

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



Weekly Update - February 13, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

“Can you come out and play hockey?” one boy peeking his head out of the front door yelled across the street to another with his peeked out of his door. He replied, “My mom says I have to do my homework and cleanup my room first.” This all took place as I ran by, warming my heart to hear these exchanges occurring in this day-and-age. No phones or texts or parents arranging it, but boys yelling across the space of a street to organize play.

As much as that made a smile dawn on my face, it was what followed that really cheered me. The one who originally asked replied to the other with the tasks needing to be accomplished, "Is there anything I can do to help?" Yes, I recognize that this was ultimately to expedite hockey play, but there was something in that gesture which gave me hope.

At our core, followers of Christ are those who are looking to go through life playing together. A key part of that is helping each other as we face our labors and tasks. It is reaching across the roads and barriers that divide us and asking if there is anything we can do to help. Sometimes we need to face those tasks alone, but many times being that helping hand or offering it makes all the difference in the world. Then we are able to get about the joy of play - game on!



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.

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

February 17: Leviticus 24-25; Mark 1:23-45

February 18: Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

February 19: Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-21

Joys

Joy! \$400 was raised during the February 3 Souper Bowl Sunday sale, which will support various local ministries!

Joy! Over \$180 was given for Blanket Sunday, which equates to 18 blankets to be given to those in need by Church World Service!

Joy! Over \$320 was given for the Second Sunday, Second Helping offering, which will go towards Hearts for the Homeless. The red bin in our parking lot is available to receive clothing, shoes, and other useful items.



In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to **Rita Arnold**. Rita's mother, Diana Santarelli, died on February 10.

In Our Healing Prayers

Mary Jane Shanley (back home), **Joyce Moser**, **Bruce Burr**, **Sue Estee**, **Janet Hill**, **Harold Weaver**, **Frank Annunziata**, **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:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, February 13 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Caller Newsletter Deadline for March

Thursday, February 14 - 1pm- 'Thirstaid' Thursday

Friday, February 15- 7pm- Yoga

Sunday, February 17 - **10am - Worship Service**

11am - Educational Opportunities & Fellowship

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.*



YOU Can 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 **shampoo and feminine hygiene products** in February.

Collecting carts at Christ Church are marked for Tiger's Den Food Pantry and for local families.

Cafe Volunteers Needed

The Hospitality Team is looking for individuals or groups to host the Cafe on Sunday mornings over the next few months. Thank you to the many groups that have taken turns hosting this important ministry! If you are interested in hosting, either alone or with a friend, please sign up for the week(s) in which you are interested. Sign up sheets are located in the Cafe. If you have never hosted before and would like some training, please contact a member of the Hospitality Team. Please help us to continue to provide a welcoming place to gather with friends, share refreshments, and welcome visitors.

The Hospitality Team:

Michele Sciolino, Peggy Bermudez, Mary Ball, Pam Lopez, Paula Kreib, Barb Critoph



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!

Thirstaid Thursdays

You are invited to join in 'Thirstaid' Thursdays **each Thursday at 1 p.m.** in the Wesley Room! Diane Klenk leads a discussion on "Bad Girls of the Bible, Part 2".

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Sundays at 11 a.m. in the Wesley Room

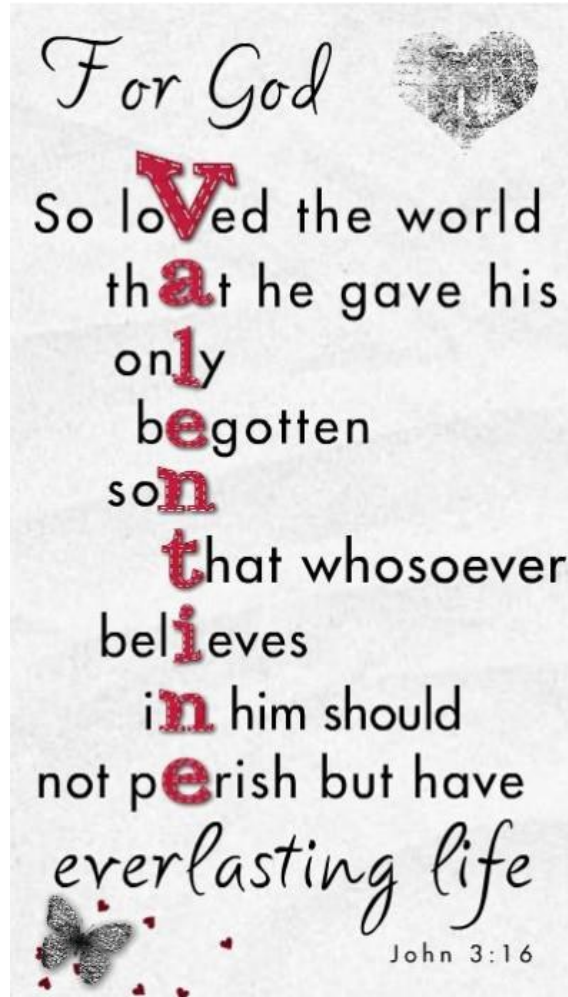
"A Disciple's Path"

Reading and reflection on how we grow in faith

Books available from David Pliss

It's a Celebration!

The Hospitality Team will host a reception to celebrate all the people in our community who made the recent improvements to our building possible. All are welcome as we celebrate in our new Cafe on **Sunday, February 24**, following worship.



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Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am