



Church Life



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CHEEKTOWAGA, NEW YORK

JUNE 2010

Summer Worship Schedule 2010

Father's Day June 20, 2010 is when we switch to our summer schedule for worship. Worship will begin at 10:00 AM through the summer and go back to our 10:45 AM worship schedule on September 12, 2010.

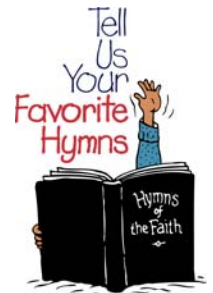


Communion Distribution

During the summer schedule, communion will be served in a different manner. We ask that you come forward, take your bread and cup immediately, dispose of the cup in the basket that will be provided and return to your pew by the side aisles. Deacons will be standing up front with a tray of bread and wine. Congregational members who cannot come forward will be served in their pew.

Favorite Hymn Sing

Favorite Hymns will continue to be sung prior to the Worship service throughout the summer schedule. Rev. Schrodtt will call on people with a favorite hymn. About 3 hymns will be selected each week.



Prayer Requests

Beginning Fathers Day, a new system is being introduced as to the way our prayer requests are collected. Please write your prayer requests prior to entering the church. A basket on a podium will be set up at the doors of the center aisle. You can write your prayer request and place it in the basket. All written prayers will be read out loud by the pastor. Prayers that used to be written and folded, and prayed over by the elders, will no longer be part of the prayer requests. Instead, Rev. Schrodtt will continue to ask us to pray our personal prayers in silence. During this time you can take prayer directly to God.



Prayer

FROM THE PASTOR

This is not going to be one of my “normal” articles as I feel it’s important to take time to note the many great things that are happening around Cleveland Heights. The Holy Spirit has been moving and we are responding! As sharing our stories in worship help us to see where the Spirit is at work, I hope that you can see the Spirit of God alive in this congregation through the many things that are taking place, and the opportunities there are to participate in the life of CHCC. I’m going to offer here some bits and pieces of what the congregation of CHCC is up to!

We are preparing to welcome a new Karen refugee family of five into our church family this month. Gerry Frenette has so graciously taken on the responsibility to organize the help needed to make this happen. There has been much excitement surrounding this event. We have people volunteering to help in many ways, and we have had many generous donations. Thank you to Gerry and all who are involved! If you wish to participate, but not sure how yet, there is a meeting set for June 3rd at 6:30 PM at CHCC with Journeys End, with whom we are co-sponsors.



Kristina Frenette will be joining with other adult youth from across the northeastern region to participate in a mission trip to South Africa, along with other adult youth from Germany. Kristina has organized a fundraising concert to be held on June 25th at CHCC at 7:30PM. All offerings will go toward the participation in the International Ecumenical Adult Youth Experience. The concert features our own, Laura Dumitru, Kristina Frenette, Ethan Schrod, and Charlie Johnson.

The Christian Education committee has met to organize the summer Sunday school program. If you would like to participate as a teacher this summer, please be sure and sign up. We are looking to have teams of three people, which include one Karen speaking person for each team; one person will tell the Bible story, another will be in charge of crafts, and another will lead the singing and games. There will be a meeting on June 13th following worship for anyone who desires to participate. Curriculum will be distributed that day, as well as, the summer schedule, which begins on June 20th.

Also, at a summer date to be announced, there will be a Christian Education event that will help prepare CHCC to meet our changing learning needs. If you want to get a better understanding of Christian Education in the church, help define it in our context, and be a part of moving into the future, then this will be something you will want to be a part of. Be watching for the date(s)!

Gerry Frenette is now leading the Adult Bible class and from all accounts, it is a wonderful way to start your Sunday mornings! Sharon Greenauer has been faithfully leading the Sunday School time. Laura Paluch has gathered our youth together each Sunday for study, and Laura Mazurkiewicz has been offering English as a Second Language class each Sunday for our Karen folks. She has the help of Ching Frenette, Dianne Serio, and Pat Beaman, who also help with Sunday School.

