

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

Weekly Update - August 1

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Christ often sought the wild places for times of reflection and prayer. It is difficult not to be in such a state as you stare at wave-after-wave pounding the shore. As we walked along with Amelia dancing through the incoming waves, chasing them out and then being chased in by the next one, we spoke little as we stared out to the south and east.

I thought of this journey through the Acts of the Apostles we have been taking in worship. Every time those early apostles thought that the Gospel had reached as far as it could, they were reshaped to see new horizons, new possibilities, more change. Like the beach responding to waves, it is constantly reshaped in the process as the water pushes and pulls upon the grains.

I feel that's how it is with God's grace - it pushes and pulls upon each of us, like grains of sand, reshaping where we are, how we are, and who we are. Perhaps the summer through its wild places offers us the opportunity to once again feel those waves of grace wash over us. And maybe like Amelia sometimes we are running toward that grace and sometimes it is chasing us - but in either case, it is working to reshape us, and in turn, our world.

-Pastor Daven



Daily Bible Reading – 2018

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.

August 1: Psalms 65-67; Romans 2

August 2: Psalms 68-69; Romans 3

August 3: Psalms 70-72; Romans 4

August 4: Psalms 73-74; Romans 5

August 5: Psalms 75-77; Romans 6

August 6: Psalms 78; Romans 7

August 7: Psalms 79-81; Romans 8:1-18

Joys & Concerns

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Dorothy Hanson Brown**, who died on Friday, July 27. Dorothy was 103 years young. A memorial service is scheduled for **Saturday, September 1 at 1pm.**



In Our Healing Prayers

Janet Hill - in rehab at ECMC

Ann Burdette - returning home this week

Frank Annunziata, Michele Sciolino, Mary Jane Shanley (at home), **Robert Nachbar, Millie Staley, Bob Varian, Dennis Scaringi, Sue Estee, Lois Lewis, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola,**

Sissie Mooney

*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 (Summer):

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 3 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

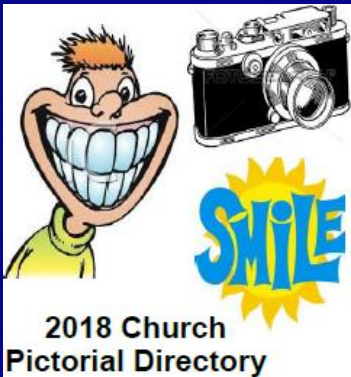
Sunday, August 5 - 9 am - Casual Praise Service
 10am - Worship Strategy Team
 11 am - Traditional Worship
 Communion Sunday

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.*

Fall Calendar

Fall is coming! **ALL** church groups must submit an updated schedule of their meetings for the fall/winter to Janelle in the church office (cumc350@gmail.com). This will ensure an accurate church calendar as we welcome both church and community groups into our building this fall.



Pictorial Directory

Each Sunday in August, we will be taking pictures of families and individuals between and after each service and asking for updated contact information for a new in-house pictorial directory!

**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 **cooking oil & crackers** in August.

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

Offer Hospitality

Help is needed to host the Café in August. If you would like to provide hospitality on any Sunday morning in August, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Café. Thank you!

Commission on a Way Forward

The United Methodist Council of Bishops has released the final report of the Commission on a Way Forward, which will be presented at the 2019 special session of the General Conference.

“To the People of The United Methodist Church,

“We offer the final report of the Commission on a Way Forward, translated in the four official languages of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church: English, French, Portuguese and Swahili. In the Nicene Creed, we are taught the marks of the church—one, holy, catholic and apostolic. We are catholic in that we care not only for the parts of the church, but more significantly for the whole. We have refrained from commenting about the plans contained in this report until the time when our sisters and brothers could read this in their own first language. With this distribution, we give thanks that this work can now begin, and we can have a conversation that represents our global and catholic nature—more fully who we are as The United Methodist Church.”

Bishops Sandra Steiner Ball and David Yemba
Moderators, Commission on a Way Forward

This fall, Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb is hosting six gatherings around the Conference in preparation for the Special Session of General Conference to talk about the Commission on a Way Forward for The United Methodist Church. Our local gathering will be held on **October 14 from 4-6pm at Clarence UMC**. This gathering will include a presentation of the plan and process of General Conference, a time to remember our mission, and worship and prayer.

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!

VBS Video

Check out a video picture slideshow from July's Rolling River Rampage VBS!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoRcs3xmc3E&feature=youtu.be>

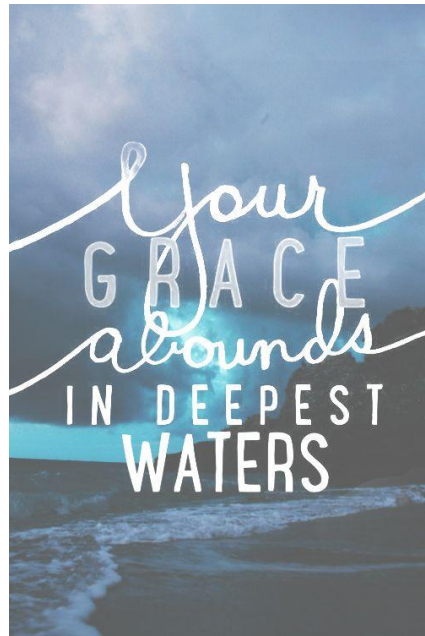
Newsboys Concert

The newsboys will be uniting with past and present band members for a concert at The Chapel at Crosspoint on **Thursday, September 27 at 7pm**. Tickets are \$18 each for a group of 10 or more. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Wayne Pruski at wpruski@icloud.com or 525-2413.

Women's Weekend

October 5-7, 2018

All women are welcome to join us for Vita Abbondante! Our Women's Weekend will be held from October 5-7 at the United Methodist House at Chautauqua Institution. Inspired by John 10:10, Chaplain Daryl Bennett will guide us as we explore ways to live more fully by caring for our bodies, minds, and spirits. Cost is \$90 and includes 2 nights and 4 meals. To reserve your place, please sign up on the poster in the Café. Checks may be made payable to UMW and placed in the UMW mail slot near the church office.



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SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

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Traditional Worship at 11 am