



Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY
"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities
for Faith, Love & Service"

Weekly Update –April 28

Garbage Day

Running early in the morning on garbage day has long been a favorite of mine. Many discarded treasures have been collected after finding them along my route, from basketball hoop to fireplace tools. I find myself, however, profoundly bothered overall by the immensity of the waste we produce week-after-week.

Jesus said in John 3:17, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." We tend to think of these scriptures in relation to turning individuals/people to faith in Christ, but the scripture says nothing to that regard. Surveying the garbage we fill the earth with after extracting so much from beneath it, I am left wondering how well we are doing in relation to saving the world through him. I question how, as a follower of Christ, I am working to save the world.

Earth Day was just a little over a week ago. I pray that as we all enjoy the warming temperatures, verdant green of spring, blossoming trees and blooming flowers, we would pause to think about Christ's mission to save the world. And then we might consider our role in helping this mission to become our own.

-Pastor Daven



*Worship is available on Sunday mornings at 10am,
both in person and online!*

*Live-streamed worship will be available beginning at 10am each Sunday,
with a direct link posted on our website and Facebook page to our
livestream: www.youtube.com/CUMCAmherst/live*

*Recordings of each service will also be available on our YouTube channel for
viewing once the service has ended.*

Please be advised of new guidelines for those wishing to worship together in person at Christ Church:

- All will be required to wear a mask. We will have a limited supply of masks on hand for those who come without one.
- Enter through one door at the main entrance.
- Use hand sanitizer at the provided station before entering the Sanctuary.
- Maintain social distancing (6 feet apart) from those not within your immediate family.
- Please do not enter the building if you are experiencing any symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, chills, diarrhea).

*We will continue to provide online opportunities for worship and
connection. Our [YouTube channel](#) is the best way to find new content and worship services. We encourage you to 'Subscribe' to our channel! You'll be notified each time new content is uploaded, and the more subscribers we have, the less ads will appear!*

[Click here to check out our YouTube channel](#)

[Click here to be connected to our website](#)

[Click here to be directed to our Facebook page](#)

Sunday, May 2 is Bring a Young Person to Church Day!



Following 10am worship on **Sunday, May 2**, the Children's Ministry Team will lead children, youth, parents, grandparents, and friends in a flag making activity from **11am-1pm** in honor of Earth Day! Art materials will be provided, please bring a mask and your creative ideas!

All are invited! Register with the church office (cumc350@gmail.com) by **April 28** so that we have enough supplies for everyone!

We are hiring for two positions: Office Administrator & Custodian!

Job descriptions and online employment forms are available on our website for those interested in applying. You can find both under the "Staff" menu heading on [the Custodian page](#) and [the Office Administrator page](#) on the Christ Church website.

A Note From Your Office Manager & Ministry Assistant-

It is with mixed emotions that I write to tell you that I will be resigning from my position as Office Manager and Ministry Assistant at Christ Church in mid-May. I have accepted a full-time position as Communications Assistant at MissionGo (formerly Global Outreach Mission) in Getzville, NY. I am very excited about this new opportunity that God has led me to, as it combines my love of missions and international cultures with my administrative skills. I look forward to working with missionaries serving around the world to help them effectively communicate their on-field experiences with their sponsors and churches.

It has been an absolute joy to serve at Christ Church these past 7 1/2 years, and I have grown to love and cherish the relationships I have formed with the congregation and community. I will dearly miss you all and serving behind the scenes. I plan to remain a part of the community and desire to stay informed and come for visits when I'm able. CUMC will forever hold a very special place in my heart, and I'm so grateful for all the opportunities you have afforded me and all the support, love, and encouragement I've received over the years!

-Janelle (Martin) Davis

This Week at Christ Church

Spring Office Hours:

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday

9a.m. - 2p.m.

At all times, even during office hours, the building will remain locked. Please call for admittance.

Thursday, April 29

4-6:30 p.m. - ANS Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ (Drive-thru)

Saturday, May 1

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Work Day

Sunday, May 2

Bring a Young Person to Church Day!

10 a.m. - Worship Service *In-Person and Live-Stream*

11a.m. - 1p.m. - Flag Making Activity

Daily Bible Reading – 2021 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 28: 2 Samuel 19-20; Luke 21:20-38

April 29: 2 Samuel 21-22; Luke 22:1-30

April 30: 2 Samuel 23-24; Luke 22:31-53

May 1: 1 Kings 1-2; Luke 22:54-71

May 2: 1 Kings 3-5; Luke 23:1-26

May 3: 1 Kings 6-7; Luke 23:27-38

May 4: 1 Kings 8-9; Luke 23:39-56

In Our Healing Prayers

-**Jim Pollard** - recent successful surgery

-**Dave Mitchell, Sandy Cumming, Carolyn Day, Kevin Cetola, Paul Staley, Scott Smith, Debbie Laberta, Dave Wolf, Helen Peacock** (now living at Amberleigh), **Mary Gerhardt** (Mother of Lisa Lawson), **Lynda Painton, Sue Estee, Ruth Munson, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Joe Day, Dick Ball, Barbara Weaver, Inez Beachley, Bob Varian, John Ladowski, Janet Hill, Mary Jane Shanley, Jean Ericson**

*Those affected with COVID-19, those working on the front lines, and all impacted by the changes of work and activities.

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

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



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Lord's Table for Sunday, May 2 are given in honor of family and friends by the Radel Family.

CUMC Identity - Questions to Ponder

A small team has been meeting over the past few months to discuss the identity of our Church, so we better understand ourselves, tell our story to the community, and invite others into our community. Over the next few weeks, we invite you to ponder the following questions:

- **Why does Christ Church exist?**
- ***Other than the people*, why do you come to Christ Church?**
- **What would you nurture in our Church to see it through to the future?**

A fillable Google Docs form is available on our website under the "News" section, or [click this link](#). Team chairs will also be discussing these questions with their

groups. We look forward to your response as we take stock of where we've been, where we are, and as we imagine what the future will hold!

The New Testament Challenge

Next week begins the New Testament Challenge! Books and journals for the challenge will be available in church on Sunday morning.

Opportunities to join in the challenge throughout May & June will be available during the week through our sermon series, Tuesdays on YouTube for Exploring Sunday's Scriptures, and Zoom groups on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Thursday afternoons at 1pm (look for links to join in the update next week).

All are invited to participate!

