

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

**Weekly Update - July 11**

**Christ United Methodist Church**

Harlem & Saratoga Roads  
Amherst, NY 14226

**A Word From Pastor Daven**

The beautiful sound of children's voices fill the Cafe for snack time during our Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School. Like water flowing over stones in a river, each voice echoed of joy and the love of God - and of adventure!

Obviously we can't literally create a river complete with rapids for our young people to travel during their time this week. Most certainly the space has been converted to look and feel like a river, woods, and lodge. But the point of the experience is to help our young people come to appreciate that among all of the challenges that life throws at us, times of calm and times of chaos, God is with us. Our Rafting Ready Verse for the week has been Isaiah 43:2 - "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Or for me I have found myself returning time and again to the 23rd Psalm, maybe because it, too, mentions water.

It doesn't take places in the far off corners deep in the woods or down a wild river - life is an adventure. As those young voices greeted my ears so early in their adventures, I can only hope that what we have sought to do is helping to create a foundation. It also serves as a reminder to all of us that God is with us on the adventure of life and the adventure of a lifetime as a follower of Christ. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2

**-Pastor Daven**

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**Daily Bible Reading – 2018      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 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

July 17: Psalms 22-24; Acts 20:1-16

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## JOYS!

**JOY!** Over **\$400** was raised during Sunday's 2nd Helping offering! This offering will benefit **Green Shoots for New Americans** an educational urban farming program through Journey's End Refugee Services that provides adult refugees with adaptive farming and marketing skills.

## In Our Healing Prayers

**Janet Hill**

**Michele Sciolino**

**Ann Burdette**

**Robert Nachbar, Millie Staley, Bob Varian, Greg Mailken, Dennis Scaringi, Sue Estee, 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

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## This Week at Christ Church

### Church Office (Summer):

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 3 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, July 11 - **9am-Noon - VBS: Rolling River Rampage**

10am - Men's Group Trip to Sonnenberg Gardens

Thursday, July 12 - **9am-Noon - VBS: Rolling River Rampage**

Friday, July 13 - **9am-Noon - VBS: Rolling River Rampage**

Sunday, July 15 - 9 am - Casual Praise Service

11 am - Traditional Worship

Guest Speaker: Deacon Jessica Glaser

**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.*

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Please keep the children and staff of VBS in your prayers as they continue learning and having fun on the river! For more pictures, visit [our Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/Christ-United-Methodist-Church-Amherst) (<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-United-Methodist-Church-Amherst>)



## 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 **couscous & quinoa** in July.

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

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, July 20**

**2 – 6 p.m.**

Contact Geoff Hill (839-3052) with questions or to register.



## The Teacher's Desk

The Teacher's Desk is a local faith-based organization that offers free school supplies to teachers based on their school's need. Throughout the month of July, Christ Church will join other local churches in gathering **new or gently read books** for K-12 students.

Please place books in the bin located in the Family Room. Thank you!

## New Café Tables and Chairs

A comfortable place to gather offers hospitality and a warm welcome to all people from

our community who meet at Christ Church throughout the week. With this in mind, the Hospitality Team has selected new tables and chairs for our Café. Eight sets are needed and the cost per set is \$235. Your generosity will help this vision become a reality. If you or your group would like to purchase a set of tables and chairs, please make checks payable to CUMC and write Café Furniture in the memo line. Gifts in any amount are welcome! Thank you!

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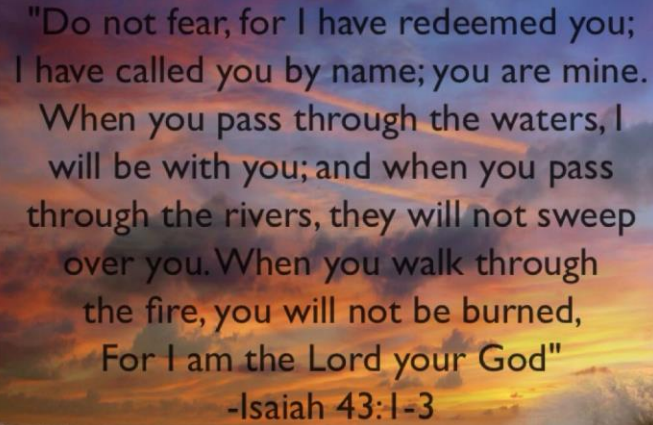
## Exploring Sunday Scriptures

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!

## Film Festival

Journey's End Refugee Services is excited to announce the **Western New York Refugee Film Festival** (WNYRFF). Beginning this September and continuing until June of 2019, WNYRFF will feature eight films focusing on different facets of the refugee experience. This festival is an amazing event not to be missed, whether you are passionate about the plight of refugees or just love great, thought-provoking filmmaking. All proceeds from the film festival will benefit the programs of Journey's End. The first 70 people to purchase an Ambassador Film Festival Package will receive an invitation to a FREE film screening of the film, *Lessons in Seeing*, followed by a community conversation on refugee resettlement with director Dr. Yehuda Sharim and other special guests. For more information and to buy film festival packages, check out the festival's website at [www.wnyrff.org](http://www.wnyrff.org)

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"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I  
will be with you; and when you pass  
through the rivers, they will not sweep  
over you. When you walk through  
the fire, you will not be burned,  
For I am the Lord your God"  
-Isaiah 43:1-3

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