



Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY

"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love & Service"

Weekly Update - August 14

I'm on the bus riding back to the airport after our Disney adventure. We concluded with one last occasion of fireworks at the castle with a great vantage point. What a magical experience for us all!

As we have explored the parks immersing ourselves into the experience, I have been observant to both children & adults who absolutely are enthralled by it all. Even when the make-believe is erased and eroded by age, the experience still allows an escape from the normal and everyday.



We can't all live on the mountain tops. Jesus says as much following the transfiguration. Life lies in the valleys. But the church remains the place where weekly, not that we escape, but we turn and return to, providing us with a persistent truth and hope of what is possible. It is not the Magic Kingdom which Christ tells and teaches of, but something even greater, better, and more incredible - the Kingdom of God. The possibility lies with all of us, the body of Christ. Let us work to build that kingdom into reality.

-Pastor Daven

Ways 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 **condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, syrup), flour, sugar, oil, and salt** during the summer. They also request **paper bags** and **reusable shopping bags (NOT plastic bags)** to pack groceries.

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

This Week at Christ Church

SUMMER Church Office Hours:

*Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to **3 pm**, Thurs. – 9am to Noon*

Thursday, August 15

- 7pm- Staff-Parish Relations Team

Sunday, August 18

- 10am - **Worship Service** *Very Veggie Sunday*
- 11am - **Digest the Sermon**

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.*

JOY! We celebrate with Steven & Theresa Fitzgerald as they enter into married life! They were married at Christ Church on Sunday, August 11.

JOY! We extend our gratitude to Rev. Gregg Stierheim for sharing his "Vision" with us this past Sunday. You can listen to his message [on our website](#).

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.

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

August 19: Psalms 112-115; 1 Corinthians 1

August 20: Psalms 116-118; 1 Corinthians 2

In Our Healing Prayers

Dick Radel, Bob Varian, Bruce Burr, Inez Beachley, John Ladowski, Chrissy Merrill, Joyce Moser, Janet Hill, Sissie Mooney, Mary Jane Shanley, Sue Estee, Frank Annunziata, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola

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

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

How are You Connecting, Loving, and Serving this Summer?

Your Stewardship Team would love to see your answers to that question! On the bulletin board in Crafts Hall, you'll find poster board and markers. Please take a few minutes to write down what you're doing this summer. Christ Church is Making Connections and Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love and Service!

Special Outing

The CUMC Men's Group invites all to attend a special private group showing of the Buffalo Fire Department Historical Society (1850 William Street) and a special tour (not ride) of the Edward Cotter Fireboat, the oldest operating fireboat in the world, on

Monday August 26. We will plan on lunch at the Swannie House (170 Ohio Street). We will carpool from the church parking lot at **9 a.m.**. This special viewing is made possible through the efforts of Peter Zaleski. His father was a long-time chief of the Buffalo Fire Department and has enabled this special private viewing. This is a free event, but generous donations are greatly appreciated.

Please inform Peter Zaleski (832-7194) or Tom Nye (213-3642, tom.slept@gmail.com) before August 23.



Western New York Refugee Film Festival 2019-2020

Show your support for refugee resettlement in Buffalo and our newest neighbors! Attend the WNY Refugee Film Festival to benefit the programs of Journey's End Refugee Services. Seven award-winning films, including a Buffalo Slow-Roll Grand Finale featuring films on the Syrian refugee crisis; a special screening at Shea's Performing Arts Center with a director-led talkback; a Global VIP Reception with international food, libations, and entertainment; food-themed door prizes; and a free WNYRFF T-shirt for all film pass holders! Buffalo Spree Magazine calls it a "Be There" event and we hope you'll be there, too! For film passes, trailers, and schedule, visit: www.wnyrff.org