

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

Weekly Update - July 10, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

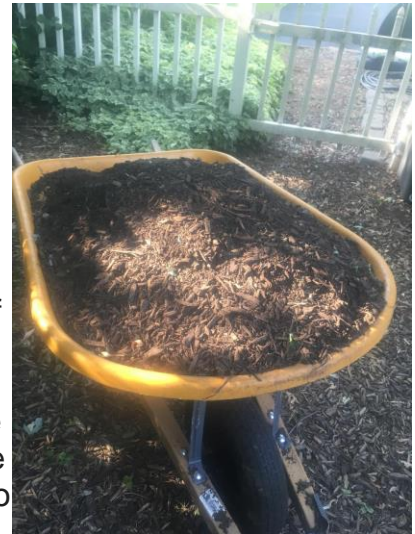


A Word From Pastor Daven

What's That Smell?

Kids hold nothing back when it comes to expressing themselves. As the week began for VBS, so also work began with the annual weeding and mulching of the gardens surrounding the church. That rich smell of mulch filled the air around and in 350 Saratoga Road. It's a smell that we understand encourages growth, adds beauty, and enriches roots.

Thankfully our sins don't raise such a stink! Surely if they did our honest young people would be the first to ask, "what's that smell?" But just like mulch which aids growth, encourages beauty, and enriches soil, so as we share and seek forgiveness for our sins, Christ by grace uses them to aid our growth, encourage God's beauty to be seen through our lives, and enriches the world around us through the movement of the Holy Spirit.



So, take a deep breath ... What's that smell? It's the smell of all of the rich possibilities of a life with God.



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.

July 10: Psalms 1-3; Acts 16:1-15

July 11: Psalms 4-6; Acts 16:16-40

July 12: Psalms 7-9; Acts 17:1-15

July 13: Psalms 10-12; Acts 17:16-34

July 14: Psalms 13-16; Acts 18

July 15: Psalms 17-18; Acts 19:1-20

July 16: Psalms 19-21; Acts 19:21-41

In Our Healing Prayers

Ross Markello, Debbie Laberta, Helen Peacock, Bob Varian, Bruce Burr, Inez Beachley, John Ladowski, Chrissy Merrill, Virginia 'Ginny' Molin, Joyce Moser, Janet Hill, Sissie Mooney, Mary Jane Shanley, Sue Estee, Frank Annunziata, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola

*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

SUMMER Church Office Hours:

*Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to **3 pm**,*

Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, July 10 - 9am-Noon- VBS: To Mars & Beyond!

Thursday, July 11 - 9am-Noon- VBS: To Mars & Beyond!
7pm- Staff-Parish Relations Team

Friday, July 12 - 9am-Noon- VBS: To Mars & Beyond!

Sunday, July 14 - 10am - Worship Service

11am- Digest the Sermon with Pastor Daven

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.*

Vacation Bible School

Through July 12

9 a.m. – Noon



Check out pictures on [our Facebook page!](#)

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us." -Ephesians 3:20



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 **condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, syrup), flour, sugar, oil, and salt** during the summer. They also request **paper bags** and **reusable shopping bags (NOT plastic bags)** to pack groceries.

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

Second Sunday, Second Helping Offering

This week's 2nd Sunday, 2nd Helping Offering will go to purchase topsoil for the community garden located between the parking lot and the parsonage. Produce from the garden will be given to the Tiger's Den Food Pantry.

Painting Fund Matching Gift

A matching gift of up to \$5,000 has been offered for the painting and renewal of Crafts Hall! Gifts can be mailed, dropped off in the office, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday, with checks made to Christ United Methodist Church and "Painting Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity in helping to update and beautify our shared spaces!



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!

Digest the Sermon

During the summer, you are invited to "Digest the Sermon" after you've heard it!

Each **Sunday morning** following the worship service, you are invited to join in conversation about the message with Rev. Daven Oskvig. Gather in the Café, pick up your coffee or tea or juice and a snack, socialize for several minutes, and then gather in the Family Room to share your responses, questions, and understandings of that morning's sermon with Pastor Daven and your fellow worshipers.



Safe Shred Console

Lincoln Archives, Inc. has provided Christ Church with a safe shred console, which is located in the main office. If you have items to be shredded, feel free to bring them in and drop them off in the console, which will soon be taken to Lincoln Archives, Inc. to be shredded safely and securely.

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Monday -Wednesday- Friday: 9 am to 3 pm

Tuesday: Closed Thursday: 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

'Digest the Sermon' with Pastor Daven at 11 a.m.