

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

Weekly Update - August 28



Many of you asked after Sunday for a copy of the poem used in the sermon. With those requests, I decided that it might be best to share it more broadly through our midweek message. Remember Paul's advice and words on the secret which can bring meaning and value to everyday through every chapter of life, Jesus Christ.

"Present Tense" by Jason Lehman

It was spring, But it was summer I wanted,
The warm days, And the great outdoors.
It was summer, But it was fall I wanted,
The colorful leaves, And the cool, dry air.
It was fall, But it was winter I wanted,
The beautiful snow, And the joy of the holiday season.
It was winter, But it was spring I wanted,
The warmth, And the blossoming of nature.
I was a child, But it was adulthood I wanted,
The freedom, And the respect.

I was 20, But it was 30 I wanted,
To be mature, And sophisticated.
I was middle-aged, But it was 20 I wanted,
The youth, And the free spirit.
I was retired, But it was middle age I wanted,
The presence of mind, Without limitations.
My life was over.
But I never got what I wanted.

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 30

- *Office Closed*

Sunday, September 1

- 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 28: Psalms 136-138; 1 Corinthians 9

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

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

August 31: Psalms 145-147; 1 Corinthians 11:1-15

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

September 2: Proverbs 1-2; 1 Corinthians 12

September 3: Proverbs 3-4; 1 Corinthians 13

In Sympathy

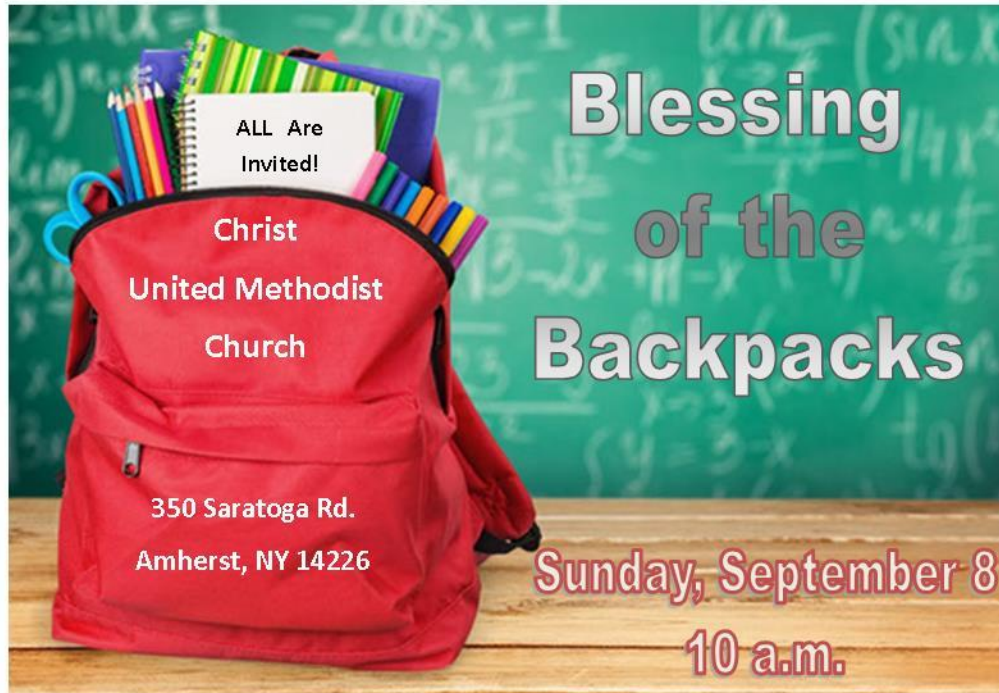
We extend our sympathy and prayers to our Office Manager, **Janelle Martin**. Her grandfather, Glenn Hensel, died on Saturday, August 24 at 97 years old.

In Our Healing Prayers

Joe Day, Michael Farley, Ally Stier, 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



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!

A.O.L. (Adult Opportunities for Learning)

Sundays Following Worship

September 8 – October 13

Join as we read through the book, Making Sense of the Bible. Author Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible, addressing often misunderstood

Biblical themes such as:

- How and when was the Bible written?

- Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why?
 - Were Adam and Eve real people?
 - Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"?
 - Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the End Times?

All are welcome!

Searching the Scriptures

Tuesdays at Noon

Each Tuesday 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!

Thirstaid Thursdays

Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m.

September 12 - October 17

All are invited to participate in discussion about prayer each Thursday afternoon in the Wesley Room. How should I pray? Does prayer make a difference? Are there different kinds of prayer? What can I do to improve my prayer life? Come quench your thirst for a vibrant prayer life!

United Methodist Women's Breakfast

Saturday, September 7 @ 10 a.m.

150 Years of UMW with Peggy Bermudez

Hostess: Rachel Circle Cost: \$5

Who are the women who have led the way for United Methodist Women for the past 150 years? Some of the answers may surprise you. Come and hear about these courageous and innovative women whose lives continue to influence and inspire us today. All are welcome!

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