

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

Weekly Update - June 12, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

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A Word From Pastor Daven

Scraped Up

Remember learning how to ride a bike without training wheels? My dad held onto the back of the seat encouraging me to pedal, me dreading when he would let go, which eventually he did as I struggled to find balance. Skin was lost and tears were shed, but with encouragement a resolve was born to master it. Eventually I fell no more as new places opened in the freedom and liberation on a bike.

On a recent leisurely ride following pothole and gravel, gravity executed its charm upon me. Before I knew it, I found myself on the ground executing a self-check. Any bones showing? Nope. Deep cuts? Nope. Hurt when I breathe? Nope. Things sticking in funny directions? Nope. Blood? A little. I was instantly transported to those first rides and the results. But as I learned when young, in order to overcome fear I must rise and face it again. I could hear that voice of my past encouraging me with a resolve inside to continue.



Lives of faith are like this. We get banged up and scraped up as we make our way through this tricky thing called life. Tears are shed and naivety lost. Understanding is desired as confusion reigns. Yep, the weight of the world drags us down and scrapes us up. But the real test of our faith is our ability to overcome these challenges, our fears, and face the future unafraid. It is to rise again, as a people of resurrection, with a resolve to hold fast to our faith.

I can't promise we won't fall again. But remember that God is always there to pick us up in forgiveness; Christ, in grace, is holding our seat and encouraging us to pedal; the Holy Spirit remains as we begin to move on our own. A little scraped up, but filled with the freedom and liberation of a life with God.

Daily Bible Reading – 2019

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.

June 12: Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42

June 13: Ezra 3-5; John 20

June 14: Ezra 6-8; John 21

June 15: Ezra 9-10; Acts 1

June 16: Nehemiah 1-3; Acts 2:1-13

June 17: Nehemiah 4-6; Acts 2:14-47

June 18: Nehemiah 7-8; Acts 3

In Our Healing Prayers

Don Critoph, Bob Varian, Bruce Burr, Inez Beachley, John Ladowski, Chrissy Merrill, Virginia 'Ginny' Molin, Helen Peacock, Joyce Moser, Janet Hill, Sissie Mooney, Mary Jane Shanley, Sue Estee, Frank Annunziata, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola

*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:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, June 12 - 9am- Garage Sale Set-Up

Thursday, June 13 - 10am- Garage Sale Set-Up
11:30am- Visitation Team

Friday, June 14 - 10am- Garage Sale Set-Up

Saturday, June 15 - 9am-4pm- Garage Sale Fundraiser

Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day
10am - Worship Service

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.*

Do you want to
make a
difference?

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 **condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, syrup)** in June. They also request **paper bags** and **reusable shopping bags (NOT plastic bags)** to pack groceries.

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

Cafe Volunteers Needed

The Hospitality Team is looking for individuals or groups to host the Sunday morning Cafe during the summer months. If you are interested in hosting, either alone or with a friend, please sign up for the week(s) in which you are interested. Sign-up sheets are located in the Café. If you have never hosted before and would like some training, please contact Michele Sciolino. Please help us to continue to provide a welcoming place to gather with friends, greet visitors, and share refreshments!

UMW Garage Sale Fundraiser

United Methodist Women of Christ Church will host a garage sale to raise funds for missions **THIS Saturday, June 15**, from **9:00 am - 4:00 pm**. 8 ft. tables are still available for a donation of \$15. Table reservation forms can be found in the office, and are to be completed by **TODAY**. United Methodist Women and the Outreach Team will have items for sale to raise money for missions. This is an opportunity for all church teams to purge useful items that are stored around our building. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897 or bradbermudez@hotmail.com.



Graduate Recognition Sunday – June 23

High school and college graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 23 during the worship service. Please send information about your graduate (school, degree, future plans) to the church office by **Wednesday, June 19**.

Vacation Bible School

July 8-12 9 a.m. – Noon



We will be blasting of *To Mars and Beyond* this summer! Kids will discover the wonders of God's universe as they journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them!

Register online at: <https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/christchurchamherst>



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!



Congratulations to our Confirmands: Ashley & Nicole!

Church Office Hours:

Monday -Wednesday- Friday: 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday: Closed Thursday: 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

a.o.l. (Adult Opportunities for Learning) at 11 a.m.