

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



Weekly Update - January 16, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Careful! It's slick out there ...

That was the word as I listened this morning. While snow had not amassed, the conditions through the night and morning had left a slick icy coating around.

I pondered this in a different way as I used my best penguin walk from door-to-car and car-to-office. The conditions that prevail all around us are indeed slippery. Maybe it's the gloomy perspective that comes because of gray days and windy nights or headlines that causes our hope to slip. Or maybe it is the ease which we find judging ourselves and others based on any number of factors that leads our love for neighbor to slide. Soon enough we find that any progress we've made on resolutions slip away as our joy expressed in patience and persistence freezes over in conflict. Hope is overcome by despair, joy by frustration, love by hate, and peace by conflict. Careful! It's slick out there.

Walking by faith is one that should inspire confidence no matter the cultural conditions. Yes, we should use caution and care as it is so easy to slip and fall into old habits and destructive tendencies. But with Christ before us, Christ above us, and Christ ahead of us we can stay upright as we penguin walk, tiny step by tiny step, forward in faith.

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.

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

January 20: Genesis 46-48; Matthew 14:22-36

January 21: Genesis 49-50; Matthew 15:1-20

January 22: Exodus 1-3; Matthew 15:21-39

Joys

Joy! Thank you to all who participated in Sunday's 2nd Helping offering. \$315 was raised to send to PATH of WNY (People Against Trafficking Humans)!

In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to **Ed & June Gilbert** on the death of June's mother, Elizabeth Stryker, on Saturday, January 12.

In Our Healing Prayers

Mary Jane Shanley - at Brothers of Mercy Rehab

Joyce Moser, Larry Burdette, Mary Parsons, Bruce Burr, Michele Sciolino, Sue Estee, Janet Hill, Valari Zanghi & father Harold Weaver, Pam Elberson, Frank Annunziata, Mary Jane Shanley, 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

Address Update

Dick & Marcia Miller have moved to Bristol Village. Their new address is:

Richard & Marcia Miller
Bristol Village
8455 Clarence Center Rd.
#225
Clarence Center, NY 14032

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, January 16 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal
7pm- Christian Education Team

Thursday, January 17 - *NO 'Thirstaid' Thursday today!*
7pm- Staff-Parish Relations Team

Friday, January 18 - 7pm- Yoga

Sunday, January 20 - **10am - Worship Service**

Web & Social Media Team - Following Worship in the Library

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 **toilet paper & paper towels** in January.

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

Souper Bowl Sunday

The Outreach Team will be selling pints of soup and chili for \$5 each on **Sunday, February 3**. Offerings will include: pasta fagioli soup, baked potato soup, and three varieties of chili (vegetarian, mild, and hot). All proceeds will benefit the outreach ministries of Christ Church!



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! Continuing **next Thursday at 1 p.m.** in the Wesley Room, Diane Klenk will lead 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

What to Expect at the General Conference Special Session

The Upper New York Conference publishes The Bridge, a newsletter designed for local churches to stay connected. Check out [January's edition](http://www.unyumc.org/about/the-bridge) (<http://www.unyumc.org/about/the-bridge>) with information about the upcoming General Conference Special Session taking place February 23-26, 2019.



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Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am