

UPDATE - July 28, 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 28

A word from Pastor Darryl

This past Sunday we have started a five-week Sermon Series *"Miracles and Multitudes"* using the common lectionary readings on the Gospel of John chapter 6. As Jesus lives out his life and ministry among the multitudes following him and gathering around him he extends an offering of life-giving bread! On Sunday our sub-theme was *"Sharing Lunch"*. As we reflected together on the Scriptural reading of John 6:1-21 three things came to my mind: (1) we are called to be aware of what we have and to thank God always. (2) In the 'kin-dom' good things happen when we share our lunch. (3) We are wise to listen to children (like the boy who shared his five loaves and two fish; and like the nameless and homeless street kid who shared a piece of bread with three other street kids given to him by a pastor who was caught unexpectedly by this kid's gesture and generosity). **Good things happen when you share your lunch!** The Holy Scriptures have important things to say to us and to teach us! So often in our lives we only focus on what is absent, not on what is present. We can easily lose the 'kin-dom' perspective that out of scarcity, God shows us abundance. Out of doubt, comes faith. In

God's abundance and love, God continues to pour into all of creation that which is needed by the world. God does this through the talents, abilities and passions of many diverse individuals. Thus, it is only together that we as Christians can be God's hands, feet and voices as God's mission becomes ours when we use our time and talents; and the financial resources we produce by stewarding our God-given gifts and time to care for other human beings as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in faith and action. So here are some questions to ponder this week:

Where in our lives have we felt like we didn't have the gifts to do what God was calling us to do, but were surprised by the outcome?

Where in our lives have we seen abundance out of what first seemed as scarcity?

Where is God calling Christ UMC today to provide a voice of abundant hope in the midst of what seems like abundant scarcity and abundant fear?

The one who feeds us sends us, and meets us on the way. **Share your lunch today! Good things happen always!** 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!

Darryl

Here is what is happening at Christ Church:

- Kevin Durkin, Minister for Music, is looking for **people to share their gifts for song and playing instruments** in our 11 am worship celebration on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to share, contact Kevin Durkin.
- Best wishes to **Duane Barrow** as he travels home to Dominica today! We look forward to welcoming Duane back home to Amherst.
- We're sharing the joy of **Keith and Becky Suffoletto** who will become parents in January!
- **In our Prayers: Ed Maker** - Sister's Hospital recovering from surgery; **Guy Castellino - Guy's mother is at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital with complications from leukemia; Ann Burdette**, moving to Brompton Nursing Home for further rehab after surgery; **Mary Jo Evans** at Blocher Home; **Elfrieda Poe** (Diane Poe

Schroeder's mother) **Elizabeth Brunner**, broke her arm; **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, Bim Rowlands, Nicky Sebastiano, Ruth Kitson, Ruth Luss, Shirley Downey, Ed Maker** (Ed and Marie worshipped with us last Sunday); **Alice Schmidt, Diane Lovejoy**; 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).

- Pastor Darryl's mother had surgery recently. Please keep her and Pastor Darryl's family in your prayers.

Memorial Services

- Joseph Wargo - Saturday, August 1 at 10 am

A service celebrating the life of Joseph Wargo will be held at Christ Church this Saturday. Joe is the father of Nancy Calandra. Her husband, Rocky, is a nephew to Nicky Sebastiano. We offer our prayers for family and friends.

-Marion Wenner – Saturday, August 1 at 3 pm

-Kathleen Castellino – Wednesday, August 5 at 10 am

Day Trip to Watkins Glen - The Men's Group invites you to join them on a trip to Watkins Glen and lunch at a local restaurant on **Saturday, August 8**. Contact Tom Nye at 213-3642 for details.

Sugar & Spice - Night at the movies

The women of CUMC invite you to join them for a movie, and popcorn on **Monday, August 10 at 7 pm**. Contact Peggy Bermudez or Beth Sweet for details.

Food Collection - for local food pantries. Canned and dried beans are suggested for this week.

Paper products are also needed - tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary products. Please place items in the grocery carts at the church.

A Date With Darryl

Hosts are needed for gathering groups to get better acquainted with Pastor Darryl. If you'd like to host a gathering, please contact Paula Kreib.



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If you are in need of **receiving neighborly assistance** to help make your life easier, please contact hearts and Hands. H N H will provide an initial interview to assess needs.

- 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. Please be sure we have your current email address! Pass the word!**

Pastor Darryl & Sally