At the end of summer Laura Mazurkiewicz will be leaving to teach in China! Laura has incredible gifts and we are grateful for her sharing them with us. We will miss her very much, but we are excited for her as she takes this new direction. It is exciting to see how wonderfully we have become “one” with our Karen brothers and sisters. We are truly emulating what the body of Christ should be as we share in mission and ministry together.

Many of our Karen are joining CHCC, and many are finding ways to participate in the life of the church, using their gifts and talents to sing, teach, and serve on the diaconate!

We enjoyed an extra special Mother’s Day this year as Ma Dee and Baby Neu made leis and organized the children to distribute them to the women of the church as Pa Eh, Say Lar Paw, and Aye Tin sang. Then we heard a wonderful Mother’s Day message presented by two of our Karen boys. Pentecost Sunday was truly a celebration of the church! We entered the sanctuary wearing red, to find red balloons, red bows, red candles, and red flowers decorating the church. Thank you to Bob Lutot for his generous gifts and talents in making the church

look so festive! During the Children's Time, we celebrated the birthday of the church with cake, complete with burning candles. We also heard the story of Pentecost from Acts 2 told with different voices around the church, and enjoyed the gift of music from "Cup of Life".

If you have been in worship over the past couple of months, you know by now that we have added in a time of sharing our stories. We have time set aside to share our stories about where the Spirit has been working in our lives. As does this article, the stories we share are reminders to us that God is moving among us and making a difference in our lives and the lives of others.

As we have set aside a special time to include story sharing, it has become necessary to make a change in something else. The Worship Department has decided, with the blessings of Program Council, to shorten our preparation time for the Pastoral Prayer. Beginning on June 20th, when we start our summer hours with worship at 10AM, we will be changing how we share our joys and concerns. Instead of writing out our joys and concerns on the forms in the pews and then having them collected as we sing a hymn, we will have the opportunity to write them on one form as we enter the sanctuary. As we have a time of silence in the prayer to bring before God our more personal cares, we will not have the prayer at the altar by the Elders. Htoo Lwe Moo and I will no longer need to do the lengthy explanation of how we do the prayer requests, and we will eliminate the extra hymn. Instead of the choir singing the prayer response, the congregation will be singing one.

Mark and Dawn Hemann have been arranging the bus for our Karen and we are all grateful to them and to the many people who contribute to this ministry.

Thank you to Dawn Hemann who recently made a much needed communion cloth for the communion table! And, how about the work that Roy Hankin does around the church? Most may not know this, but each week Roy goes through each pew and makes sure that they are straightened. He also keeps the oil in our candles. Thanks, Roy!

The other Roy, Roy Schrodt, has been faithfully running the projector each Sunday morning and amongst other things, he also has had some church plumbing jobs. Patrick McElroy has been keeping up the front sign and assisting in many other ways in the life of the church. Eleanore Keim tends to the plants in the atrium, and Ray Serio takes care of the lawn. Fred Beaman keeps a close eye on the church building and keeps things in good running order. Sharon Kwiatkowski has been using her creative talents to keep up the Outreach bulletin board. Htoo Lwe Moo continues to translate in worship and on visits. Thanks to you all and to the many others who do things quietly around the church without recognition!

Remember the Habitat for Humanity soup fundraiser that the Serio family has done over the past several years? This year there are plans to do something different! On July 31st there will be a Habitat for Humanity marketplace fundraiser in our parking lot! Everyone can participate, so be watching for more details!

The list goes on... As you can see, no matter how small the task seems, it all matters in the body of Christ. From unclogging drains and mowing lawns to making worship meaningful and missions a reality, we each have a part in glorifying God with what we do. May we each continue our ministries with joy and welcome the challenge of new and transforming opportunities!

Blessings,

Rev. Madine

CHCC Co-Sponsors a New Karen Refugee Family

John 21:15:17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Cleveland Heights Christian Church has accepted a call to co-sponsor a Karen refugee family from Burma along with Journey's End Refugee Services. This leap of faith to "Tend my sheep" came to us through Church World Services, an agency involved in resettling refugees. We know Church World Services through our Mother's Day Blanket Sunday mission.



