



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

Weekly Update – August 26



Bluebirds

We had surprise visitors stopping in for a bite this past week at the feeders—bluebirds! We haven't changed what we offer, so we pondered why we are seeing them now and what this new company could mean. A little investigation has illuminated that bluebirds are seen as bringers of peace, chasing negative energy away with the good news they bring. They are symbols of joy and happiness.



It feels like a correlation with Jesus - bringer of peace, chasing the negative away with good news, seeking to help us all toward joy and happiness. He brings the beauty of hope among the harsh reality of life. In Christ, color is shared. And so I have found in them a reminder to me of Jesus, of my faith, of what it gives and provides.

In this has also come a sense of call to how I might be a 'bluebird' in the lives of others. To ask the questions as a follower of Jesus, what can I do to bring peace? How can I help share the good news? How can I bring joy and happiness into the lives of others and the world in which I live? Heaven knows the world needs a little color right now. And through Christ by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have the bright color of hope to share with the world - to be a bluebird.

-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 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

August 29: Psalms 139-141; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

August 30: Ps. 142-144; 1 Corinthians 10:14-33

August 31: Ps. 145-147; 1 Corinthians 11:1-15

September 1: Ps 148-150; 1 Corinthians 11:16-34

In Our Healing Prayers

Chris Klenk – hospitalized

Dave Wolf (Custodian at CUMC) - hospitalized, recent procedure for infection

Paige (friend of Patty Keller) - her family is now exploring comfort care

Dave Mitchell, Jim Pollard, Bill Swenson, Debbie Laberta & Chrissy Merrill, Kevin Cetola, Paul Staley, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, 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

Fund for Dave Wolf

*Please keep our Christ Church custodian, Dave Wolf, in your prayers. Dave has been hospitalized since August 17th and faces costly medical expenses. If you would like to help, Christ Church has a fund that is ready to receive your financial gifts. Please make checks payable to **Christ UMC** with "Dave Wolf Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your prayers and generosity!*

All are welcome to join!
www.UMC.org/EndRacism
TODAY, August 26
at **1pm** (Eastern Time)