



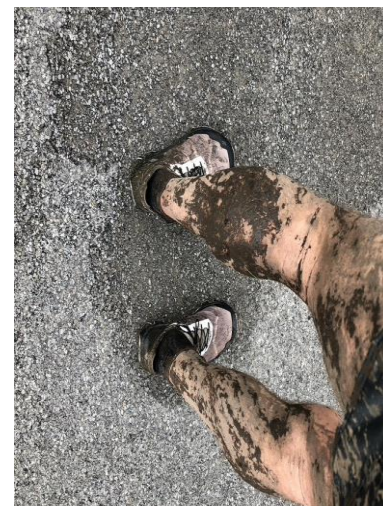
Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY
"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities
for Faith, Love & Service"

Weekly Update – April 29



Mud!

Needing a little nature recharge and wanting to indulge in some springtime frivolity, I headed off to one of my favorite local spots for a little trail run. I figured by this point the trails might be reasonably dry. Within steps, however, my feet were wet and in a few short minutes I had experienced every type of mud there is - heavy mud that sticks to your shoes, light / watery mud that covers the legs and everything in between. I saw the look in my wife's eyes when I came back, the look which declared, "straight to the shower!" In no time I went from mud covered to shower clean.



I don't know that it's this easy in regards to sins. But you could say that our indulgences and human nature is like the mud I encountered. It comes in so many different forms - some which hang onto our lives weighing them down, some which just seem to splash up leaving a remnant and stain.

No matter the sin, what we have in confession to God and the grace of forgiveness in Jesus Christ is the shower that in minutes takes us from sin covered to grace-cleansed. And thanks be to God that in all the different seasons of life when we encounter mud, we can in seeking forgiveness be showered in grace.

-Pastor Daven



All church activities are currently suspended **through May 15**. We do, however, have audio recordings available on our website and videos on our YouTube channel, as well as links on our Facebook page, for you to take part in at your convenience!

Our website will be the place where we have all opportunities available as they are posted. We desire to remain connected as much as possible via online opportunities during this time.

Here is the schedule for when opportunities are posted on our website:

Sundays: Worship at 10 a.m.

Tuesdays: Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Wednesdays: Feasting on the Word

Fridays: Music & Meditation

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

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

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

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 12 pm

All activities of and in Christ Church are suspended through May 15. Please call the office (839-2460) or Pastor Daven (903-6024) with any questions or concerns.

Daily Bible Reading – 2020 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 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

May 5: 1 Kings 10-11; Luke 24:1-35

In Our Healing Prayers

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **The Oskvig Family** following the sudden death of Al Oskvig, Daven's uncle.

The Burr Family

Barbara Carier - compression fracture in back

Jon Davis (future father-in-law of **Janelle Martin**) - mesothelioma cancer

Kyle Ackerman (cousin of **Chris Klenk**), **Ruth** (friend of **Dede Johnson**), **Larry Burdette**, **Chuck Gilbert**, **Scott Smith**, **Helen Peacock**, **Dick Ball**, **Sissie Mooney**, **Barbara Weaver**, **Inez Beachley**, **Joe & Carolyn Day**, **Bob Varian**, **John Ladowski**, **Janet Hill**, **Mary Jane Shanley**, **Sue Estee**, **Frank Annunziata**, **Jean Ericson**, **Kevin Cetola**

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

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

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

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive that was to be held at Christ Church on Friday, May 15 has been cancelled.

Blood donations are urgently needed at this time. St. Leo the Great (885 Sweet Home Road in Amherst) will be hosting a blood drive from Noon-6pm each Wednesday, or you can schedule a donation at another location through the Red Cross website. Please consider giving the gift of life. www.redcross.org

The Upper Room

In the midst of pandemic and economic slowdown, we are not alone. God is with us.

The Upper Room has a website with resources to help you create and maintain spiritual wellness during these anxious times.

<https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>