This mission has truly been a leap of faith as we considered what it would mean to co-sponsor yet another Karen family. As we looked at how we have been blessed through our first co-sponsorship of Htoo Lwe Moo and his family, the learned evangelism witnessed by the increased number of Karen families attending our Sunday service and participating in our services, the need/opportunity to start our transportation service for our Karen families, we could not have said no to the "Tend my sheep" call from Church World Services. A call was put out to our congregation about 4 weeks ago for participation in this mission. The Sunday morning meeting had 21 people attending, wanting to know what they could do to help. From that meeting we have distributed a "Needs List" (provided by Journey's End) which included a number of household items needed and have shared this list with the members of our church. The response has been overwhelming as just about each need has been met to date. The Karen families have agreed to help by assisting in cleaning and preparing the apartment for the new family. They have also agreed to prepare a welcoming meal for our new refugee family.

The refugee family, a mother, father, and 3 children, ages 9, 6 and 1 have a target arrival date of June 10th. Journey's End will be providing CHCC with an orientation program on June 3rd at 6:30pm at the church. If you are interested in helping out with this mission, please consider attending the orientation to learn more.

1 Peter 5:2

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing..."

We have young children (lambs) that need to be ministered to. We need to care for these young lives as much as we do the adults. They are just as important in God's sight as any adult that comes through these doors.

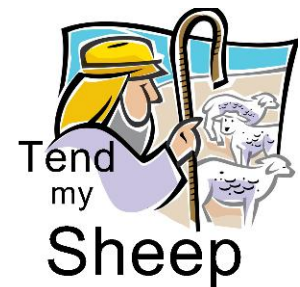


But there are other lambs in God's kingdom. There are those who are new in their commitment to Christ. The Bible calls them spiritual babes. We need to be willing to follow Jesus' command to Peter and feed these lambs. Those who are new to Christ need special attention. They need to learn about God and about the Bible. We need to be willing to spend the time to spiritually nourish them and help them realize that they are an important part of God's family. So the first instruction that Jesus gives us is to feed the little lambs – the children and the spiritual children.

John 21:16

A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

The second instruction by Jesus is to tend my sheep. So let us not neglect our responsibility in caring for the family of God. We must be willing to minister to hurts, to encourage the disheartened, to pray for those who are sick, to help the needy, and to reach out to those who are drifting away. Let us never neglect the job that the Lord has given us to tend the sheep. We must not only care about them, but we must also take care of them.

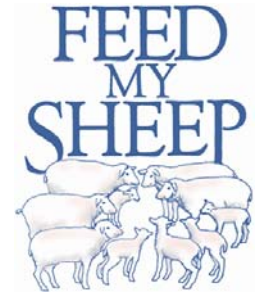


Adam Clarke wrote, "...in John 21:16 he uses the word poimainoo, which signifies to tend a flock, not only to feed, but to take care of, guide, govern, defend, etc., by which he seems to intimate that it is not sufficient merely to offer the bread of life to the congregation of the Lord, but he must take care that the sheep be properly collected, attended to, regulated, guided, etc.; and it appears that Peter perfectly comprehended our Lord's meaning, and saw that it was a direction given not only to him, and to the rest of the disciples, but to all their successors in the Christian ministry; for himself says, 1 Peter 5:2: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight, not by constraint, but willingly...."

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Now Jesus gives Peter a third command – feed my sheep. First he said to feed my lambs, then tend my sheep, and now feed my sheep. Too often churches tend to their flock but neglect to feed them. Many churches have fabulous programs to meet the needs of their members – programs for all ages, support groups, counseling groups, addictive behavior groups. They have times of fellowship and activities for the whole family. They tend their sheep well.



But Jesus said we must also feed the sheep. We must be fed from God’s word. We must learn about God and his nature, his attributes, his personality. We must be taught how to rely on the Holy Spirit.

As we learn from God’s word, we will grow in his grace. But how will the sheep grow if they are not being fed? That is our responsibility. We must be willing to not only tend the flock, but also feed it with spiritual food.

Dunkirk Camping!

