

Christ UMC Vision Statement
*"Living Christ's ways and
exploding with love and service"*

Sunday Worship Schedule
Praise Celebration 9 am
All Ages Education Hour 10 am
Traditional Style Celebration 11 am

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

Serving - the nature of stewardship

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With Joy... From Sally

We are reclaiming a world precariously on the edge. We take action, not with arrogance and certainty, but with humility and uncertainty. And through everyday actions, we reweave the web of life. (from "Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace.")

In the beginning... God created... the story in Genesis chapter 1 tells us. It's the story of the beginning of the universe, that all of it came into being through God's creative activity. Light, darkness, sky, water, land, sea, plants, sun, moon, stars, fish, birds, animals, humans and even rest came into being, and God saw that this connection of life was good! I'm often asked about this story and "how" God could have accomplished this as the story tells us. I always tell people that's the wrong question.

The word "Genesis" comes from a Greek word meaning origin or source and the Hebrew word "bereshith" which means "in the beginning." Genesis is a book of beginnings. Primarily it's a statement of faith in God. Before these "beginnings" God already was and here we get a our first glimpse of God's creative power.

The Creation story shows us that God is a "Design Star!" (for HGTV fans) Order and harmony may be found in all things created and this was no accident. It tells us that we're made in that divine image and trusted with the care and completion of the universe so carefully and lovingly begun. The story tells us "why" God created. We and the whole world are a part of God's imagining and creative energy. And in this relationship God lovingly and patiently sustains us, and life, through time and through everyday actions as we reweave the web of life.

Be a design star! Celebrate life!

Sally

A.O.L. @ CUMC

Adult Opportunities for Learning at Christ Church

Sunday mornings † 10 am † Wesley Room

September 9 - October 14

What It Means To Be A Christian

Rev. Jim Pollard, Facilitator

His topic is for people today who are seeking a richer understanding of issues in Christian practice and theology: Who is God? Who was Jesus? What is Salvation? How do we practice our faith? How do we live in community?



FROM BJ'S DESK...

I went to Kingdom Bound for the first time about 15 years ago with the youth group from the church I was serving because they were short one male chaperone and, well, since I was the pastor they figured I could get the time off. I agreed because I love spending time with the youth and the idea of a Christian rock and roll festival intrigued me.

There are multiple stages at Kingdom Bound (which happens at the Darien Lake Amusement Park) but two principle ones: the main stage in the PAC and the stage by the Superman Ride of Steel (called the Park Stage.) The Ride of Steel stage is where the heavy metal and hard rock Christian bands play (I know heavy metal and Christian is a push for some of us.) I was there to be a chaperone and it was my turn to escort the head bangers in the group, so down to the Park Stage I went. The kids wanted to be right up next to the stage. OK, I thought, I'm tough enough, a child of the 60's and 70's, I can handle the volume up front. What I had not anticipated was the drum beat. After a while the drum beat was so loud and hard that I felt like it was controlling my own heart beat. The drum beat (pound, pound, boom ba boom, crash) was all I could hear – I couldn't hear the guitars, I could not hear the lyrics – all I could feel was the drum beat becoming the rhythm of my own life as long as the song lasted.

It seems like election season has that kind of feel to it. I cannot hear the message. There no engagement with the positions or ideas. All I seem to hear is the drum beat -- pound, pound, boom ba boom, crash – the other guy is a monster vote for me. Our society is pounding us with many drum beats, not just the political kind. We are pounded daily with messages to buy stuff we don't need, to look thin and young, and to conform to a standard and/or understanding that is not truth nor is it right. We find our lives controlled by fear and anger and resentment and we don't know why. Over the years there are seasons of my life when I have to turn off the volume and turn off the noise. I have to step away, shut it down, and find solitude and quiet meditation and silence.

Frankly, I find the spiritual disciplines of solitude, meditation, and silence to be unnatural. The disciplines do not conform to the drum beat, nor do they fit comfortably in my day to day routine. This is why I so desperately need them. I have to disengage the drum beat so that I can reengage my soul. The spiritual disciples are meant to help us with this. They are life giving. They are health restoring. They create the healing grace and space we Christ followers need to keep our heads level, our hearts pure, and our spirits holy. Make space in your life to walk in the garden, sit, and be quiet. Come for worship and be. Turn off the volume, silence the drum beat (if just for a few minutes,) and find God in the solitude, the silence, and the calm.

See you in Worship.

Pastor BJ

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Christ Church is participating in "Paint the Village Pink" where we will join our neighbors in turning the village pink during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month. If you would like more information about "Paint the Village Pink" contact Katie Pritchard at 839-3333. We also invite you to add the name(s) of loved ones who have lived with cancer to our Remembrance Board in the sanctuary.



JOYCE MOSER CELEBRATES NEW LIFE!

Joyce Moser welcomed two new great-grandsons this summer: Aidan Patrick Teague, born to Gina and Kenroy Teague on June 25, and Bruce Michael Moser, born to Steve and Shannon Moser on August 18.



