

UPDATE - July 1, 2015
Christ United Methodist Church
Harlem Road at Saratoga Road
Amherst, New York

“Living Christ’s ways and exploding with love and service”

EVERYONE is WELCOME

SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

9:00 – Praise Celebration Worship & 11:00 – Traditional Style Worship

Why not bring a Friend this week and share the Love and Grace of God?

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Wednesday, July 1

Here is what is happening at Christ Church:

1. Welcome Rev. Darryl Barrow, Pastor of Christ Church! Come and join in worship with Pastor Darryl on Sunday, July 5 and introduce yourself. Rumor has it there will also be CAKE!!
2. Attendance last Sunday was 125. Peggy Bermudez, Lay Leader and certified Lay Speaker in the Niagara Frontier District, brought the morning message entitled, Risky Business. *(I half expected her to slide in wearing sunglasses, a big white shirt and socks Tom Cruise style!!)* Loving and serving God IS risky business. Listen to Peggy's message on the Christ Church website.
3. Thank you to Kevin Durkin, Minister for Music, who is providing music for both of our Sunday morning worship celebrations.

This Sunday Kevin has planned a Festival Choir inviting anyone who would like to sing on Sunday, July 5, to join the choir in rehearsal tonight!

4. On Sunday we sent out the Uganda Mission Team including John and Brandon Miller, Viki and Hannah Smith, Janelle Martin, Erisawe Briere, Kathryn Weaver and B.J. Norrix. We surrounded them with family, friends, hugs, and prayers. They arrived safely in Uganda by way of London and are now in action with Davis Matovu and other Uganda friends. They will return on Tuesday, July 14.

5. The Praise Team invites you to consider joining them in leading our Sunday morning (9am) Praise Celebration. If you or someone you know plays guitar, keyboard or drums or likes to sing praise music, please let us know! . . .

We are praying for you!

In our Prayers: Elizabeth Brunner, broke her arm; **Debbie LaBerta**, knee problems; **David Lawson** - recovering from eye surgery; **Ann Burdette**, rehab at Harris Hill Nursing Home; **Todd Evans** at Beechwood. **Mary Jo Evans** at Blocher Home; **Mitch Mooney**, Amberleigh; **Glenn Hurst** at home; **Tom Davis** at Elderwood Room 312-A, 200 Bassett Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221; **Jan Rhinehart**; **Sharon Ferrelli** continues cancer treatments; **Dr. Robert Nachbar** at Blocher Home; **Charles Terranova**, hodgkins lymphoma; **Brian Martin** for continued healing; **Edmond Wrycza** (Julianna Sabol's father in nursing home in Fort Erie); **Barbara Clinton, Fred and Lynda Painton, Guy Castellino** (and Guy's mother and father who are both dealing with major health matters); **Bim Rowlands, Nicky Sebastiano, Ruth Kitson, Ruth Luss, Shirley Downey, Ed Maker** (Ed and Marie worshipped with us last Sunday); **Alice Schmidt, Diane Lovejoy; Marion Wenner, and Debbie Suggs**. Remember our service men and women (domestic and foreign) especially: **Alex Dunbar, Ian Johnson and Lindsey Darling** (all serving in the US Navy). Pray for **Christ UMC** in our time of transition. Pray for Pastor BJ and Rev. Darryl Barrow (and all UM pastors and congregations) in this season of pastoral transition.

We offer our sympathy and prayers for the family of **Elaine (Laney) Fuller** who died on Saturday, June 27. No funeral arrangements have been set at

this time. Laney had lived at Asbury Pointe since its opening. She and Doc were the first residents. Recently Laney had moved to Blocher Home.

6. **G-Force - God's love in action! Vacation Bible School** is coming...**July 13-17 9 am to noon for children Pre-K through completing Grade 5.** Christ Church is joining with **Amherst Community Church**, with Deb Cullen, Chris. Ed. Co-ordinator, for a fun filled week. You'll see some of the G-Force Adventure Park is ready to go.

We need your help with...

*Prayers, financial support, helping hands during VBS week. THANK YOU to all who brought "action items" for us to use to set the scene for VBS! What a GREAT assortment we recieved!! **We will return items to you after VBS week.***

7. **Motion Commotion Fun Fest! Saturday, July 11 10 am to 2 pm**

This event is for the whole community and includes a garage sale (reserve tales for \$15 ea), face painting, games, bike and helmet safety checks and safe child ID by the Amherst Police, food, fun and more.... The Christian Ed team and UM Women are sponsoring this event. For more info contact Sally Pollard, Beth Sweet or Peggy Bermudez.

8. **Take Me Out To The Ball Game** - Saturday, July 18 Buffalo Bisons vs. Columbus Clippers

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE! Reserved seats in the club level "Special Reserved" section. Seats - \$10.75 per person

Additional \$6.50 for hot dog & a coke. Sponsored by the UM Men's Group. Contact Jim Pollard for tickets.

Don't forget our ongoing food collection for local food pantries. Hunger doesn't take a vacation.