It’s not too late, but you need to hurry! The Dunkirk Conference Center camping season is right around the corner. Dunkirk has some wonderful children, youth, and family camps. There are also adult weekend camps and several special events throughout the summer and fall. The remainder of the 2010 schedule is listed below:



<u>Family Mini Camp</u>	June 4-6	<u>Family Camp II</u>	July 25-31
<u>Women's Weekend</u>	June 11-13	<u>Family Camp III</u>	August 1-7
<u>Guys Golf Weekend</u>	June 11-13	<u>Pioneers</u>	August 8-14
<u>Mind, Body & Soul</u>	June 13-19	<u>Adventure Camp 1&2</u>	August 15-21
<u>Pilgrim's Mini-Camp</u>	June 27-30	<u>Adult Music Camp</u>	August 27-29
<u>Senior High</u>	Jun. 27 - Jul. 3	<u>Annual Music Festival</u>	August 29
<u>Explorers</u>	July 4-10	<u>Annual Walk-4-DCC</u>	September 18
<u>Junior High</u>	July 4-10	<u>Annual DCC Dinner</u>	October 2
<u>Family Camp I</u>	July 11-17	<u>Halloween Happening</u>	October 23

If you’ve never been to a camp at Dunkirk, now is the perfect time to start. All first-time campers receive 50% off the full fee and any youth camper referring a

new camper receives a discount from his/her own fee; \$25.00 for Pilgrim Mini Camp or \$50 for all other camps. A family camper sponsoring a first time family will be given a \$50 discount from their own fees. (Not applicable for a first time camper within the same family group.) There are also sibling discounts as well as discounts for attending multiple weeks.

The theme for 2010 is "Be A Hero: Living Like Jesus." Here's a brief description. What is a hero? In the movies and fairy tales, heroes are those who leap tall buildings in a single bound, save damsels in distress, or thwart the powers of evil in climatic, spectacular battles. However, being a hero for God is different, although not nearly as dramatic.

Being a hero for God means recognizing a need, realizing that something can be done to address that need, and taking the risk to act. Being a hero for God involves understanding that God calls and equips each of us to do some of what Jesus and other biblical heroes did. And for us, like the biblical heroes, this work is often done in simple ways, with everyday things, and by ordinary people.

Come join us as we explore the actions of biblical heroes as campers, and are introduced / reacquainted with biblical stories for the week.

For more information, visit the DCC website at <http://www.dunkirkcc.com/> and a registration form (with camp prices) at <http://www.dunkirkcc.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/Registration-Form-2010.1.pdf> .

CHCC has some scholarship money is available for children and youth camps. Please contact Mark Hemann at 683-4562 for scholarship requests. Once you've experienced Dunkirk, you'll want to come back every year!

2010 Buffalo Pride Festivities

Save the date! The 2010 Annual Pride Parade will be held Sunday, June 6th and for the first time will be sponsored by the Pride Center of Western New York. Now in its 19th year, this annual event honors the contributions of local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and organizations and attracts thousands of people to the City of Buffalo each year. This year's theme will be "the Power of Pride" . . . the Power to be Yourself, the Power to be Counted, the



Power to Love! So, get your Pride on and start thinking about what the Power of Pride means to you!

The parade begins at 1:00 p.m., with a line up at 1195 Main St., Buffalo and proceeds south on Main, west on Summer, north on Elmwood and southwest on Bidwell Parkway. There will be a Pride Festival Market Place on Bidwell Parkway from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. where food, drink, information and activities will be available. CHCC will have a table representing our church at the Festival Market Place.

It will be a great afternoon to watch a fun parade, take part in the market place activities and support our LGBT sisters and brothers. Let's demonstrate Cleveland Heights' Open and Affirming commitment by attending. For more information and events, visit the 2010 Buffalo Pride Festivities website at <http://www.pridecenterwny.org/site/prideparade.asp> .

