, 2006
Rubin & Lisa Malpica	July 16, 1988
John & Marie Miller	July 16, 1994
Richard & Mary Ball.....	July 17, 1993
Tom & Peggy Nye.....	July 20, 1974
Darren & Sandra Paddock	July 20, 1996
Chris & Michele Sciolino	July 24, 1993



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Alison Scaringi.....	01
Andrew Painton.....	02
Eric Johnston.....	03
Erin Johnson.....	05
James Juergens	06
Helen Peacock	06
Steven Kraatz.....	07
Rubin Malpica.....	10
Jamie Hannon Rapini.....	11
Susan Terranova	12
Ronald Corsaro	14
Beverly Hurst	18
Art Gundlach	20
Gene Kremzier.....	20
Kathy Webb	21
Nancy Hess.....	23
Robert Nachbar.....	23
Clarence Spitzer.....	23
Megan Weaver.....	24
Chris Johnson.....	25
Jeffrey Gelormini	26
Marcia Miller.....	26
Sandy Cumming.....	27
Christopher Pollard	27
Shaun Carier.....	28
Heather Loliger	29
John Yungbluth	30



UMW SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

JULY 26-28, 2012

CAMP ASBURY

Cost: Adult Resident: \$220

Commuter: \$150

Saturday Sampler: \$45

Topics: "Immigration and the Bible" for all participants

Choose either "Poverty" (new for 2012) or "Haiti" (2011) for your second class.

DEADLINE for registration and fees is Friday, July 6, 2012.

Please see Beth Sweet or Peggy Bermudez for forms and information.

UNITED METHODIST MEN



AHOY, all CUMC men! Enjoy a sail aboard the "Blizzard" on Saturday, July 14. We'll carpool from CUMC at 10 am to Erie Basin Marina, mustering at the entrance gate to "F" Dock to enter together. A maximum of 12 sailors will be piped aboard to be underway at 1100 hours. We'll tour the Buffalo waterfront, sail, and have snacks, lunch and drinks aboard. Call Capt. Don Critoph at 832-4408 if you'd like to ship out. Length of voyage is up to the crew. Remember, we absolutely must return in time for Sunday worship!

On Saturday, August 11 we'll tour the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park, followed by lunch at Chef's Restaurant. Carpool from the church at 10 am. Further information? Call Bill Swenson at 634-7147.

UMM questions? Tom Nye, 648-1850

FROM DAVE WOLF AND FAMILY

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy, prayers, and support you have shown me on the loss of my mom. I am truly blessed to be a part of this loving faith community.



Summer Outreach Opportunities

Dress our People: Our church has a goal of sending 300 handmade dresses and shorts to the children of Uganda when Dr. BJ and the mission team travel there in October. To meet that goal we need seamstresses, pattern cutters, a yard or more of fabric per dress, embellishments such as ribbon, rick rack, buttons, bows and seam binding. If you'd like to help please contact Molly Butler at 204-8993 or Peggy Nye. Since DOP began at Cortland UMC in 2005, over 10,000 garments have been sent to 21 countries!



The CUMC Outreach Team is seeking new members. We're currently involved with Food Pantries, Share-a-Meal, Asbury Shalom Zone, Journey's End Refugee services, Family Promise, Hands4NY, Habitat Buffalo, and Central City Café. We'd love to have you join us at our next meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Peggy Bermudez or Lee Watson. We meet monthly on Thursdays at 7.



Volunteers are needed to help prepare dinner and visit with families who are in transition to their own homes. The evening is traditionally broken into two shifts. The first shift prepares and serves dinner from 4:45 to 7:30 pm. The second shift is from 7:30-10 pm and involves visiting and playing games with the family. This all will be taking place at Crossroads Lutheran Church at the corner of Burroughs and Main in Snyder on Friday, August 13. Please contact Lee Watson or Peggy Bermudez if you can help out with this ministry. Family Promise is more than providing shelter, meals, and support. It's about keeping entire families together as they work toward having a home to call their own.

