

“A Way Ahead – Conversation and Prayers”

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 5th, at 6:30 PM. If you would like to participate, but would find a different day or time better, please be in touch. We want to find the best time for the greatest number, or move the time around so that all can participate.

At our first meeting, we decided to make a list of some of the **better attributes** of our church.

We are: a warm friendly church, a welcoming church, a place where spirituality is encouraged, an ethnically diverse group, a home for recovery groups, a place for more special work for the community and less dogma, and place for great singing.

People come here for spiritual support, an accepting community and for opportunities to serve those who are new to this country. People also come here for the food!

We also started to list some of our challenges for the years ahead, namely our age and finances.

A younger generation seem to have Sundays filled with sports and other activities.

This first gathering was more about conversation and less about prayer. **We prayed for our church** and the special concerns of those present and some not present.

A Way Ahead needs to include you, your thoughts and prayers. Please join us in the warm upstairs office on Monday, November 18.

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Central Park United Methodist Church
216 Beard Ave. ~ Buffalo NY 14214

November 24th, 2024

27th Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday

United Methodist Student Day

Website: centralparkcomplex.com

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Clara’s Closet Website: clarasclosetbuffalo.org

Rev. Brian Rotach, Interim Pastor
Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Ms. Pam Murphy

Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music
Videographer: Mr. Frank Murphy

*We are a Christ-centered community of faith and love,
reaching out to all.*

The flowers at the pulpit today are designed by Jackie Paterniti and given by Katharine Bartelo, in celebration of Paul & Kathryn Homer's 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Prelude: "The Spruce" Jean Sibelius
Greeting: Litany for a Kingdom Team Insert

+Opening Words:
Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.
God has blessed us with God's great love.
Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.
Let us come to this time praising God.
Come, now is the time to worship.
We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. AMEN.

+Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymnal #715

Opening Prayer (Unison): 1 Samuel 1
God of possibilities, fill us with your hope and faithfulness.
Listen to us as we pour out our souls before you.
Grant us the grace to be your people and to live your teachings.
Live in us, that we may arise with hope and walk in love.
In the name of Christ our rock, we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession and Assurance: Hebrews 10
By a single offering, Christ has perfected us for all time.
Let us approach this time of confession with true hearts, in full assurance that Christ's mercy is strong enough to bear all of our burdens.

Prayer of Confession (Unison) 1 Samuel 1
Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings.
(Silent Prayer)

Loving God, you have heard our anxieties, our vexations, our worries, our hopes and our dreams. Breathe in us your forgiveness, that we may receive your grace, and may walk in freedom and hope.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our God, the God of all ages, the one who has promised forgiveness, is faithful! In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

Invitation to Children "Where Children Belong"
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

A Time for Children: Jackie Paterniti

Choral Anthem: "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach

The Psalm: Psalm 93 pew Bible pg.#549

+The Gospel: John 18:33-37 pew Bible pg.#113

+Hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" Hymnal #540

The Sermon: The Rev. Brian Rotach

One Minute Stewardship Kelly Swanson

Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayers

Baba Yetu Mr. Kakela Kalonda
Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, Jina lako litukuzwe; Ufalme wako ufike, Utakalo lifanyike Duniani kama mbinguni. Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku, Utusamehe makosa yetu, Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea. Usitutie katika kishawishi, Lakini utuopoe maovuni. Amina.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #895

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Guest accompanist, Barry Schonfeld

+Blessing our Gifts

Holy Communion Hymnal #15

+Closing Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" Hymnal #580

+Benediction:
Go in peace, encouraging one another in love, and looking with hope for the kingdom of God. Amen.

Postlude : "Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein" Johanne Pachelbel

Join us for **Thursday morning prayer** in the chapel at 8:30am each week for 1/2 hour of devotions. Use the Beard Ave. entry.

Commonly needed items for the Kenmore United Methodist Church Food Pantry: Canned tuna or meats, Rice, Cereal, Spaghetti sauce & pasta, Peanut butter, canned vegetables and soups. Please continue to bring your food offerings each Sunday. Betty Murphy is our volunteer who transports your donations, and we're grateful for her ministry!