Summer Fun – Be Careful in the Sun

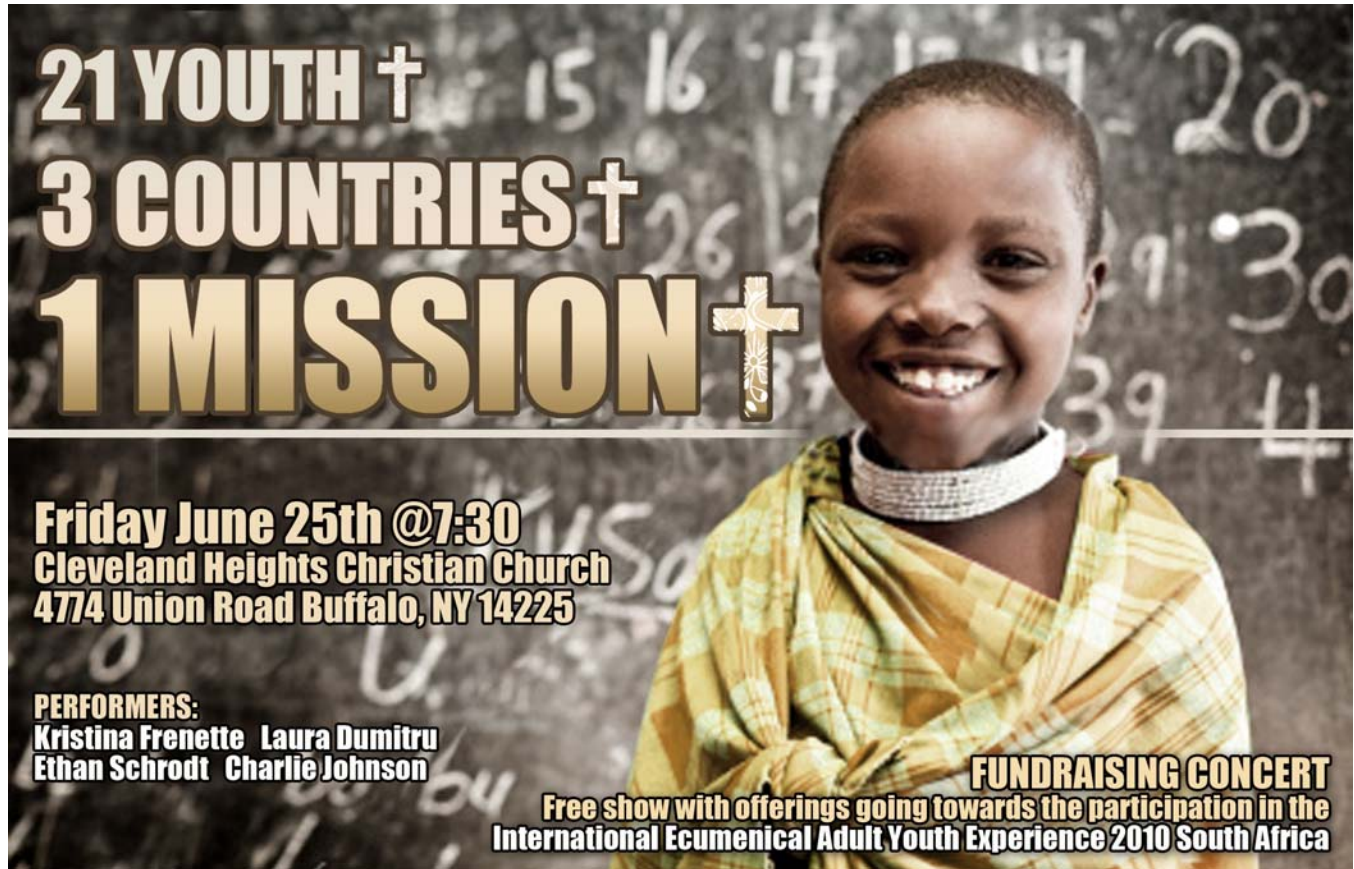
As we prepare to spend more time in the outdoors, it is important to avoid the danger of skin cancer. Getting some sun exposure is important, as Vitamin D is a necessary ingredient. But too much sun can lead to problems. Here are a few hints.

