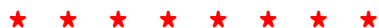


Weekly Update: February 18, 2016

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Rds
Amherst, NY 14226

“Living Christ Ways and Exploding With Love and Service”



Church Office Hours - Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

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Sunday, February 14 – What Does Love Look Like To You?

Worshippers at 9 am gathered in Crafts Hall and we shared our thoughts and reflections on what love looks like to us. Love is not simple or wimpy or weak. Love withstands challenges and hard times and yet perseveres.

Worshippers at 11 am heard Pastor Darryl’s story of playing the gong in the band. We can all picture him waiting through 400 bars of rest for his big moment! His story gave striking meaning to Paul’s letter to the believers in Corinth and to us—without love we’re just noisy gongs (I can hear the sound now!)

We learned from Paul Staley’s organ prelude that “Andantino” by Edwin H. Lemare is the tune we know best as Moonlight and Roses! A great choice for Valentine’s Day and shaping our thoughts on love.

Flowers (tulips, not roses) were presented to Sally Pollard in recognition of 20 years on the staff of Christ Church. Peggy Bermudez and Paula Kreib invited everyone to a reception in Sally’s honor on Sunday, February 21 at 12 noon.

2016 Spending Plan

The Church Council met, along with others who were interested, to consider revisions to the church spending plan for 2016. Treasurer Chris Smith went through the areas where reductions have been made –

\$22,000 from church staff, cutting back on expenses in the Café, reducing the Caller expenses by use of email for the majority of copies, reduced publicity costs- Make a Difference Day, reduced community event costs, more actual representation of costs in some Trustee areas, a Shared Ministry adjustment and more. The budget was approved after discussion.

Daily Bible Reading – 2016

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 17: Leviticus24-25; Mark 1:23-45

February 18: Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

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

February 20: Numbers3-4; Mark3:22-35

February 21: Numbers 5-6; Mark 4:1-20

February 22: Numbers 7, Mark 4:21-41

February 23: Numbers 8-10; Mark 5:1-20

In Our Prayers

Pastor Darryl –on Lenten retreat* this week

Diane Klenk – broken leg, requires more healing time

Frank Annunciata, Chris Klenk, Lois Lewis - recovering at home

All who are caregivers for others

Alex Dunbar, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson (deployed) – all serve in the US Navy

This Week at Christ Church

Tuesday, February 16 – 7:30pm – Trustees

Wednesday, February 10 – **Lent Supper & Speaker Series**

5 pm – Lenten Series – “Invitation
Ian Webber, photography; Dorothy Hanson Brown, poetry

7:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 18 - 10 am – Life Lessons

7 pm – Staff/Parish Relations Team

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Food Pantry - This weeks suggested items:

February 21 – **Canned Fruits and Vegetables**

All food items, paper products and toiletry items are welcome anytime.
Grocery carts are available in the church for your donations. Thank you!

Blanket Sunday

Church World Service sends blankets and other shelter items and tools for disaster relief worldwide. Together we reach out to neighbors in need the world over.

Sign Up To Host The Café

Sign up on the bulletin board in the café to host some Sunday morning or even a *month of Sundays*! Invite your family, friends, ministry team or group to join you! Share in this ministry of hospitality and welcome.

Transportation Assistance

The following friends are in need of transportation occasionally. If you can help with this need please give them a call...

Rita Arnold – resides on Fontaine Drive in Cheektowaga Call 481-1506

Dr. Bob Nachbar - resides at Blocher Home, Williamsville Call 568-9628



Hearts and Hands - Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Links willing volunteers with older or physically challenged adults for basic services such as transportation for medical appointments, errands or social activities, caregiver respite, companion visits, wellness checks, phone pals and minor home maintenance. Call 406-8311 or visit www.hnhcares.org

Call 406-8311 to sign up for a volunteer orientation (about 1 hour).

~ Lenten Supper & Speaker Series ~

“Invitation”

Wednesdays, February 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16

February 17 – Ian Webber – Photographer

Dorothy Hanson Brown – Poetry

February 24 – Lawrence Kinney – Wood Sculptor
Mary Kinney - Artist

March 2 – Paul Staley – Musician

March 9 – Olivia Ebsary – Sacred Dance & Textile Art

March 16 – Tara Scime – Ballroom Dance

Guest presenters will share the in which their particular art invites them to some deeper experience involving their own soul and we'll consider ways in which we who experience works of art respond to this invitation to explore and respond.

*Sign up on the clipboard in the Café
or call the church office 839-2460*

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Sunday, February 21 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Loving & Belonging

Luke 13:31-35

*Worship is a retreat, not a retreat from the world, but a retreat in order to come back to the world in love, compassion and grace.

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10 am - **FaithXpress**- for children

February/March – Join the Journey with Jesus

10 am **Apprentice** – for youth

10 am - [A.O.L.@CUMC](#) – Adult Opportunities for Learning

Encounters With Jesus

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“Owning our story can be hard but not nearly as difficult as spending our lives running from it. Embracing our vulnerabilities is risky but not nearly as dangerous as giving up on love and belonging and joy—the experiences that make us the most vulnerable. Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of our light.”

— Brené Brown”

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