

TRUE VINE TIMES MAY 7, 2020

NEWSLETTERS:

Feel free to print copies off for yourselves, family, and friends. All previous newsletters can be found on the CCAM's website at www.ccamchurch.org and the CCAM Facebook page.

We encourage everyone to feel free to submit something at the time they think is right. Please submit your suggestion(s) to Ann Meyers-annmeyers2003@gmail.com or Jack Keough-jackkeough@rochester.rr.com. All submissions received *before Wednesdays* will be considered for that week's publication.

PLEASE NOTE:

In accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines, all services, programs, and gatherings in the building and on the grounds of CCAM will be prohibited until such time that these restrictions are lifted by our governing authorities. We are preparing in hope, however, to be able to hold outdoor services this summer, along with our congregational retreat at Beaver Camp and our Fall Bazaar.

NEWS FROM BEAVER CAMP:

Summer Camp:

Registration is open and the early bird discount has been extended to June 1. We are currently working with the Department of Health to ensure the well-being of campers and staff and will have updates soon. You can learn more about these updates, our schedule, refund policy and how to register at www.beavercamp.org.

June 9-16, 2020 - The 48th Annual Beaver Camp Auction is going online! The live auction, bake sale, plant stand, and other booths will not be at the Lewis County Fairgrounds for our annual event. To keep our friends and community safe, we will have a week-long online auction hosted by Bontrager Auctions. The link will be posted here soon, allowing you to view items, bid, and pay. Your purchases provide critically needed support for Beaver Camp's summer program and other ministry projects. We are now accepting donations of handcrafted furniture, quilts, gift certificates for local businesses and experiences, and other unique items.

VERSE FOR VICTORY:

Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters.
Outdo one another showing honor.
Romans 12:10

SONG SUGGESTIONS:

- ♪ *Let Go* by Hillsong Young & Free
- ♪ *I Need A Hallelujah* by Austin French

FOOD DONATIONS:

Our local Akron-Newstead Food Pantry needs the following donations. Your local food pantry is more than likely in need as well. If you are able, please give generously to a food pantry to help others in the community.

*Fruit (canned) in natural or low sugar juice
Applesauce*

ANY non-perishables (other than soups)

Juice -- small containers or concentrated juice.

Please no big containers as many clients are single/elderly. Donations to Akron-Newstead Food Pantry can be dropped off at:

*Trinity Lutheran Church
4809 S. Newstead Rd
Akron, NY*

There is a tote on the side of their building that you can place your donations at any time.

EMANUEL HOUSE – UPDATE

As many of our congregation know, Sandy Craft has been very involved with the Emanuel House in the Dominican Republic. She emailed me this Facebook post to report on how they are doing in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Please keep them in prayer.

“Just wanted to update you all about the COVID-19 here in the Dominican Republic. The country has been under quarantine, and a 5:00 PM till 6:00AM curfew for 6 weeks now. In the country here there are 7288 cases and 313 deaths. In Quisqueya we just started with COVID cases yesterday. Your prayers are coveted very much as here in Quisqueya, there is not a whole lot of space for social distancing. Everyone lives very close to one another, and many live in one house. Please pray for safety, health, and provisions that only God can bring.”

CONNECTING WITH THE CICALI FAMILY

—WITH JACK KEOUGH

It was a great time speaking with Aaron and Kristen Cicali by phone. It was great to hear their voices, especially Aaron is feeling better each day. Like so many of us, they're trudging through this social isolation and distancing. The kids are making the best of online learning, but certainly missing school and most obviously their friends. Kristen notes that when they're in school, it provides a full day of activities which can be hard to match at home. Nevertheless, the kids are keeping busy with odd jobs and, thankfully, some fun video games.

Kristen shared that she does enjoy her walks out into the garden when she is needing some alone time. Aaron is working from home with some infrequent visits into the office. Aaron and Kristen did express thankfulness for family meals and stressed the importance of nourishing that family connection. They really look forward to reuniting in person with the church family.

WE WELCOME TO THE WORLD CURTIS RONALD SNYDER, BORN TO CHRISTOPHER AND AMANDA SNYDER ON MONDAY, MAY 4TH.



CCAM Ugly Christmas Sweater Party 2013

PANDEMIC POSITIVES:

- ✓ Alden Fire Department sent a firetruck parade throughout Alden.
- ✓ A college student used sticky notes to befriend an elderly couple in quarantine across the street.
- ✓ A Pakistan company hired thousands of newly unemployed laborers for their ambitious 10 billion tree-planting initiative.
- ✓ A man used his quarantine time to clean up neglected headstones in his local cemeteries.
- ✓ A scuba diving group used recycled ocean plastic to make masks.
- ✓ A freshman high school student collected 12,000 masks for healthcare workers in Texas.
- ✓ A five-year-old girl in Michigan was honored with a parade for beating cancer.
- ✓ A Virginia teacher dedicated her front lawn to the 2020 seniors.
- ✓ A neighborhood surprised a little girl with a dog parade down her street for her birthday.
- ✓ A virtual kindergarten class reached over 88,000 children attending.
- ✓ An anonymous donor gave one million dollars to a hospital to be divided among the staff.
- ✓ A grandpa delivered donuts to his grandchildren by drone.
- ✓ The country of Lithuania allowed restaurant seating to expand into the streets and plazas, to safely reopen its vibrant cafes.
- ✓ New York City lit up with thank you messages for health care workers.
- ✓ A generous customer gave a \$1,300 tip after the restaurant's reopening.
- ✓ A toddler gave kisses to her grandmother through the window.
- ✓ A photographer captured senior pictures for the class of 2020 students.

“THE BEST QUESTION EVER” BY ANDY STANLEY

—SUBMITTED BY MIKE MOLVAREC

Heavenly Father, today I place myself under your authority. I surrender all of me to you. As you demonstrated your love for me through the death of your Son, so I desire to demonstrate my love for you through a renewed mind and surrendered will: Thy will be done in me. I surrender all. In the name of my Savior, I pray. Amen