

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

Weekly Update - August 8

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads
Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Playing in the Rain

At some point, age and maturity end such activities like splashing in puddles, racing rain drops, and dancing in a summer storm. From time-to-time I find myself in the midst of a run, stuck in the rain, and as the puddles slowly grow, so does the smile on my face as I rediscover that simple joy of splashing through the deepest one I can find.

As we have explored Acts of the Apostles I think for those early Apostles. They had, whether it was their own background or their own 'maturing' in the faith, laid aside these simple joys. As the gospel spread they found themselves caught in the midst of the storm of grace, rediscovering the simple joys of faith, of splashing in the deep puddles of the mystery of God's presence as they encountered the excitement of those experiencing it for the first time.

Think of your faith the next time it rains. Maybe go outside, walk a bit, splash in a puddle and let the water drip down your nose. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you let go and invite others to join with you in splashing through the puddles of grace and discover the joys of faith.

-Pastor Daven

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 8: Psalms 82-84; Romans 8:19-39

August 9: Psalms 85-87; Romans 9

August 10: Psalms 88-89; Romans 10

August 11: Psalms 90-92; Romans 11:1-21

August 12: Psalms 93-95; Romans 11:22-36

August 13: Psalms 96-98; Romans 12

August 14: Psalms 99-102; Romans 13

In Our Healing Prayers

Pam Elberson - knee replacement surgery yesterday

Janet Hill - in rehab at ECMC

Ann Burdette, 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 9 - 10:30am - Stewardship Team
7pm - Hospitality Team

Sunday, August 12 - 9 am - Casual Praise Service
10am - Trustees Meeting
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.



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.

Offer Hospitality

Help is needed to host the Café in August. If you would like to provide hospitality on any Sunday morning in August, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Café. Thank you!

Commission on a Way Forward

This fall, Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb is hosting six gatherings around the Conference in preparation for the Special Session of General Conference to talk about the Commission on a Way Forward for The United Methodist Church (To read the entire report, [click here](#)). Our local gathering will be held on **Sunday, October 14 from 4-6pm at Clarence UMC**. This gathering will include a presentation of the plan and process of General Conference, a time to remember our mission, and worship and prayer.

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.



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