Sunlight is the main source of ultraviolet (UVP radiation, which can damage the genes in your skin cells. UV light is thought to be the major risk factor for most kin cancers. Tanning lamps and booths are another source of UV radiation. People with high levels of exposure to UV light are at greater risk for skin cancer. The amount of UV exposure depends on the strength of the light, how long the skin was exposed and whether the skin was covered with clothing and sunscreen. Many studies show that being exposed to a lot of sun when you are young is an added risk.

The risk of skin cancer is much higher for whites than for dark-skinned African Americans or Hispanics. This is because melanin helps protect against UV radiation. People with dark skin have more melanin. People with fair (light-colored) skin that freckles or burns easily are at extra high risk. The risk of basal and squamous cell skin cancers goes up as people get older. Older people have been exposed to the sun for a longer time. Still, these cancers are now being seen in younger people too, probably because they are spending more time in the sun without protecting their skin.



The best way to lower the risk of non-melanoma skin cancer is to limit your exposure to strong sunlight. Be “sun safe” when you are outdoors. “Slip! Slop! Slap! ... and Wrap” is a catch phrase that can help remind you of the 4 ways you can protect yourself and those you love from UV radiation: Slip on a shirt; Slop on sunscreen; Slap on a hat and Wrap on sunglasses to protect the eyes and sensitive skin around them. (adapted from www.cancer.org).



21 YOUTH +
3 COUNTRIES +
1 MISSION +

Friday June 25th @7:30
Cleveland Heights Christian Church
474 Union Road Buffalo, NY 14225

PERFORMERS:
Kristina Frenette Laura Dumitru
Ethan Schrodt Charlie Johnson

FUNDRAISING CONCERT
 Free show with offerings going towards the participation in the International Ecumenical Adult Youth Experience 2010 South Africa

CHCC  **Shorts**

Please contact the church office at 632-3222 with the names of graduates who should be honored during the Fathers Day service.

Alan and Edith Becht have moved into their new apartment. Their address is: 2500 Grant St., #110, Bettendorf, IA 52722. Send them a card to say hello, they'd love to hear from you.

Welcome back to our snowbirds Ray and Deloris Filsinger and Marie Schaefer. It's good to have you nearby again.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



- 1st – Michael D’Addetta
- 4th – Sheryl Stewart
- 5th – Sharon Greenauer
- 12th – Gene Welgoss
- 16th – Tom Cassick
- 20th – Fred Beaman

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 5th – Ernie and Dona Pleger
- 15th – Dick and Beverley Hemann
- 19th – Michael and Katheryn Kibler
- 25th – Ray and Dianne Serio

Worship Service Responsibilities in June

ELDERS

Mark Hemann

Dawn Hemann

GREETERS

- 6th – Elnor McCraty
- 20th – Kibler Family

- 13th – Jill Barrile
- 27th – Tim and Sue Grieve

DIACONATE

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| Captain – Patrick McElroy – 892-0924 | |
| Sharon Greenauer | Claire Long |
| Laura Paluch | Justin Rugg |
| Milt Keim | Ellie Keim |
| Laura Mazurkiewicz | Kristin Mazurkiewicz |



LITURGISTS

- 6th – Alex Paluch
- 13th – Fran Fogelsonger

CHCC Online Calendar

Cleveland Heights is now using Google Calendar to track church and outside group activities. 2 months of the calendar will be posted on the office bulletin board (to replace the old handwritten calendars). Contact Sarah our office secretary at 632-3332 or chchurch1@verizon.net to add activities. A copy of the monthly calendar will be included with the printed newsletter available at church.



The calendar is also on the church website chccchurch.org/chcc/googlecalendar.htm. This is the best way to view or print the most recent update of the calendar. Church activities are in red, outside groups are in blue. You can scroll through the calendar months ahead to check on building availability or schedule. This will be helpful for our church and outside groups to find activity dates and times that do not conflict with other scheduled events. You can also click on an event to get more information.

Have fun looking at the calendar and seeing all the things happening at church and the great ways that our building is utilized. This is an important ministry of Cleveland Heights and the new calendar will help things run even more smoothly.



Cleveland Heights Christian Church Website:

<http://www.chccchurch.org/>