



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

Weekly Update – January 13

Indoor Camping

Sometimes activities need to migrate due to season and condition. For some, this means following those activities south and west through the colder months to continue with them uninterrupted or like the ducks and geese for survival. For others, it simply means getting a little creative.

This past weekend we enjoyed some 'camping', complete with fire, meal made over the fire, camp activities (UNO), and sleeping in a tent. While not completely adhering to this indoor camping migration, we even ventured outside to look for Saturn, Jupiter & Mars in their respective alignment. Was it the same? Of course not, but it offered a hint of other seasons along with a much needed bit of fun and distraction.

Our faith, with the habits and disciplines associated, can need the same creativity. Maybe our prayer life has slacked. What about giving it a boost with prayers just focused on things you are grateful / thankful for? What about using any time you get in the car or the shower as THE time you set aside for some prayer. Migrate it somewhere different to sometime and you may just find a renewal. Or what about service? COVID has virtually shutdown most in-person service opportunities and financial giving has its limitations. Maybe migrate service to be 5 phone calls / week to reach out and just check-in on people or writing 1-2 quick notes or letters / week? And maybe in the absence of the ability to sing hymns, find one per week to be your theme in what you learn, hum, and sing throughout the week.



So let's get creative through renewed connections and different opportunities in our faith, love and service.

-Pastor Daven



We are asking that all who are interested in attending worship in-person on Sunday mornings at 10am to please register with the church office by calling or emailing (839-2460 -or- cumc350@gmail.com) between 10am and 2pm each Friday prior to the weekend's service. Space is limited to the first 20 spots on a first-come, first-served basis to comply with the "orange zone" restrictions currently in place for Erie County. If our region moves into a "red zone", all in-person worship will be suspended.

We continue to offer online worship opportunities via Live-Stream on our YouTube channel, which is archived following its conclusion. While our hope remains to have in-person opportunities for Sunday worship, we are committed to the health and safety of all people. We will follow all guidelines provided and strongly advise any who are nervous or feeling even slightly unwell to please stay home and worship virtually through this time.



Many have heard the heartbreaking story of Kimberly Weston and her boyfriend Nathan Grammer, who were struck by a car on the evening of Christmas in Buffalo. Kimberly's wheelchair was destroyed as a result, a necessity for her due to cerebral palsy. With the help of Rev. Chris Wylie to orchestrate and coordinate the purchase of a replacement chair, Christ Church provided the resources, using part of the Christmas Offering in addition to other funds. Kimberly received her new chair this past week and is pictured here with her new chair!



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

Fall 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.

Wednesday, January 13

Caller Newsletter Deadline: February/March Edition

Thursday, January 14

1 p.m. - Thirstaid Thursday Zoom Study

Sunday, January 17

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

Human Relations Day

Monday, January 18

Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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.

January 13: Genesis 31-32; Matthew 10:24-42

January 14: Genesis 33-35; Matthew 11

January 15: Genesis 36-37; Matthew 12:1-21

January 16: Genesis 38-40; Matthew 12:22-50

January 17: Genesis 41; Matthew 13:1-32

January 18: Genesis 42-43; Matthew 13:33-58

January 19: Genesis 44-45; Matthew 14:1-21

In Our Healing Prayers

-Those currently affected with Covid-19: **Karen Philipps** (hospitalized), **Lynn Ramsey**, **Jerry Felber**

-**Patty Sandle** - pneumonia

-**Debbie Laberta** - back pain

-Amy Thormahlen

-Jonathan Swist - broken foot

-Dave Wolf – Jan. 18 surgery

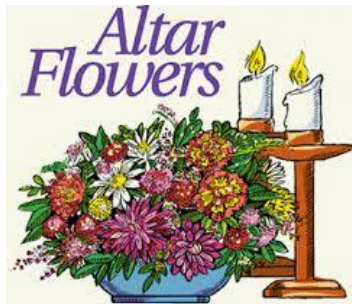
Lynda Painton, Scott Smith, Sue Estee, Ruth Munson, Mother of Lisa Lawson, Dave & Barbara Mitchell, Paul Staley, Jim Pollard, Dave Wolf, Valari Zanghi, Kevin Cetola, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Dick Ball, Barbara Weaver, Inez Beachley, Bob Varian, John Ladowski, Janet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

*All educators and students dealing with new school realities

*Those affected with COVID-19, those working on the front lines, and all impacted by the suspension 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 17** are given by Sean & Conor Brown in loving memory of their grandparents.

Thirstaid Thursdays

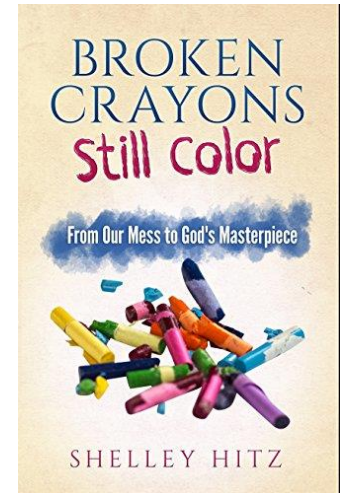
**Through February 11, 2021
1:00 – 2:30 on Zoom**

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

Jan 14 @ 1:00 PM

Jan 21 @ 1:00 PM

Jan 28 @ 1:00 PM

Feb 4 @ 1:00 PM

Feb 11 @ 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955680698>

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