

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

**Weekly Update - April 3, 2019**

**Christ United Methodist Church**

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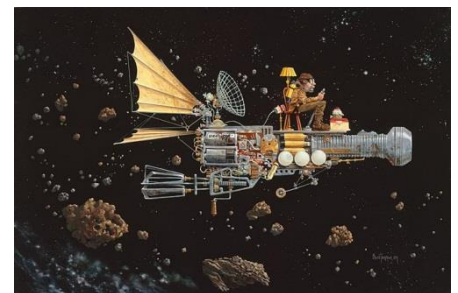


## A Word From Pastor Daven

### Low Tech

Major glitches have occurred as students have taken the ELA (English Language Arts) Common Core testing this week. These have been specifically related to those who have committed to computer-based testing. Tests have now been postponed with many commitments to computer-based testing canceled.

I recall art by James C. Christensen he produced which I understand was the result of a commission to create a vision of future space travel. Instead he created a reflection that such futures cannot occur without the advancement through seemingly low tech, Rube Goldberg approaches.



We can get caught up in all the hype about any number of advances in digital media and forms of communication. And I can see and understand how they can be a great benefit in living out our vision and purpose of 'Making Connections and Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love and Service.' But all the research indicates that our connection to faith and a faith community is still decidedly low tech. It is personal and interpersonal, as the ministry of Jesus has been since his own time. It is by our own invitation and through our own interactions that people are reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are working on improving our digital front door, the use of monitors around the church to communicate, advances in our Sanctuary projection and technology, and a host of other high tech realities. But the future of the church remains decidedly low tech as it was from the time of Christ. Maybe you will share this message along in social media, but I hope and pray that you might take the time and risk of the decidedly low tech approach of personal invitation and interaction in the name of Christ.



## 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 3: Judges 10-11; Luke 9:1-36

April 4: Judges 12-14; Luke 9:37-62

April 5: Judges 15-17; Luke 10:1-24

April 6: Judges 18-19; Luke 10:25-42

April 7: Judges 20-21; Luke 11:1-28

April 8: Ruth 1-4; Luke 11:29-54

April 9: 1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 12:1-34

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### In Our Healing Prayers

**The Swenson Family, The Webber 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

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### This Week at Christ Church

#### Church Office:

**Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,**

**Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon**

Wednesday, April 3 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4 - 11:30am- Visitation Team  
1pm- 'Thirstaid' Thursday  
7pm- Elizabeth Circle

Friday, April 5 - 11am- Books We Have Loved  
**5:30pm- Music & Meditation**

Saturday, April 6 - 10am- Circle of Joy

Sunday, April 7 - **10am - Worship Service**

*Guest Preacher: Rev. James Pollard*

**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.*



## **How To Organize Before It's Too Late**

*Making Decisions and Celebrating Lives*

**Tuesday, April 9**

**1:30 pm -or- 7:00 pm**

Participants in this seminar will be equipped with documents and necessary steps for making decisions and plans for their future.

Seminar presenters include:

**Bradley (Brad) Loliger, JD, MSW**

Staff Attorney in the Guardianship Unit  
at the Center for Elder Law & Justice

**Charles Durante, Licensed Funeral Director**

Roberts & Wedekindt Funeral Home

**Jeffrey Reed, President**

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Group

**Keith Schottman, Vice-President**

Allaire Financial Strategies

**Rev. Daven Oskvig, Pastor**

Christ Church Amherst

Seminar is free and open to the public. Reserve your spot by calling **839-2460** or email

[cumc350@gmail.com](mailto:cumc350@gmail.com)



**Music and Meditation in the Season of Lent**

**Fridays at 5:30 p.m.**

**April 5 & 12**

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

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## Lenten ALL-CHURCH Read

ARE YOU READING “THE ANATOMY OF PEACE” ?

Pick up a copy of the book during the week or on Sunday, and read it as a Lenten opportunity to reflect on the way to transform personal, professional, and global conflicts. Join in discussion of the book on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. in the Wesley Room, or invite friends to discuss the book in a coffee-shop setting, over lunch, or in your home. A study guide is available. A \$10 donation for the book is requested, but not required. Payment may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, designated Lenten study book, and placed in the Sunday offering, or sent to the church office.

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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.

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## 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.

## [a.o.i. @ CUMC](#)

**Sundays at 11 a.m. in the Wesley Room**

**"The Anatomy of Peace"**

Lenten reading and reflection on how we deal with conflicts

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### Church Office Hours:

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