

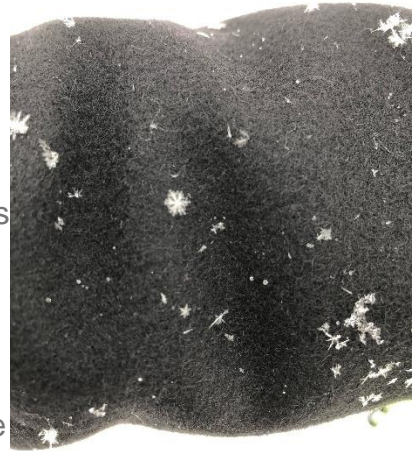


Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY
"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities
for Faith, Love & Service"

Weekly Update – February 10

Snowflakes

Winter has finally descended with its cold, snowy grip on our area. Prior to the rush to remove it in the auditory onslaught of hum of machine and scrape of shovel, an opportunity to bask in all it offers awaits our senses. The gentle hush of snowfall offers to meditatively envelope us; each snowflake provides a glimpse of creative genius complemented by the beauty of their collective whole across a landscape.



Each of us is like an individual snowflake. Made in the image of God, we each carry this impression in our own unique composition. We each have our own individual beauty and sacred worth, each called and capable of becoming the people God already knows us to be. While this remains eternally true, it is collectively like the snowflake that we become something more. The snowflake, when combined with others, are transformed into amazing sculptures shaped by wind in drift or of fun and creativity in snowman. Likewise, when we come together by the love of God, formed into a community through the movement of the Holy Spirit, we become the body of Christ.

Take a moment the next time it snows to look at a snowflake on your mittens and catch one on your tongue. As you feel the cold melting in your mouth or gaze upon that incredible and unique crystalline structure, whisper a word of thanks to God for the grace of forgiveness which melts over us, blessing us with the love to each live into the person God knows us to be and collectively to become the body of Christ to the world.

-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](#)

Lent



Ash Wednesday

*Wednesday, February 17
Worship Service at 7 p.m.*

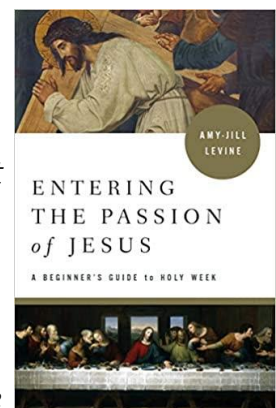
Lenten Study

Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week

By: *Amy-Jill Levine*

“Dive deep into the history of the last days before the crucifixion. Jesus’ final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple.”

“In Entering the Passion of Jesus, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.”



Christ Church will offer 2 opportunities to participate in this study via ZOOM:

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
February 24 – March 31
Facilitator: Beth Reilly Brown

Thursdays at 1 p.m.
February 25 – April 1
Facilitator: Peggy Bermudez

The book is not required, but if you would like to purchase a copy, paperbacks and digital formats are available through a variety of online vendors including Cokesbury, Barnes & Noble, Target, and Amazon.

Music & Meditation

Fridays at 5:30 p.m.
February 19 - April 2

In quiet and candlelight, join in meditative song, prayer, and Scripture reading that penetrates the heart and the whole being.

Available in person and online via the CUMC YouTube channel: www.YouTube.com/CUMCAmherst/live

This Week at Christ Church

Winter Office Hours:

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday

9a.m. - 2p.m.

At all times, even during office hours, the building will remain locked. Please call for admittance.

Thursday, February 11

1 p.m. - Thirstaid Thursday Zoom Study

Sunday, February 14

10 a.m. - Worship In-Person and Live-Stream

Monday, February 15

Office Closed for Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 16

7 p.m. - Outreach Team

7:30 p.m. - Trustees

Wednesday, February 17

7 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service

Daily Bible Reading – 2021 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.

February 10: Leviticus 10-12; Matthew 26:1-19

February 11: Leviticus 13; Matthew 26:20-54

February 12: Leviticus 14; Matthew 26:55-75

February 13: Leviticus 15-17; Matthew 27:1-31

February 14: Leviticus 18-19; Matthew 27:32-66

February 15: Leviticus 20-21; Matthew 28

February 16: Leviticus 22-23; Mark 1:1-22

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Rev. Dr. B.J. Norrix**, former pastor of Christ Church. Pastor BJ's mother, Lorna Norrix, died on February 6.

