

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



Weekly Update - January 9, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Sometimes with a little assistance, we can see new things and new possibilities...

It began with Amelia asking if we could build a fort. Using my creative impulse, some well-placed furniture, and large sheets, a fort was erected (though I'm not sure it would withstand much of an assault ...). We added some items for comfort inside, including a much needed light so we could see.



As we were reminded this past week in Epiphany, Jesus came as the light of the world. That light shines for us all so we can see. And those who have seen that light, their way is forever changed. Christ helps us see the new possibilities in our lives, the addition of the light in the midst of it all.

As we gather to hear of Jesus' baptism, it encourages us to think critically. From that one event, his ministry unfolded. That ministry and those touched by it through the ages have changed the world, seeing new things and new possibilities. What about us to whom the light has come? What are the new things and new possibilities that we see?

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 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

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

Joys

Joy! We are excited to share with our neighbors in need through your generous gifts to our Christmas Offering! **Over \$2,300** will be split between **Family Promise of WNY** and the **Restoration Society** for their Code Blue Project.

In Our Healing Prayers

Joyce Moser - hospitalized

Larry Burdette, Mary Parsons, Bruce Burr, Michele Sciolino, Sue Estee, Janet Hill, Valari Zanghi & father Harold Weaver, Pam Elbersen, 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

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, January 9 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10 - 1pm- 'Thirstaid' Thursday

Friday, January 11 - *Office Closed*
7pm- Yoga

Saturday, January 12 - 10 am- Crafting for a Cause

Sunday, January 13 - **10am - Worship Service**
Caller Newsletter Deadline

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.*

Annual Church Conference

Monday, January 14 at 8 p.m.

at Christ Church

All are invited and encouraged to attend!



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.



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! Starting this Thursday, **January 10 at 1 p.m.** in the Wesley Room, Diane Klenk will lead a 4-week discussion on Bad Girls of the Bible, Part 2.

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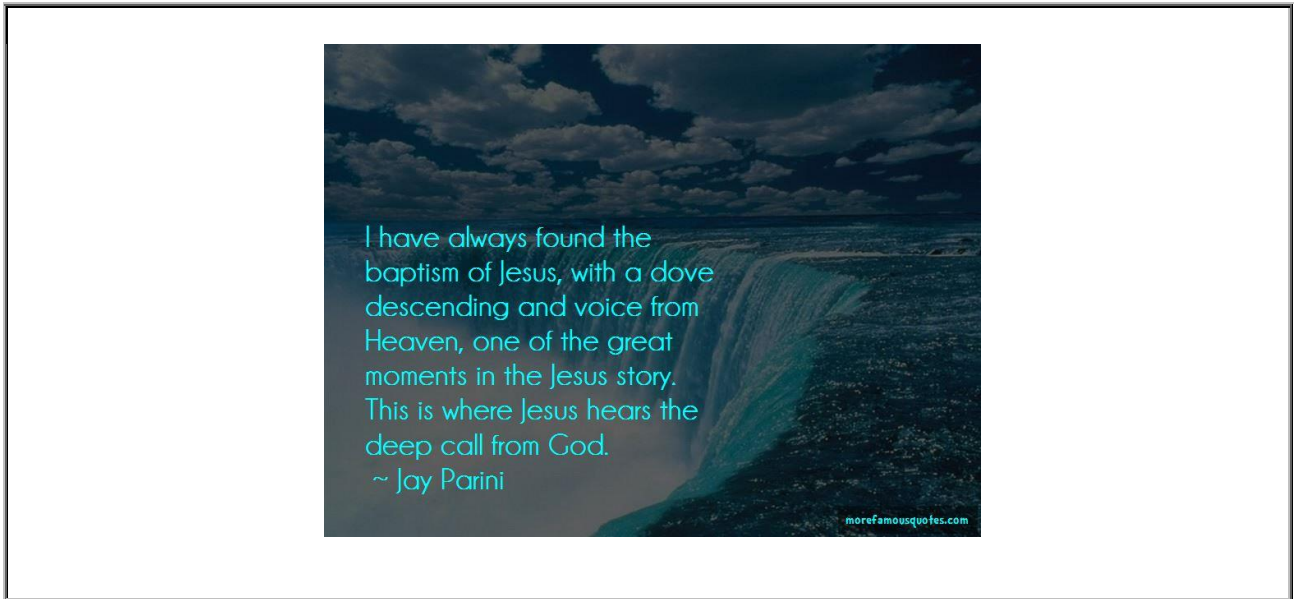
Sundays in January

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



Church Office Hours:

Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am