



Orchard Park United Methodist Church

WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

A life of strong faith doesn't happen automatically or without any effort on our part. Although we are not saved by our own endeavors, spiritual growth requires the appropriation of all the means God has provided to help us walk faithfully with Him. We should...

- Learn from the lives of past heroes of the faith. Knowing that others have faithfully navigated the stormy seas of life encourages us to persevere as well.
- Rid ourselves of any habitual sins or other burdens that hinder us from wholehearted devotion and obedience to the Lord.
- Focus on Jesus, not on ourselves or our desires.

Christ has gone before us to model how to live faithfully, no matter how difficult the circumstances. He demonstrated perfect trust, always doing exactly what His Father commanded—even going to the cross. Jesus endured shame and suffering by focusing on the joy that would be His in the completed redemption of a people for God's glory.

Are you looking to Christ for the strength and perspective needed to run life's race with faith-filled endurance?

InTouch Ministries. (2020, August 18). A Life Focused on Christ. Retrieved October 26, 2020, from <https://www.intouch.org/read/magazine/daily-devotions/a-life-focused-on-christ>



Prayer Requests

- Pray for those in the path of Tropical Storm Zeta.

Have a prayer request you'd like to share? Has God answered your prayer?

Email opumc@verizon.net or call Pastor Jen at 603-4470.

We will include your prayer request or praise report in next week's NewsFlash.



A Prayer for After Election Day

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.

Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth.

-United Methodist Book of Worship #442

November 1 Service

November 1 is All Saints' Sunday. We will be remembering and honoring those who have passed on before us, as well as those who are still living who have helped us and nurtured our earthly journey. There will be time for you to volunteer the names of earthly saints during the service.



Adult Sunday School will resume November 1. Classes will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Sundays. All are welcome!

Service Opportunities

Currently seeking volunteers for...

- **Altar Flower sponsors** - fill out an envelope and pink slip found in the church
- **Acolyte** on Sundays
- **Liturgist** on Sundays
- **Clara's Closet** is currently accepting donations for new or gently used comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, kitchen tools, dishes, brand-new socks (kids and adults), and very clean winter coats. Contact Candy (716) 867-5395 to arrange your donation.
- We are collecting donations for our food shelf for our **AOK families**. You may place donations in the bin in the Narthex by November 22.
- We are collecting donations for the **Seneca Street Children's Christmas Shoppe** again this year. See the attached document for their wishlist. Donations may be placed in the bin in the Narthex by November 29.

November 1

Worship Participants

PASTOR: Jennifer Stamm, CLM
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Meiko Reigelman
SPECIAL MUSIC: Mary Jane Russell
LITURGIST: Candy Carberry
ACOLYTE: Eva Stamm
A/V OPERATOR: Peter Slotman

Honoring Those Who Have Passed On Before Us



John Hayman
1932-2019



John Henning
1934-2019



Robert "Bob" Yung
1924-2020

Betty Yung
1925-2020



Philomena Paglia
1917-2020



James "Jim" Harp
1930-2020



David Lohiser
1959-2020



Robert Elias
1940-2020

November Birthdays

- Meiko Reigelman (11/1)
- Viva Mae Hames (11/12)
- Grace Guard (11/16)
- Brandon Donovan (11/23)
- Alex Kaforey (11/28)
- Mike Waters (11/29)
- Deanna Laurie (11/30)
- Vivian Slocum (11/30)



On Saturday, **November 7 from 10 AM-12 PM**, the Niagara Frontier District UMW invites everyone to participate in a book discussion about *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. The Zoom invitation will be sent prior to the event. **We will be streaming the discussion in the Fellowship Hall.** RSVP with Carolyn: (716) 648-1179 or csrin@yahoo.com.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Trunk or Treat event! We estimate that about 120 people came. Children visited everyone's wonderfully decorated cars to collect treats, Candy read a story, and some families stayed to watch a movie projected on the side of the church. We look forward to holding this event again next year!



Thank you to this month's St. Pauly's Clothing Shed volunteers!

- Dan Liggett (11/1)
- Rich Spinelli (11/8)
- Mike Waters (11/15)
- Art Cooper (11/22)
- Ed Nuse (11/29)

Sunday services are available online!

don't forget!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS SUNDAY!

CrossCards



Orchard Park United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation.

We affirm the sacred worth of all people and strive to practice Christ's example of unconditional love without exclusion. All are welcome to participate fully in the life and ministries of this congregation. Whatever your race, ethnicity, economic situation, background or belief, age or condition of ableness, whether single or partnered, you are God's beloved and are welcome here. God calls us to acts of love, grace, and advocacy to promote healing and reconciliation. We welcome and affirm our LGBTQIA+ brothers, sisters and siblings, sons, daughters and children, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

We desire to follow God's vision to be a place without barriers, a sanctuary for all.

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