

**Christ Church is Making Connections & Offering Opportunities
for Faith, Love & Service**

Weekly Update - April 10, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226



A Word From Pastor Daven

Reaching for the Cause

It is no surprise that when the weather finally makes its turn, an eruption of outdoor activity occurs. The sound of snow blowers is replaced by leaf blowers and even, far too early and yet witnessed, lawn mowers! When all our machines quiet, we still find an environment filled with sound. The migrating robins back in full force and peepers in boggy areas awakened by warmth.

Perhaps our Palm Sunday processions and proclamations are our own warming cheers for spring, possibility, hope, and renewal. But as we face the stark realities in our faith journey days later, and likely even some flakes in the air in our natural reality, the question is asked if we are reaching for the truth which lies beyond what we can simply see? Will our voices fall silent amid terror, or worse, join those of hopelessness and hatred? Or will we reach for something beyond, ever beyond?

While we happily welcome warmer temperatures and marvel at the awakening around us, we know that the cause behind it all lies deeper, beyond. This is what inspires our faith in renewed belief through these seasons. Certainly we experience a resurrection around us. But it remains a symbol and not the ultimate truth. We still reach for the truth

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Daily Bible Reading – 2019 Shaping Our Life Experience

Excerpts from both the Old and New Testament are included each day. This is a great way to support your ongoing growth in faith and the Christ Church community as well.

April 10: 1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 12:35-59

April 11: 1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 13:1-21

April 12: 1 Samuel 10-12; Luke 13:22-35

April 13: 1 Samuel 13-14; Luke 14:1-24

April 14: 1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 14:25-35

April 15: 1 Samuel 17-18; Luke 15:1-10

April 16: 1 Samuel 19-21; Luke 15:11-32

In Our Healing Prayers

Carolyn Flynn, Virginia 'Ginny' Molin, The Swenson Family, The Webber Family, The Maliken Family, Joyce Moser, Bob Varian, Jan Rhinehart, Harold Weaver, Lynne Beller, Janet Hill, Cindy Fisher, Sissie Mooney, Mary Jane Shanley, Bruce Burr, Sue Estee, Frank Annunziata, Lois Lewis, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola

*Those who are **care partners** with others

*Pray for Chris Maliken, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson serving in the US Navy

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, April 10 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11 - 1pm- 'Thirstaid' Thursday

Friday, April 12 - **5:30pm- Music & Meditation**

Saturday, April 13 - *Caller Deadline for May Newsletter*

Sunday, April 14 - **Palm Sunday**

10am - Worship Service

11am - Educational Opportunities & Fellowship

Supervised Child Care, Sky Box and Family Worship Space available

*Visit the **Café Connection** each Sunday morning and enjoy delicious, fair trade, **New Day Coffee**, morning treats and friendly conversation.*

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14

Make A Difference Day Signups Begin

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship Service at 7 p.m.

with Footwashing & Communion

Good Friday, April 19

Labyrinth Walk at 12 p.m.

Tenebrae Service at 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21

Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Music and Meditation in the Season of Lent

Friday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m.

In quiet and candlelight, join in meditative song, prayer, and Scripture reading that penetrates the heart and the whole being.

Do you want to
**make a
difference?**

Food & Supplies Needed for Local Families

In addition to the food that goes to local food pantries, Christ Church serves local families in need. The following items are needed:

cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, deodorant, and soap.

The Tiger's Den is collecting **tuna fish, juice, and canned fruit** (*not fruit cocktail*) in April.

Collecting carts at Christ Church are marked for Tiger's Den Food Pantry and for local families.

Friends in Need



Marion Chalmers is looking for someone to call a couple times each year to assist with purchasing and transporting cases of water from the grocery store to her condo.

Bob Varian is requesting help with an upcoming move.

If you are able to help with either of these requests, please contact the church office (cumc350@gmail.com or 839-2460). Thank you!

Second Sunday, Second Helping Offering – April 14

The April 2nd Sunday, 2nd Helping Offering will be received for **embrace Western New York**, a local, non-profit organization working to fulfill its mission- "**through education all things are possible.**" Fundraising locally and supporting locally offers embraceWNY the opportunity to raise awareness of the LGBTQ community while promoting equality and justice for all Western New Yorkers. Our offerings will go to **embraceWNY** Community Grants and Scholarships, along with Educational Scholarships for local college students



Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Every **Tuesday at Noon**, Pastor Daven leads a time exploring the upcoming Sunday's Scripture. This will provide context to the Scripture(s) being explored and ultimately enrich the experience of worship itself. All are welcome anytime!

Thirstaid Thursdays

You are invited to join in 'Thirstaid' Thursdays
each Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Wesley Room!

"Hope When Your Heart Breaks (Navigating Grief and Loss)"

Facilitators: Pastor Daven, Peggy Bermudez, Dr. David Pliss

We'll look at how life experiences challenge us and how God powerfully uses the gifts of prayer, presence, and witness to move us and others through these times to thrive again.

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Sundays at 11 a.m. in the Wesley Room

"The Anatomy of Peace"

Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra

The GBYO, a group of talented students who rehearse at Christ Church each week, will be performing a side-by-side concert with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert will be held at Kleinhans Music Hall on Sunday, April 28 at 2:30p.m. All are welcome to attend this free concert!



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Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am