

## Weekly Update - August 21

### Storms

The quiet of night was broken by the rumble of thunder as the darkness was pierced by cracks of lightening. As if that wasn't enough to awaken me from slumber, then the panting of the anxious dog continued through the breadth of the storm, taking any hopes of a quick return to my dreams.

Maybe this is what Jesus experienced with the disciples in the midst of the storm as they crossed the sea. It wasn't the thunder or lightning that disrupted his sleep and dreams as much as the anxiety and fear of the disciples. Panting over what they perceived as their end, they rouse him. Jesus' awakening, I feel, not only calmed the storm around them but the storm within them. He concludes by asking them "Where is your faith?" (Luke 8:25) Maybe the question is really about who and what is awakened by this whole experience ...

Whatever the gales of life that come to batter us, awaken us, frighten us, and cause us distress, we are asked through them where our faith is. When we put our faith in Christ, we find that it can calm much of the turbulence in life - around us and within us. And that just might help us to wake up to who we are and whose we are.

-Pastor Daven

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### *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*

### **Friday, August 23**

- *Hosting Family Promise*

### **Sunday, August 25**

- **10am - Worship Service**
- **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.*

### *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 21: Psalm 119:1-48; 1 Corinthians 3

August 22: Psalm 119:49-109; 1 Corinthians 4

August 23: Psalm 119:105-176; 1 Corinthians 5

August 24: Psalms 120-123; 1 Corinthians 6

August 25: Psalms 124-127; 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

August 26: Psalms 128-131; 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

August 27: Psalms 132-135; 1 Corinthians 8

### *In Our Healing Prayers*

**Joe Day** - recent fall

**Michael Farley**

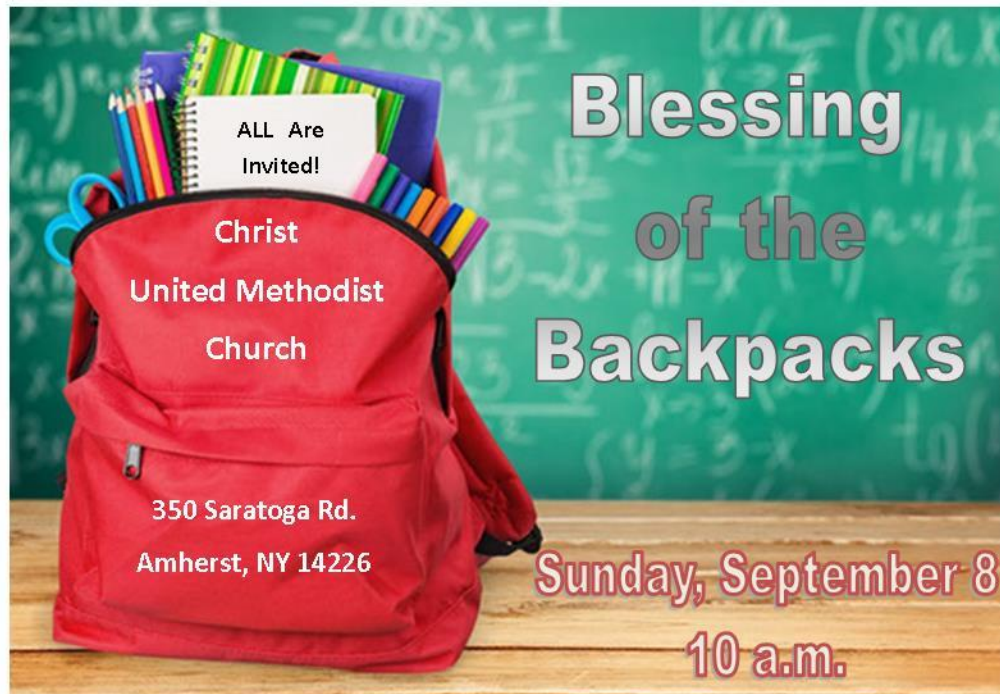
**Ally Stier**

**Dick Radel** - home, receiving physical therapy

**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



We invite all children, youth, and educators to bring in their backpacks, bags, briefcases, etc. for worship at **10 a.m. on Sunday, September 8!** Pastor Daven will be blessing them during the worship service.

Following worship, parents, children and youth are invited downstairs for a meet and greet with the Christian Education Team in Room 18 (Music Room). Registration will take place for FaithXpress and the Community Youth Group for fall. Refreshments will be served!

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

Your Stewardship Team would love to see your answers to that question! In the Family Room 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 RSVP to Peter Zaleski (832-7194) or Tom Nye (213-3642, [tom.slept@gmail.com](mailto:tom.slept@gmail.com)) by **August 23**.

## Christ Church Library

Our Library Team is looking for donations of nearly-new children's books (picture books through middle school age) to update the children's section of the Library. Bring any donations to the Library (upstairs by the church office) on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours.

## 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](http://www.wnyrff.org)