Joys

Joy! Patty Keller attended last weekend's Super Bowl as a "Healthcare Hero"!

In Our Healing Prayers

-**Laura June Merrill** - fractured foot

-**Debbie Laberta** - recovering at Schofield Rehab (Room 218)

-**Dave Wolf** - recovering at Weinberg Rehab (Room 234)

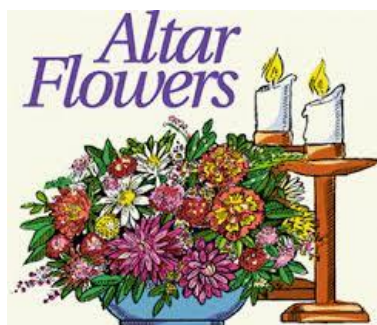
Mary Gerhardt (Mother of Lisa Lawson), Lynda Painton, Scott Smith, Sue Estee, Ruth Munson, Dave & Barbara Mitchell, Paul Staley, Jim Pollard, Valari Zanghi, Kevin Cetola, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Dick Ball, Barbara Weaver, Inez Beachley, Bob Varian, John Ladowski, Janet Hill, Mary Jane Shanley, Jean Ericson

*All educators and students dealing with changing school realities

*Those affected with COVID-19, those working on the front lines, and all impacted by the changes of work and activities.

*Those who are **care partners** with others

*Pray for Chris Maliken, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson, serving in the US Navy



The flowers on the Lord's Table for Sunday, February 14 are given by Karen Hoffmann in honor of Valentine's Day as a reminder to love your neighbor!

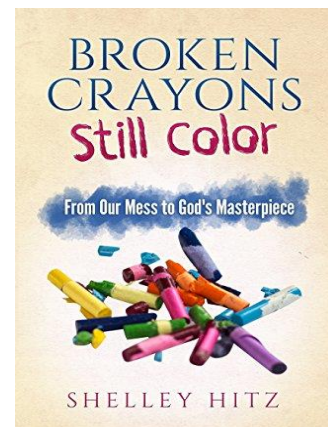
Thirstaid Thursdays

Through February 11, 2021
1:00 – 2:30 on Zoom

Broken Crayons Still Color:
From Our Mess to God's Masterpiece
A study by Shelly Hitz

Facilitators: Diane Klenk & Peggy Bermudez

This book is available in paperback and digital editions from a wide variety of booksellers, including Barnes and Noble and Amazon.



Topic: Broken Crayons Still Color
Feb 11 @ 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955680698>

Meeting ID: 829 5568 0698
One tap mobile
+19292056099,,82955680698# US (New York)

Dial by your location
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

UMCOR Hygiene Kits

The Outreach Team invites you to assemble a Hygiene Kit for UMCOR! These kits will help people who have suffered due to natural disasters. The supplies can be assembled and placed in a large plastic gallon bag and then brought to church. We will collect them until UMCOR Sunday on **March 14, 2021**.

Hygiene Kit Materials

- **One hand towel** (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)
 - *No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels*
- **One washcloth**
 - *No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels*
- **One comb**
 - *Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth*
 - *No pocket combs or picks*
 - *Rattail/ combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth*
- **One toenail or fingernail clipper**
 - *No emery boards or metal nail files*
- **Bath-size soap** (3 oz. bar or larger)
 - *No Ivory or Jergen's soap*
 - *Do not remove from packaging*
- **One adult toothbrush**
 - *Do not remove from packaging*
 - *Personal advertising not acceptable*
- **10 adhesive bandages** (¾ by 3 inches)
 - *Common household bandages acceptable*
- **One one-gallon size re-sealable bag**

Hygiene Kit Value: \$12.00 per kit

Assembly Instructions

1. Lay hand towel flat on a table.
2. Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
3. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
4. Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
5. Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
6. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

<https://www.gnjumc.org/resource/umcor-hygiene-kit-assembly-instructions/>

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>

Check out the fun Valentine's Day children's activity on our website!

Faith Activities for Children

Stay tuned for Lent activities later in February!