

## **KRISTALLNACHT INTERFAITH COMMEMORATION**

Please plan to attend the Kristallnacht Interfaith Commemoration on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 pm at Page Hall, University of Albany downtown campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. This is a moving interfaith service dedicated to remembering the Holocaust and honoring the survivors. This year the service will include the movie "A Blind Hero." This is a powerful docudrama of a little-known story of love, devotion, and selflessness of Otto Weidt, and his tragic love for Alice Licht as he embarks on a desperate journey to save her and her entire family from the gas chambers.

## **LCBC SUPPORT OF OTHER CHURCHES**

Pastor George is supporting monthly meetings of members of the St. Ambrose community experiencing the loss of loved one. Pastor also will be the invited speaker for a bereavement service for Saint Pius X community. The service will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm at their Chapel on Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY.

## **CARE CORNER**

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



The other day I read these words, "*Mission is the nature and the purpose of the church.* Because God has a mission, a church arises. Apart from mission, the church is meaningless."

We need to let those words soak in for a moment. God is central. He has a mission. To fulfill His mission, He establishes a church, a group of His followers. But that is not the completion of God's mission. It is the start of God's mission. The work of the mission begins when the church joins God on the mission. Failing to join Him, means the church is on its own. His mission is to bring hope to all through His people. He sent Jesus to bring hope. With the power of the resurrection, Jesus sent His disciples to bring hope to the ends of the earth. His disciples carried forth the message of hope to others. Somehow 2,000 years later, through some narrow twisting pathways, the Holy Spirit guided others to repeat the disciples' stories of hope to you and me. In Christ, we have hope. We are part of the unfolding mission of God.

A church arises in Latham not because the people wanted to do so. The church arose because God caused it to rise. God has also equipped His church to do the mission. Each person has God given talents and gifts to use on His mission. I am so thankful to be part of what God is calling us in Latham to do together. I hope you are as well; because without you there will be hearts untouched, lives unchanged, kindnesses unseen, and love unexpressed. Let us rejoice that God has called all of us to join Him on the mission.

Peace,

*Pastor George*

**SCHEDULE OF MAJOR EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

 <p>COMMUNITY DINNER</p>	<p><b>Monday, November 7</b> – We will serve our community meal and distribute personal care items and clothing to those in need at the Troy Area United Ministries facility.</p>
	<p><b>Tuesday, November 8</b> – Election Day. Reminder: The church building is used as a polling place.</p>
	<p><b>Tuesday, November 15</b> – Kristallnacht Interfaith Commemoration Service to be held at Page Hall, SUNY Albany Downtown Campus at 7:00 pm. A Blind Hero: The Love of Otto Weidt reveals the story of the blind Berlin brushmaker who daringly and cunningly rescued his blind and deaf Jewish employees from being sent to the camps by the Nazis.</p>
	<p><b>Saturday, November 19</b> – CABA will have its annual meeting at First Baptist Church of Saratoga Springs. All are welcomed to attend.</p>

**INTEGRAL MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE**

Our church received a grant from the American Baptist Home Mission Society (ABHMS) to create and implement an alternative model for developing leaders for local missions. Our initiative is open to those attending LCBC, any CABA church, and our ministry partners such as TAUM, Youth for Christ, Backstretch Ministries, etc. This is an exciting opportunity for our church to move forward on its mission statement, “Centered on Christ; Serving the Community,” from the cover page of the church profile into our own neighborhood. Details and a commitment form will be coming out soon.

**PERSONAL CARE MINISTRIES – HOMELESS CHILDREN**

We received a grant for \$1,200 from the American Baptist Home Mission’s Societies Matthew 25 program. The funds must be used in support of our missional outreach to the homeless and poor. We have an opportunity to use some of those funds to support personal hygiene kits for homeless students in our neighboring school districts. Sadly, in the South Colonie school district alone there are between 60 and 100 children in attendance who are homeless. The children may be living in a shelter, a county supplied hotel room, or sleeping on a friend’s couch. There is an opportunity for us to help by providing students with kit containing shampoo, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, tissues, washcloth, dental floss, etc. We will be distributing lists of specific items needed and times to help assemble the kits. Please consider serving these members of our community.

**ROLE PLAYERS NEEDED**

On November 18 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm, the NY Region, CABA, and Adirondack Association mediation team will meet at LCBC for training on mediation skills. We need few people to serve as role players for short training exercise scenarios. You will be provided a script for your part. Lunch will be provided. Please see Pastor George if you are interested in serving the ministry of our churches in this manner.