

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



Weekly Update - July 18

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

"I have called you by name and you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

I have a notepad that sits upon my desk. A gift from my Dad, and when given he left a small handwritten note upon it. "You are precious, especially so because you are my son." There are variety of reasons why I have kept it there since it was given, as I am sure you can imagine. But one of them is related to the reminder of who I am and whose I am.

This is not just about remembering that we come from somewhere and who and how we are is as much about representing ourselves as all those people that claim the same name. For me this is also a reminder of my faith. We often reference God as holy parent. We hear in scripture, prayer and song the whisper that we are precious and that we are God's own children. But I am not sure we as readily remember that this means that we represent this name, this identity - God to the world. If only a handwritten note from God stared back at us as we went about our labors daily!

We are, each of us, precious in God's sight because we are all children of God. The note is there written large in the faces of those we encounter daily and in the mirror reflected back to us. May we live up to and into our identity, to represent our Holy Parent and our faith family to the world.

-Pastor Daven

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 18: Psalms 25-27; Acts 20:17-38

July 19: Psalms 28-30; Acts 21:1-14

July 20: Psalms 31-33; Acts 21:15-40

July 21: Psalms 34-35; Acts 22

July 22: Psalms 36-37; Acts 23:1-11

July 23: Psalms 38-40; Acts 23:12-35

July 24: Psalms 41-43; Acts 24

JOYS!

JOY! We had a great week at VBS:Rolling River Rampage last week with 17 children from the church and the community! We appreciate all who taught and assisted, and all who donated snacks, decorations, and gave financial gifts. Visit [our Facebook page](#) for pictures from VBS.

JOY! David & Erica Evans (son of Todd & Mary Jo Evans) joined us for worship on Sunday. It was good to reconnect and catch up with the Evans Family.

JOY! We celebrate with **Joyce Moser** on the birth of great-granddaughter Aizlynn Rae Moser, daughter of Courtney LaPenna & Kolton Moser. Aizlynn is Joyce's 21st great-grandchild!

In Our Healing Prayers

Ann Burdette - at Wesley Rehab

**Janet Hill, Michele Sciolino, 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

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office (Summer):

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 3 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Friday, July 20 - **2-6pm - Red Cross Blood Drive**

Sunday, July 22 - 9 am - Casual Praise Service

11 am - Traditional Worship

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.*

Red Cross Blood Drive at Christ Church

Friday, July 20

2 – 6 p.m.

in Youth Hall



There's an **emergency need** for blood donations

(especially blood types A, B, & O) this summer!

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



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.



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!

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

Buffalo Silver Band Concert

The Central Park Complex in Buffalo's beautiful Central Park/Parkside neighborhood, is hosting the Buffalo Silver Band next week, Tuesday July 24. The concert will begin at 7pm, with a Hot Dog Fundraiser by the Central Park Youth at 6pm. All are welcome - please bring with you your own comfortable lawn chairs, beach chairs or blankets for kids. For more about Central Park and Central Park UMC's events & programs, visit: <http://www.centralparkcomplex.com/>

"I am chosen, not forsaken,
I am who You say I am.
You are for me,
not against me
I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am!

In my Father's house
there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am!"

[-"Who You Say I Am"](#)
[by Hillsong Worship](#)