



Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY
"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities
for Faith, Love & Service"

Weekly Update – July 29

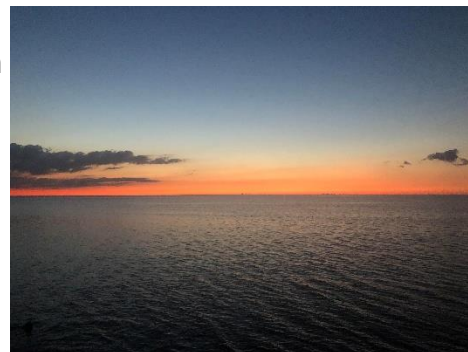


Sunsets

Since the dawn of time, the gaze of humankind has been drawn to the horizon and up to the heavens. When the first light appears in the morning or the last bit of it lingers in the evening, we find ourselves quieted as we gaze at the spectacular natural artwork. It feels right to welcome the possibility of a day or embrace the mystery of the night through these rhythms.

Our liturgical calendar picks up on these with something happening in the mystery of such moments as we mark at Christmas and Easter. It is, perhaps, when we are most receptive to the divine whisper of grace, the thin veil between heaven and earth nearly transparent. All is possibility and potential invited into or at the conclusion of a day.

One of these days when you find yourself at either end of the day, take the time to look and linger. You may just hear your name being spoken by God as Mary did outside the tomb, with the invitation to go and share with others this gentle brush of God's grace.



-Pastor Daven



Worship is now available on Sunday mornings at 10am, both in person and online!

Live-streamed worship will be available beginning at 10am each Sunday, with a direct link posted on our website and Facebook page to our livestream: www.youtube.com/CUMCAmherst/live

Recordings of each service will also be available on our YouTube channel for viewing once the service has ended.

Please be advised of new guidelines for those wishing to worship together in person at Christ Church:

- All will be required to wear a mask.** We will have a limited supply of masks on hand for those who come without one.
- Enter through one door at the main entrance.**
- Use hand sanitizer** at the provided station before entering the Sanctuary.
- Maintain social distancing** (6 feet apart) from those not within your immediate family.
- Please do not enter the building if you are experiencing any symptoms** (fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, chills, diarrhea).

We will continue to provide online opportunities for worship and connection. Our [YouTube channel](#) is the best way to find new content and worship services. We encourage you to 'Subscribe' to our channel! You'll be notified each time new content is uploaded, and the more subscribers we have, the less ads will appear!

[Click here to check out our YouTube channel](#)

[Click here to be connected to our website](#)

[Click here to be directed to our Facebook page](#)

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 2 pm

Please call the office (839-2460) or Pastor Daven (903-6024) with any questions or concerns.

Daily Bible Reading – 2020 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 29: Psalms 56-58; Acts 28:1-15

July 30: Psalms 59-61; Acts 28:16-31

July 31: Psalms 62-64; Romans 1

August 1: Psalms 65-67; Romans 2

August 2: Psalms 68-69; Romans 3

August 3: Psalms 70-72; Romans 4

August 4: Psalms 73-74; Romans 5

In Our Healing Prayers

Dave Mitchell - heart surgery July 31

Debbie Laberta - suffering from back pain

Kevin Cetola - facing eye surgery

Paul Staley, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Carol Maltbie, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Sissie Mooney, Barbara Burr, Scott Smith, Dick Ball, Barbara Weaver, Inez Beachley, Bob Varian, John Ladowski, Janet Hill, Mary Jane Shanley, Sue Estee, Jean Ericson

*Those affected with COVID-19, those working on the front lines, and all impacted by the suspension of work and activities.

*Those who are **care partners** with others

*Pray for Chris Maliken, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson, serving in the US Navy

Flowers for Sunday, August 2

The flowers on the Lord's Table this Sunday are given by the Weaver family in loving memory of Ken Yaussy.

"If we had a flower for every time we thought of you...we could walk through our garden forever."

-Alfred Tennyson

Thirstaid Bible Study via Zoom - Rest

Thursday, July 30

1 - 2 p.m.

Facilitator: Peggy Bermudez

This summer, we will be trying something new, a Thirstaid Bible Study via Zoom. No matter where you are, you will be able to join the conversation **every Thursday in July from 1:00 – 2:00 pm**. Our theme for the sessions will be *Rest*. Although we've all had more time at home in recent months, our time has not necessarily been restful. Stress, anxiety, uncertainty, and grief have taken their toll and we all need rest. There will be no study book or preparation, simply join the conversation as we explore what the Bible has to say about rest and how we can renew our weary souls. We hope you will join this virtual gathering as we experiment with a new way to make connections and learn together!

Topic: Rest Bible Study

Time: July 30, 2020 1:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95926711069>

Meeting ID: 959 2671 1069

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Our Meeting ID will remain the same each week.

Thank You

We are so grateful for all who have contributed to beautifying the grounds of Christ Church!

This year marks 20 years since the Celebration Garden was created to honor the memory of Matthew Zaleski, son of Peter & Pat Zaleski. The garden is a peaceful outdoor space for anyone wishing to stop and rest. Thank you to the Zaleskis for creating and recently contributing to an update of the space.

Thank you also to Ed Gilbert for working to re-glaze the windows at ground level of the church building, and to Barb Critoph for weeding and sanding the Celebration Walkway!

