

UPDATE - July 14, 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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Tuesday, July 14

A word from Pastor Darryl

This past Saturday I had such a great time at the Summer Fest – let me say it again, I had a blast! Thanks to all who helped, planned, lead and volunteered time and resources for the various activities during the course of the day. And would you know it, I’m having a blast again this week at Vacation Bible School! Lots to learn from our kids, lots to *Move, Act, Care, Follow and Share!* Let us keep all our children, their families and our VBS leaders in our prayers.

I am also reflecting on our message from last Sunday and want to continue to encourage you to share with someone this week about a *divine encounter* you might have had with that one person. Like as we have read in the account of Philip *the deacon* who became Philip *the evangelist* in the Book of Acts; *All* of us have so many opportunities to witness to our faith: to offer a word of hope or love for someone’s pain; to invite someone to come to our worship experience or to one of our small group studies. But even further, the witness of Philip inspires us to want to go deeper to see genuine community engagement of true listening and learning with others outside of our church, and then joining with others to sit at table and share meals with them, to do community service projects with them, pray with

them, cultivate genuine lasting friendships with them. Too often Christians pay too much lip service and it appears to be like a "one and done" matter! We truly have the opportunities here at Christ Church to "*Explode in Love and Service*" to our communities around us and the world at large! I am praying for you and with you daily. May God's love and blessings be always with you, and my love to all of you. See you in church and always invite someone to join us for worship!

Here is what is happening at Christ Church:

- Thank you to Kevin Durkin for generously playing for the 9 am worship celebration and to the Praise Team members for their faithful singing and the additional joy of worship through drumming by Pastor Darryl. We can feel the rhythm of the Spirit moving.
- Uganda Mission Team is on the way home as I am writing this. Their hearts are full and stories will be overflowing from them...as soon as the jetlag wears off! No doubt they have had encounters of the divine kind as they have shared themselves and built relationships with others during their time with our Uganda friends. Team members John and Brandon Miller, Viki and Hannah Smith, Janelle Martin and Kathy Weaver will share their photos and stories in a special presentation at church at a later time.
- **G-Force** Vacation Bible School is great fun with a total of 62 children, youth and adults. (63 if you count our favorite toddler, Brennan!) God's love has been in action. Today I had the **joy** of welcoming a neighbor and his daughter who came because they had received **a bookmark from the children on Make A Difference day**. They are new in our community and want to learn more about Christ Church and the United Methodist Church. We have a new friend at VBS and hope to get better acquainted with our new neighbors.
- **In our Prayers:** **Elfrieda Poe** (Diane Poe Schroeder's mother) **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; **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 Church and Pastor Daryl Barrow and his family**.

- We offer our sympathy and prayers for Juliana and Mac Sabol. Juliana's father, Edmond Wrycza, died on Sunday, July 12 in Fort Erie.
- Pastor Darryl's mother had surgery recently. Please keep her and Pastor Darryl's family in your prayers.
- **Take Me Out To The Ball Game** - Saturday, July 18 Buffalo Bisons vs. Columbus Clippers

A FEW 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.



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- CUMC Updates are sent by email each week. The lists of addresses are being updated and transferred from one office computer to another and we want to be sure the lists are up to date. If you know someone who has not received an update recently or someone who would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office.

******* Just got word (4:40 pm) that the Mission Team has landed in Toronto!
Welcome Home !!!!!!!**

Have a great week everyone! Remember to Move, Act, Care, Follow & Share!

Pastor Darryl & Sally