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet Thursday, October 4 at 7:30 pm at the home of Marilyn Welker, 104 Wedgewood Dr., Williamsville 689-2527. Hostess is Julie Wisley 839-3395. We will plan our programs for 2013. Bring your suggestions!!!

Deborah Circle: Tuesday, October 16, in the Wesley Room at 12 noon.

Rachel Circle: 12 noon, Tuesday, October 23, in the Wesley Room.

UMW WOMEN'S GATHERING-MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Sugar & Spice – Howling with Laughter

7:00 pm in the Parlor – Fun, Refreshments, and a Surprise Guest!

ALL women are welcome!

UMW SPRING WEEKEND - CALLED TO BE FRIENDS

April 26 -28, 2013 Camp Asbury, Silver Lake, NY

Rev. Gail Lewis, Facilitator

Friendship is everywhere! It binds the past and the present and makes bearable the uncertainty of the future. During this retreat we'll consider friendship through the lens of faith, scripture, and experience. In the deepest sense we're called by our nature, our tradition, and by Jesus himself to be friends.

**Cost: \$150 includes: Friday and Saturday nights in Asbury Manor
3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday**

\$75 deposit due by October 21st

Make checks payable to United Methodist Women

Payment may be placed in the UMW mail slot near the church office.

NEW MEMBERS

On September 9, we received four new members into our church: Christine Morgante, Susan Schauer, and talented choristers Julianna and Mac Sabol. Welcome, folks! See picture on page 10.



BABY BLESSINGS BASICS



Crossroads Lutheran Church will begin a new caring ministry to babies and young families on October 1. "Baby Blessings Basics" is located right inside the church building.

If you'd like to help stock the shelves with baby items we'd love to have you. We need new or clean, gently used baby clothing from newborn to 3T, baby blankets, bedding, diapers, etc. No toys or baby equipment. Brochures are available for friends & family, as well as garage sales so you can ask their help as well. Just call our office, 839-1314 to get some. Contributions can be put in the shed off the parking lot at the back of the church at any time. Financial contributions are also appreciated so we can purchase needed items. Make checks payable to Crossroads and clearly mark them for Baby Blessings Basics.

Baby items will go to recipients with a referral letter from a social service agency or church. This is not intended as a free shopping opportunity! Distribution will be by appointment only on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays and 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 10 am -12 noon.

MEN'S CONFERENCES

Bill Bauza informs us the **SUNDOULOS LVII Men's Conference** will be held Friday, October 5, 2012 from 6:45 - 9p.m. at Primera Iglesia Metodista Unida, 62 Virginia St.

This local Christian Men's Ministry exists to build relationships between city and suburbs. Men and sons, 13-up, are invited to an evening of Praise, Worship, Testimony, Guest Speaker, Fellowship, and Refreshments. Call Bill Bauza 837-2421 to car pool.

Bill is a member of the Sundoulos Core Group, which plans these quarterly events, modeled after Promise Keepers conferences.

Also from Bill: The **2012 IRON SHARPENS IRON Conference** will be held at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg, Saturday, October 27, 2012.

This one-day workshop is for men and sons age 13 and up. The cost is \$39, or \$47 with a box lunch. This is the 4th annual Buffalo area conference; we're hoping for a thousand guys this year! Our two guest speakers and other men's leaders will offer topics promoting Faith, Family, and Fellowship. A live worship band and numerous exhibits complete the day. We'll register as a group and car pool; call Bill at 837-2421.

CHIAVETTA'S CHICKEN BBQ

The Youth's Chiavetta's BBQ has been rescheduled for Friday, October 12, from 4-7p. Tickets are \$9 per person. Proceeds go to the youth's summer mission.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

- 7 Lock-in at Church, from Saturday, Oct. 5, at 7 pm
- 12 Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ
- 14 Youth Apple Sale
- 21 Rent-A-Youth - for chores, etc. 12-4:30 pm
- 28 Youth Cemetery Trip

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



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

The S&F Team would like to thank all who have been faithful keeping up their pledges during the summer. However, we had to use \$8,000 of the Endowment Interest, designated for General Operations, in order to pay July's bills, and we still have a deficit of \$3,127. We've paid all the designated contributions for Shared Ministries (Apportionments) to date, but haven't had the income to pay any more than the designated amounts. We're currently about \$20,000 behind for the year starting January 1, 2012. We encourage those behind in pledges to catch them up so we can meet all our obligations.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Our mission for 13 October will be to visit the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton, Ontario.



We will assemble at church at 1000 hours (10 am) to carpool to Hamilton where we'll begin with lunch in the museum's café and then enjoy a two-hour guided tour starting at 1300 hours (1 pm.) After the tour those who want can return directly home or stay to explore some more on our own. The regular admission of \$12 will be discounted to \$10 and include the guide as long as we have a minimum of 10 people going.

Several of the aircraft will be outside, so be sure to dress for the weather. We will need to give the museum a head count by 8 October so if you are interested call Geoff Hill at 316-1522 to sign up.

