

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



Weekly Update - February 6, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

The Last Lecture

The central focus of worship over these past three weeks has been Paul's second letter to Timothy. This Sunday marks the final chapter and installment. These words were Paul's last to his protege, likely the last words we have of Paul before his death. It's got me thinking a lot about final words ...

It's become a phenomenon of sorts with the book The Last Lecture, based on, as the title implies, the last lecture by Randy Pausch given at Carnegie Mellon after a diagnosis of terminal pancreatic cancer a year prior. But we can look back at Paul and see the same. In essence, these final talks seek to share insights, wisdom, encouragement, and hope knowing it was likely the last chance to do so.

Being a Christian means living at that very edge all the time. As scripture says, "Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour of my return." Our lives should be ones that are an ongoing last lecture. The way we live, who we are, what we say, what we do, and the choices we make all have the power to communicate the insights, wisdom, encouragement, and hope of our faith to others.

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 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

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

Joys

Joy! Last Friday's Red Cross Blood Drive at Christ Church resulted in 14 collected units, which has the potential to save 32 lives!

Joy! **Ashley Miller** placed first in the Sweet Home Middle School spelling bee! Ashley may also be seen this weekend in Sweet Home Middle School's musical "Mary Poppins"

February 8th and 9th.

Other members of our Community Youth Group will be featured in Amherst High School's operetta, "42nd Street" February 8th & 9th.

In Our Healing Prayers

Mary Jane Shanley, 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 6 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal
7pm- Community Service "Hub" Meeting

Thursday, February 7 - 11:30am- Visitation Team
1pm- 'Thirstaid' Thursday
7pm- Elizabeth Circle (in the Wesley Room)

Friday, February 8- 7pm- UMW Sugar & Spice Night: Glass Painting
7pm- Yoga

Sunday, February 10 - **10am - Worship Service**
11am - Educational Opportunities & Fellowship
Blanket Sunday

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 in January

11 a.m. in the Wesley Room

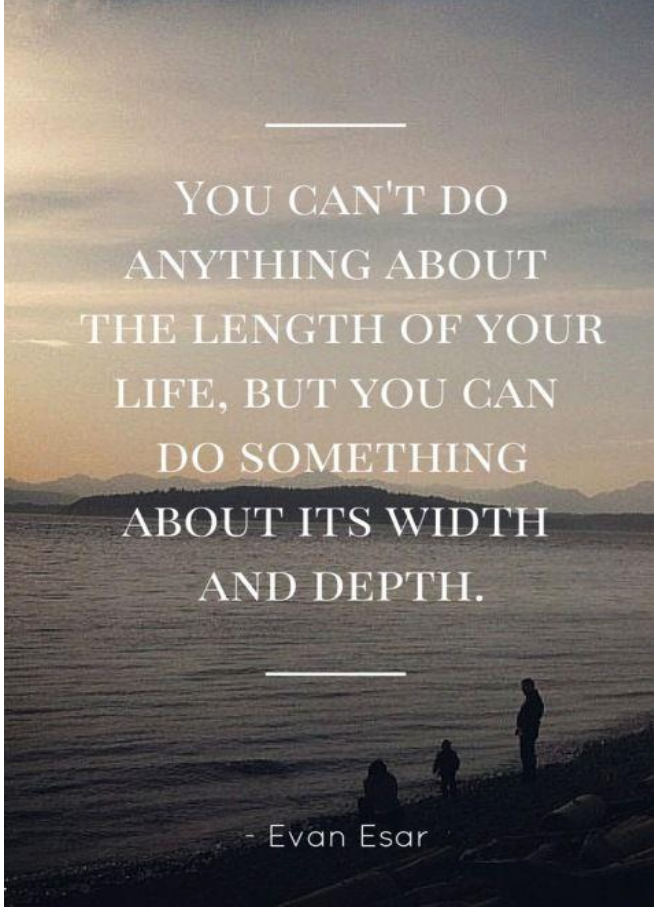
"A Disciple's Path"

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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- Evan Esar

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Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am