Thank you for sharing God's love and hope with the world and with our community by supporting the many Outreach ministries of our church

FROM BOB AND MARCIA SNYDER

We'd like to say a big thanks to the CUMC Youth Group for their help with our yard work. They did an excellent job, and we're extremely proud of them. We'd also like to praise the youth leaders, Lisa Malpica, Viki Smith, and Tim Reed; they are doing a wonderful job. This group comes highly recommended.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Linda Painton <50 YEARS!>..... August 04, 1962
 Jim & Lynne Beller..... August 06, 1977
 Warren & Donna Hammond..... August 09, 1969
 Robert & Patricia Loesch..... August 15, 1964
Ross & Grace Markello <59 YEARS!>..... August 15, 1953
 Bim & Marion Rowlands..... August 15, 1964
Larry & Ann Burdette <54 YEARS!>..... August 16, 1958
Ron & Carol Corsaro <53 YEARS!>..... August 17, 1959
 Donald & Ruth Munson..... August 18, 1973
 Brad & Peggy Bermudez..... August 22, 1981
 Glenn & Beverley Hurst..... August 24, 1963
Bill & Andrea Kearney <51 YEARS!>..... August 26, 1961

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



HIGH SCHOOL

Sean Brown Amherst Central HS West Virginia University, Exercise Physiology
Nathan Gowen Amherst Central HS Rutgers University, School of Engineering
Jamie Jackson Williamsville North HS Xavier University, Psychology & Social Work

COLLEGE

Bradley Loliger University at Buffalo, MSW, will continue Law studies
Kristin Scaringi SUNY Oneonta, Bachelors degree in Computer Art.
Sam Suggs Northwestern University, Bachelor of Music, to graduate school at Yale

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH



The CUMC Youth Group will leave on July 7 to spend a week in Oneida, Tennessee, as part of Confrontation Point Ministries helping a homeowner replace a roof.

More Info? Call Tim Reed, 838-4230 or Viki Smith, 839-1989

UMW GENERAL MEETING



Saturday, September 8, 2012
 10:00 am

Horse & Buggy Quilts

Hostess: Executive Board

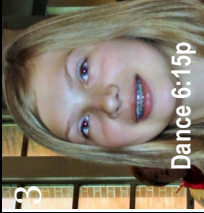


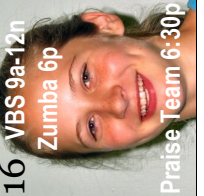

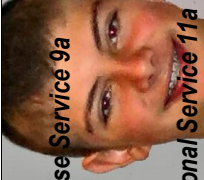

Continental Breakfast will be served

Cost: \$5

SEPTEMBER 2012 CALLER DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

E-MAIL TO CALLER350@YAHOO.COM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY WEAVER @ 839-5918 OR KDWEAVER23@VERIZON.NET

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Praise Service 9a Traditional Service 11a Rev. Jim Pollard Preaching @ both	2 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6:30p	3  Dance 6:15p	4  4th of July Office Closed	5	6 Deadline for UMW School of Missions at Camp Asbury	7 Youth Group leaves for Confrontation Point Mission Trip
8 Praise Service 9a Traditional Service 11a Youth Group returns from Confrontation Point	9 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6:30p	10 Dance 6:15p	11 	12	13	14 Men's Club 10a
15 Praise Service 9a Traditional Service 11a	16 VBS 9a-12h  Zumba 6p Praise Team 6:30p	17 Vacation Bible School 9a-12n Dance 6:15p	18 Vacation Bible School 9a-12n	19 Vacation Bible School 9a-12n	20 Vacation Bible School FIELD TRIP 9a-12n	21
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5 Praise Service 9a Traditional Service 11a	6 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6:30p	7 Dance 6:15p	8 CALLER DEADLINE (1 week early)	9 Staff @ Global Leadership Summit	10 Staff @ Global Leadership Summit	11
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