

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

Weekly Update - August 15

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads
Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

This past Sunday we ventured out to the town pool for its final day of the season. It was a warm one, encouraging us to seize this opportunity. We have often reflected that the date of the closing comes awfully early with weeks of summer still lying ahead.

There is a part of each of us what wants to linger in seasons of rest and recreation. During these times the pace of life eases and opportunities with family and friends increase. As the pool closure announced, these times are coming to a conclusion. The temptation is to get upset, to mourn the passing of another summer, and to retreat inward.

As I have worked on articles for the September Caller, as meetings have begun to resume and projects discussed are moved toward execution, I grow in anticipation and excitement for what lies ahead as we as a community of faith seek to make connections and offer opportunities in faith, love and service. So perhaps as bittersweet as the conclusion of the summer months is, I pray you might find with me reason to be energized and enthused for what God has in store for us ahead.

-Pastor Daven

Sunday Worship

Beginning **September 9, 2018**, worship will take place at **10 AM on Sunday mornings** with fellowship, FaithXpress, and other opportunities directly following the conclusion of the worship service.

This worship experience will use the format and style of what has been offered in the late worship service. The Worship Strategy Team will continue to meet through 2018 for continued conversation and recommendations concerning this single Sunday worship experience along with the potential of any additional seasonally-specific, unique, or ongoing complements to this primary worship witness on Sunday morning.

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 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

August 21: Psalm 119:1-48; 1 Corinthians 3

Joys

JOY! Over \$300 was given during Sunday's 2nd Heling offering, which will be seed money for new furniture in the Family Room!

In Our Healing Prayers

Pam Elberson - at home, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Ann Burdette - at home

Janet Hill - in rehab at ECMC

Frank Annunziata, Michele Sciolino, Mary Jane Shanley, 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

Thursday, August 16 - 7pm - Staff-Parish Relations Team

Sunday, August 19 - 9 am - Casual Praise Service

11 am - Traditional Worship

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.



The graphic for the 2018 Church Pictorial Directory features a cartoon character with a wide, toothy smile, a vintage camera, and the word "SMILE" in a stylized, bubbly font. Below the character, the text "2018 Church Pictorial Directory" is written.

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. Come this Sunday ready with your best smile!

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.

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!

Got broken, chipped or unwanted dishes you'd like to give away?

We'll take them!!

We're looking for colorful china or pottery pieces to be used in a breaking and remaking project for FaithXpress. Bring your items to the church office by **September 23**. Contact Kay Barber with questions (634-6987).

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.

**"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of
winter to give it sweetness?"
— John Steinbeck**

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