



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

Weekly Update – February 3

Quiet or Loud?

I went out to start my car a few minutes before leaving to let it warm up a little. Upon starting I was alarmed at the cacophony of sound which greeted me. It seems that conditions have enhanced what has been in development with a true exhaust leak. Now many decibels greater, you can hear me coming (or going).

Is ministry and faith quiet or loud? It seems clear that Jesus did not intend our faith to be something to be weaponized or announced and proclaimed at the top of our lungs simply for others to see and hear. He warns his followers of being like those of that time, religious zealots, who behaved and did things just to be seen and heard. Instead, he encourages them to a quieter faith (Matthew 6). But let us not confuse this with passiveness or inactivity. When Jesus imparts the new commandment to love one another as he loved us following the washing of the disciples' feet as an example of this (John 13), he is promoting action and activity as an expression of this new commandment. As the proverb says, actions speak louder than words.

I'm terribly embarrassed by the sound of my car and working to get it fixed. In the meantime, it has loudly reminded me that our faith is not about how much noise we make, but the actions we take and the impression we leave.

-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](#)

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 4

1 p.m. - *Thirstaid Thursday Zoom Study*

Sunday, February 7

10 a.m. - *Worship In-Person and Live-Stream with Communion*

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 3: Exodus 31-33; Matthew 22:23-46

February 4: Exodus 34-36; Matthew 23:1-22

February 5: Exodus 37-38; Matthew 23:23-39

February 6: Exodus 39-40; Matthew 24:1-22

February 7: Leviticus 1-3; Matthew 24:23-51

February 8: Leviticus 4-6; Matthew 25:1-30

February 9: Leviticus 7-9; Matthew 25:31-46

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Brad Loliger** following the death of his aunt, Barb, last night.

Joys

Joy! Paige Shupe has been nominated to the National Society of Leadership & Success by SUNY ECC!

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)

-**Amy Thormahlen**

-**Mary Gerhardt (Mother of Lisa Lawson)** - recent surgery

The Miller & Phillips Families, Lynda Painton, Scott Smith, Sue Estee, Ruth Munson, Dave & Barbara Mitchell, Paul Staley, Jim Pollard, Valari Zanghi, Kevin Cetola, Nancy & Frank

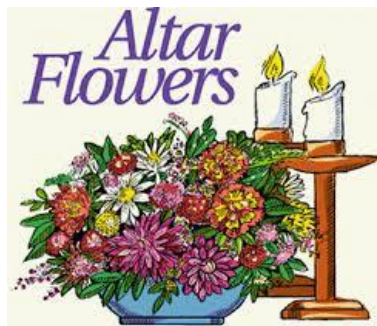
Annunziata, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Dick Ball, Barbara Weaver, Inez Beachley, Bob Varian, John Ladowski, Janet Hill, Mary Jane Shanley, Jean Ericson

*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, January 31 are given by Sandy Cumming in memory of her infant niece Jessica.

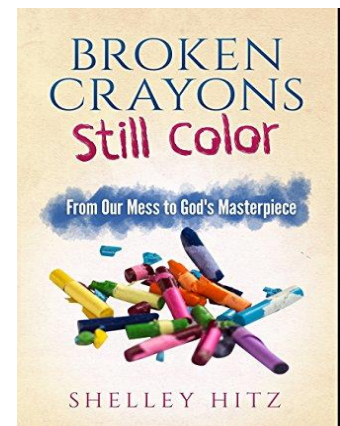
Thirstaid Thursdays

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 4 @ 1:00 PM

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!