

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLERGY CONNECTIONS



Latest Caring Bridge post by Candy Miller about Alan: September 29, 2019: Alan received good news on Thursday after having an appointment with pulmonologist Dr. Govert at Duke.

He first had a pulmonary function study. His result was slightly abnormal. He then had a brisk walk test with Dr. Govert, having the pulse oximeter attached to his forehead. Although, he was out of breath, His pulse ox only dropped to 95. Dr. Govert was awesome. He pulled everything together first starting with thymic Carcinoma to Autoimmune Encephalitis to the breathing problems. He told us that the lung tumor is still present, but it is not causing his shortness of breath. He also has some thickening of his lungs from radiation. This is not abnormal. His heart, though he has a left bundle branch block, is also not the cause of shortness of breath says the cardiologist.

Dr. Govert said he believes his shortness of breath and low pulse ox was from the inflammation of his lungs due to chemotherapy, but his recent CT scan shows that the inflammation of his lungs is almost completely resolved. He believes the shortness of breath is due to being so sedentary. Dr. Govert stopped his oxygen for now, and Alan is to decrease food intake and to walk 30 minutes a day to strengthen his heart as well as his lungs. Thank you all for your prayers and love, Candy

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Dear Fellow Choir Members and Music Lovers:

This year we will be doing a BRAND NEW cantata thanks to the generous Christmas gift I received in the form of donations for a new Cantata. **“His Name is Jesus”** will be performed on Sunday, December 1st at 7:30 P.M. We will once again be accompanied by the Zion Festival Orchestra and will also be doing another anthem which is to still to be determined.

It is my hope that the ecumenical choir that we get together every year for this event will continue to grow. I am asking a special favor of all participants to invite a friend along to our rehearsals to see the fun and enjoyment that can come from singing with a group! **“His Name is Jesus”** is a special cantata consisting of a wonderful mix of contemporary and traditional songs. It includes “Joy to the World!”, “What Did You Way Was the Baby’s Name”, “Emmanuel”, “Say the Name”, “Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know” and more. The narration is simply beautiful! Once again, I encourage you to invite your friends to join us in singing! No experience is necessary! Practice CDs will be made available!

Rehearsal Dates: Wednesday, October 9th at 8:30 PM; Thursday, October 17th at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:30 PM; Wednesday, October 30th at 8:30 PM; Thursday, November 7th at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30 PM; Sunday, November 17th at 3:00 PM (Practice with orchestra); Wednesday, November 20th at 8:30 PM; Tuesday, November 26th at 7:30 PM; Sunday, December 1st at 3:00 PM (Performance at 7:30 PM)

Please note that I don't expect everyone to make every rehearsal

-Brad Cressley

To participate, please register at www.zionleighton.org - there is a link to do an online registration when you click on the ZION UCC annual Christmas cantata.

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October 6 - 10AM - Service of Farewell - Rev. Nancy Hardy - First UCC, 301 W. 2nd St., Berwick

October 6 - 3PM - INSTALLATION - Janet Newett (MID with lay ministerial standing) will be installed at St. John UCC, 1027 Church St., Fogelsville. The clergy gather at 2:30 (with robes) if they choose to process. The liturgical color is red.

October 20 - 10AM - INSTALLATION - Suzanne Schaeffer (MID with lay ministerial standing) will be installed at Emmanuel UCC, 255 Mahanoy St., Nuremberg

October 20 - 2PM - INSTALLATION - Rev. Canon Michelle Moyer as staff chaplain for Phoebe Allentown. Held at Moyer Hall, Phoebe Allentown. Clergy of the Penn Northeast Conference are invited to attend, robe and wear red stoles.

November 10 - 9:30AM - Service of Farewell - Rev. Becky Beckwith - St. John's UCC (Fullerton), 575 Grape St., Whitehall

November 10 - 3PM - INSTALLATION - Rev. Edward Livingston will be installed at Dryland UCC 4415 Newburg Rd., Nazareth

November 17 - 3PM - INSTALLATION - Rebecca Sausser (MID with lay ministerial standing) will be installed at New Bethel, 135 New Bethel Church Road, Kempton

December 22 - 10:15AM - Service of Farewell - Rev. Todd Fennell - St. Paul's UCC, E. 19th & Lincoln Avenue, Northampton