



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

Weekly Update – August 12



View

We fulfilled another longtime hope of my daughter Amelia with a rugged overnight camping trip. Trying to remain physically distant from others, this meant an absence of conveniences taken for granted (running water, bathrooms, etc.). Everything that we would need, we would pack-in and carry. No such trek is complete without a long, technical hike, ideally with the reward of a view.

Throughout the biblical narrative encounters with God often occur on mountaintops, where the perceived proximity between heaven and earth are minimal. Whether its Moses receiving the law, Elijah hearing the still small voice, Jesus going to pray, or the transfiguration before the disciples, these high places seem to heighten senses leading to revelations and renewed commitments. Is this really the result of that thin veil between heaven and earth being nearly transparent in such high places or the physical demand required to reach these places - the views they afford, our openness to sit in the quiet after such an undertaking, exhausted and so differently-abled to absorb everything around us?



Too often mired in day-to-day living we get caught up just looking at our own feet and situation, missing the views all around us. There is a concept called the 'balcony view' which essentially means taking that step back to see a more complete view / perspective. Maybe that's really what these biblical moments and even such personal experiences lend, an ability to see a more complete view. We don't need to head off camping to the mountains and woods to gain such perspective. We need only, like Jesus, to take some time away to pray to

see again that this world really is an amazing place and worth all our time and energy to save.

-Pastor Daven



Worship is now 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](#)

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 2 pm

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.

August 12: Psalms 93-95; Romans 11:22-36

August 13: Psalms 96-98; Romans 12

August 14: Psalms 99-102; Romans 13

August 15: Psalms 103-104; Romans 14

August 16: Psalms 105-106; Romans 15:1-20

August 17: Psalms 107-108; Romans 15:21-33

August 18: Psalms 109-111; Romans 16

In Our Healing Prayers

Jim Pollard - hospitalized

Dave Mitchell, Debbie Laberta & Chrissy Merrill, Kevin Cetola, Paul Staley, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Carol Maltbie, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Sissie Mooney, Barbara Burr, Scott Smith, Dick Ball, Barbara Weaver, Inez Beachley, Bob Varian, John Ladowski, Janet Hill, Mary Jane Shanley, Sue Estee, Jean Ericson

*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

Caller Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder that all submissions for the September 2020 edition of The Caller newsletter are due on **Thursday, August 13**. Please submit any articles, photos, etc. to Barb Mitchell at: caller350@yahoo.com -or- bbmitch@verizon.net

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday August 14th, 4-6pm

Take-out only! Please line up in the parking lot, and we will bring meals out to you.

Meals include: Spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, and dessert for \$10 each.



Fundraiser for
Trinity United Methodist Church
711 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Amherst, NY 14226

Purchase tickets in advance by calling 946-4380, or at the door.