REMEMBER, since we are going to Canada you will need appropriate ID (passport or enhanced driver's license) to get back home.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE NOVEMBER 2

Rev. Jim Pollard will conduct An AARP Driver Safety class at CUMC on Friday, Nov. 2, beginning at 9 am and ending no later than 4 pm.

AARP members: \$17, others \$19, due at the beginning of class.

Special note: The course is **FREE for all Veterans**, regardless of age, including those who serve or have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, or reserves. In addition to veterans themselves, their spouses, domestic partners, children, dependents, and widows or widowers of any age, may take the course for free.

Lunch will be available at the church for an additional \$6 per person for all participants. You may bring your own lunch if you prefer.

Advance registration is required. Enrollment is limited to 30. Register through the Christ UMC office, 839-2460. Registrants should bring NY State Driver's license and AARP membership card on the day of the class.

Completing the course will qualify you for auto insurance discounts. Check with your insurance company for details.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Day.....	02
Todd Evans.....	02
Bradley Loliger.....	02
Elleigha Nye.....	02
Nicholas Darling.....	04
Jacob Horley.....	07
Susan Cataudella.....	09
Bill Bauza.....	10
Rachel James.....	10
Rob Noyes.....	10
Julie Wrisley.....	12
James George.....	13
Abbie Gowen.....	22
Susanne Gelormini.....	23
Curt Barber.....	24
Debbie Fiebelkorn.....	27
Janet Hill.....	27



NEW TESTAMENT READING

Read a single chapter each weekday and read through the complete New Testament in 2012.

1.....	2 Timothy 1
2.....	2 Timothy 2
3.....	2 Timothy 3
4.....	2 Timothy 4
5.....	Titus 1
8.....	Titus 2
9.....	Titus 3
10.....	1John 1
11.....	1John 2
12.....	1John 3
15.....	1John 4
16.....	1John 5
17.....	Hebrews 1
18.....	Hebrews 2
19.....	Hebrews 3
22.....	Hebrews 4
23.....	Hebrews 5
24.....	Hebrews 6
25.....	Hebrews 7
26.....	Hebrews 8
29.....	Hebrews 9
30.....	Hebrews 10
31.....	Hebrews 11

TRUMAN CURTHOYS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Truman Curthoys, who died September 11, 2012, eleven days after his twin brother, Irwin. He joined CUMC in 1960.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Susan & Thomas Cataudella.....	October 08, 1988
Carl & Jean Ericson.....	63 YEARS!!! October 22, 1949




UMW HARVEST DINNER

Friday, October 19, 2012 from 4:30 – 7 pm

Roast pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, glazed carrots, applesauce, pie
 Ticket sale starts Sunday, Sept. 30th or call Rosemary Kochan 908-1200
 \$10 adults, \$5 under 10, under 4 free
 Proceeds benefit mission projects of United Methodist Women

NOVEMBER CALLER DEADLINE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Don't be Disappointed! Register Early for Jim Pollard's November 2</p>  <p>Course 839-2460</p>	<p>1 Mission Team leaves for Uganda</p> <p>Zumba 6p Praise Team 6p SPRT 7p</p>	<p>2 Library Team 9:30a</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Dance 6:15p Choir 7:30p</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 10a</p> <p>Elizabeth Circle 7:30p</p>	<p>5 Books We Have Loved 10a</p> <p>MYM Chautauqua Weekend</p>	<p>6 Youth Lock-In 7p</p>
<p>7 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Rev. K. Wayne Butler Youth Lock-in all day</p> <p>MYM Chautauqua</p>	<p>8 Office Closed</p> <p>Zumba 6p Praise team 6p</p>	<p>9 UMW Board 4p</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Dance 6:15p Praise Team 7p</p>	<p>11 Bible Study 10a</p> <p>Stewardship & Finance 7p</p>	<p>12 Youth Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ 4-7p</p>	<p>13 CALLER DEADLINE</p>
<p>14 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Children's Sabbath "Pursuing Justice for Children and the Poor" Youth Apple Sale</p>	<p>15 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6p</p> <p>UMW Spring Weekend \$75 deposit due 10/21</p>	<p>16 Rachel Circle 12n Christian Ed. Team 7p</p>	<p>17 Mission Team returns from Uganda</p> <p>Dance 6:15p Choir 7:30p</p>	<p>18 Bible Study 10a Outreach Book Study 6:30p Outreach Team 7p Trustees 7:30p <i>Harvest Dinner Prep</i></p>	<p>19 Books We Have Loved 10a</p> <p>HARVEST DINNER 4:30-7p</p>	<p>20 Dance 7p</p>
<p>21 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Ministry & Mission Sunday 10a & 12n Rent-a-youth 12:30 - 4p Church Conference 3p</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Zumba 6p Praise Team 6p</p>	<p>23 Deborah Circle 12n Worship/Altar Guild 7p</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Dance 6:15p Choir 7:30p</p>	<p>25 Bible Study 10a</p>	<p>26 MYM Board 12n Game night 7:30p</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Youth Cemetery Trip</p>	<p>29 Zumba 6p Praise Team 7p Women's Gathering 7p "Sugar and Spice" Howling with laughter</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Dance 6:15p Choir 7:30p</p>	