



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

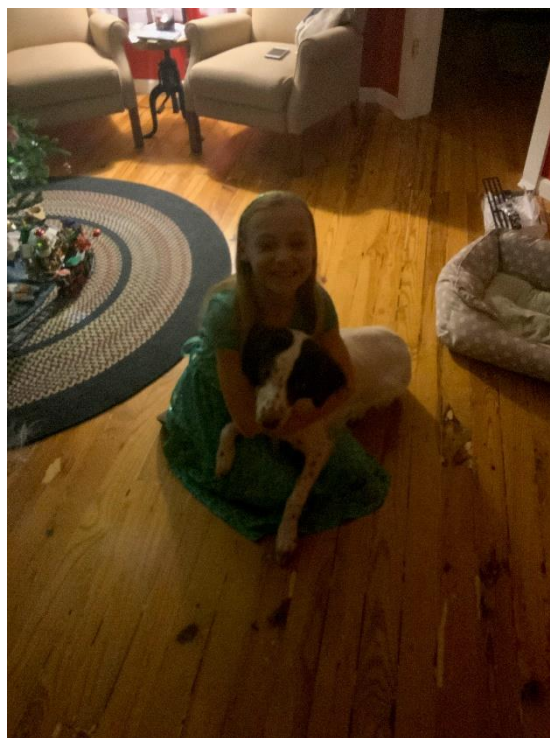
Weekly Update – January 6

Tuning Our Lives

Both Lianne and Amelia play instruments, Lianne the oboe and Amelia the flute. Prior to Christmas, they were practicing at the same time and then playing duets together. This has continued since and I am delighted to be able to have a house filled with music ... and so is our dog!

Clover, our dog, heads upstairs to tune-up when everything begins. She searches for the note in her own voice to match the pitches in the warmup exercises. It is quite the comedic vocal exercise! We've come to admire her determination to try everyday in the hopes that the duet will become a trio.

We constantly need to not only practice our faith, but go through those exercises of tuning our lives to God. We have a number of ways to do this, such as daily Bible study, weekly worship, spiritual friendships, giving, service and daily prayer. However, this can all feel overwhelming or too much all at once. So I think that Clover can teach us something by starting simple - trying to get our lives in small ways to reflect God's love in Christ, to tune in daily. It may be just a single note and even off key, but we are encouraged to 'raise a joyful noise' (Psalm 100). Even if we fall short, others will admire our determination and conviction of faith.



-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.



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.

Thursday, January 7

1 p.m. - Thirstaid Thursday Zoom Study

Sunday, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 12

1 p.m. - UMW Leadership Team

7 p.m. - Finance Team

Wednesday, January 13

Caller Newsletter Deadline

February/March Edition

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 6: Genesis 15-17; Matthew 5:27-48

January 7: Genesis 18-19; Matthew 6

January 8: Genesis 20-22; Matthew 7

January 9: Genesis 23-24; Matthew 8

January 10: Genesis 25-26; Matthew 9:1-17

January 11: Genesis 27-28; Matthew 9:18-38

January 12: Genesis 29-30; Matthew 10:1-23

Joy

Joy! We celebrate the recent engagement of **Chrissy Merrill** (daughter of Debbie Laberta and mother of Laura June & Patrick) to Mick on Christmas Eve!

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Marcia Miller**. Marcia died this morning, January 6, after being hospitalized with Covid-19.

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

Lynda Painton, Geoff Hill, 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

A new 2021 flower chart is located in the Family Room for those wishing to provide flowers for the Lord's Table on a given Sunday. If you are interested in beautifying the worship space with a floral arrangement in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion, please sign up on the chart and a member of the Worship Team will be in touch. If you are not coming to worship in-person at this time but would still like to provide flowers, please contact the church office (839-2460).

Thirstaid Thursdays

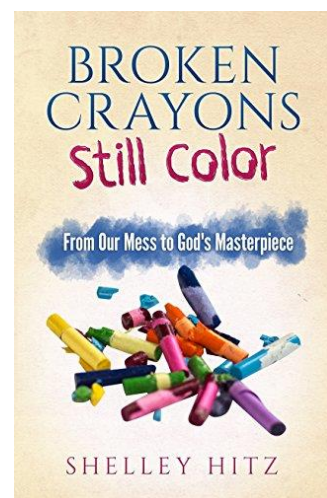
January 7 – February 11, 2021
1:00 – 2:30 on Zoom

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 7 @ 1:00 PM
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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