

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



## Weekly Update - January 23, 2019

### Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

## A Word From Pastor Daven

### Changing the Message

It came to our attention that certain information was incorrect on our current phone message here at the church. Moreover, that which would have been helpful through this past season of Advent never made it on there. In this new phone system there is a specific following of prompts to reach the right place to make these changes. Janelle had already previously tried. I made my attempts yesterday to no avail. But with God's help, and likely some assistance from the company that installed the phones, we will prevail!

Often in our own lives and spiritual journeys it can be the same. We can know that our ways, the message that our lives share with others, needs to change. We can even go through all the motions to try and change, but somehow it never makes a difference to the degree that others take notice or that our own patterns are permanently altered. For our faith to change us and correspondingly change our world, like our system here at the church, it will take the help of God and the support of others. Then, by God's grace, we can prevail!



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## 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 23: Exodus 4-6; Matthew 16

January 24: Exodus 7-8; Matthew 17

January 25: Exodus 9-10; Matthew 18:1-20

January 26: Exodus 11-12; Matthew 18:21-35

January 27: Exodus 13-15; Matthew 19:1-15

January 28: Exodus 16-18; Matthew 19:16-30

January 29: Exodus 19-21; Matthew 20:1-16

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## In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to **Marcia Snyder** on the death of her sister, Dolores Lorrie, on January 15.

## In Our Healing Prayers

**Mary Jane Shanley, Jeff Loftus, Joyce Moser, Bruce Burr, Michele Sciolino, 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

## Address Update

James & Lynne Beller have moved to Fox Run. Their new address is:

James & Lynne Beller  
1 Fox Run Lane #611  
Orchard Park, NY 14217

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## This Week at Christ Church

### Church Office:

**Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,**

**Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon**

Wednesday, January 23 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 24 - 1pm- 'Thirstaid' Thursday

Friday, January 25- 7pm- Game Night

7pm- Yoga

Sunday, January 27 - **10am - Worship Service**

**11am - Educational Opportunities & Fellowship**

*Web & Social Media Team Meeting - 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 **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

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## Side By Side Concert

The Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra, which rehearses at Christ Church on Monday evenings, will be playing side by side with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra on Wednesday evening, **January 30 at 7:30pm** at Kleinhans Music Hall. Pastor Daven has 10 tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis to any who would like to support the youth who make music in our building each week! It is a free concert, and the GBYO will be giving a pre-concert performance at 6:30pm as well in the Mary Seaton Room.

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Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

### SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am