

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

Weekly Update - August 22

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads
Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Lined up after church, I came over to the camera to begin taking photos for our new directory. In quick succession, I snapped away, getting three done with several filling out paperwork in preparation. All of a sudden the camera shut off. The battery was completely drained. No more pictures would be taken, including my own- which my tie had specifically been chosen to match my daughter's dress. Thankfully Christ Church is filled with forgiving and understanding people who willingly accepted this turn in events. I, however, was embarrassed that I had not thought to recharge the battery or bring the charger from home to have on hand in case of such circumstances. Live and learn ...

Isn't this how it can be with our faith journey? Often at times with plans laid out and hopes for what we will accomplish, matched for mission together, and then without warning our batteries are drained. The promise of a day, the inspiration we once felt gone and we grope around looking for a recharge.

It is in a community of faith, like Christ Church, where we seek to make connections and offer opportunities, that we might be recharged. It is more than just being present in worship- it is the vulnerability, the fellowship, the laughter, the tears, the joy, the hopes that we share together that slowly recharge those batteries.

-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 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

August 28: Psalms 136-138; 1 Corinthians 9

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Ted Beachley**,

who died on August 16. A memorial service celebrating Ted's life will be held at Christ Church on **Saturday, September 15 at 11am.**

In Our Healing Prayers

Janet Hill - in rehab at ECMC

Ann Burdette, Pam Elberson, Frank Annunziata, Michele Sciolino, Mary Jane Shanley, Robert Nachbar, Bob Varian, 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

Friday, August 24 - *Office Closing at Noon*

Sunday, August 26 - 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.

Transformation Through Christ – Turn 180°

September 7 & 8, 2018 at Skye Lake Camp

All are invited to attend this dynamic retreat at Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Windsor, NY on September 7 & 8. Join us in fellowship as we take a fresh look at our relationship with the Lord. Speakers include Rev. Bishop James Swanson, Sr., Bishop

Mark Webb, and Rev. Mark Kimpland. This retreat is open to everyone- all denominations, women, children and families! [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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