

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

Weekly Update - June 13

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Holy Conspiracy

On Sunday as we explored the final part of the series on the Holy Spirit, the word of the day was Spirit as breath. In that sermon I shared that the word 'conspire', with all its sinister connotation, literally means to 'breathe with.' And that in receiving the gift of Spirit we breathe with God, we join a holy conspiracy in that we conspire with God in our lives and with our lives.

But what is this conspiracy? Quite simply the redemption of the world. When we hear John the Baptist declare that one is coming that will baptize us with fire and the Spirit (breath) or Jesus declaring that he has come not to condemn the world, but to save it; when we pray as Jesus taught "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and asked to love one another as Christ loves us; when we start saying, doing, thinking, sharing, loving, hoping in these ways we join this conspiracy.

This is a conspiracy of goodness, a conspiracy of grace, a conspiracy of re-creation, a conspiracy of redemption - to breathe with God. How it is is not how it has to be or how it can be. That's a conspiracy I am happy to be connected to and associated with.

-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.

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

June 19: Nehemiah 9-11; Acts 4:1-22

JOYS!

JOY! Almost \$400 was raised in Sunday's 2nd Helping offering to support a Christ Church family in need!

JOY! We welcomed **Michael Farley & Carol Maltbie** into membership at Christ Church this past Sunday!

Carol is retired from banking, a widow living in Elma who has two children and four grandchildren (all living locally). Carol volunteers for Meals on Wheels and FISH of East Aurora.

In Our Healing Prayers

Janet Hill - back home following knee replacement

The Painton, Shanley, Snyder & Fisher Families, Robert Nachbar, Millie Staley, Bob Varian, Greg Mailken, Dennis Scaringi, Sue Estee, Lois Lewis, Janet Hill, 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:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, June 13 - 7pm- Christian Ed. Team

Caller Newsletter Deadline (July/August)

Thursday, June 14 - 10:30am - Stewardship Team

7pm - Hospitality Team

Sunday, June 17 - **Happy Father's Day!**

9 am - Casual Praise Service

11 am - Traditional Worship

Guest Speaker: Dr. David Pliss, Lay Leader

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.*

Vacation Bible School at Christ Church

July 9-13

9 a.m. - Noon

[Register online today!](#)



We need your help to make VBS a success!

Vacation Bible School Needs

- Your prayers
- Your help during VBS week: July 9-13

Donations:

- Real juices (Apple, Lemonade, etc.)
- Goldfish Crackers (multi-colored & pretzel)
 - Pretzel rods, Pretzel Sticks
 - Pull & Peel Twizzlers - 1 pack
 - Gummy fish
 - Teddy Grahams
- Regular Graham Crackers - 3 boxes
 - Cheese sticks
- 1 batch sugar cookies (home baked or store-bought)

To loan for display:

- Kayaks, paddles, life-jackets, baby pool, camp chairs

Monetary donations also help!

Use the yellow Connection Card to let us know the ways you'd like to help. Contact Sally Pollard with questions.

Food & School 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:

Paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent, deodorant, heart-healthy cereals (look for a heart on the box!), pasta, and sauces.

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

The Tiger's Den is collecting **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** in June so that they are available for

families to pick up over the summer before the next school year begins. The following items are being requested for middle and high school students:

-combination locks for lockers

-3 inch binders

-loose leaf paper

-folders

-pens

-highlighters

-#2 Ticonderoga pencils

-composition notebooks

-1 subject spiral notebooks

-pencil bags

Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Every **Tuesday at Noon**, Pastor Daven will lead 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!

TAKE TIME TO SMELL THE FLOWERS

The Men's Group is planning to visit Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion State Historic Park in Canandaigua N.Y. on **Wednesday, July 11**. The Victorian Mansion, gardens, and greenhouse complex should be a wonderful place for us to tour in July. For more specific details you can visit www.sonnenberg.org.

We plan to meet at church at 10am and carpool to Canandaigua, approx. 1 1/2hrs. We will enjoy a light lunch in the High Noon Café on the Sonnenberg grounds before starting the tour, which lasts approximately 2 hours. The discounted group rate for entry to the park is \$12 per person, lunch choices run \$12-15.

This is not just a men's event - **all are welcome to join!** If interested, please let us know, so we can give Sonnenberg the approximate number in our group. A down payment is required for the discount rate. You can contact either Ed Gilbert (edwingilbert@verizon.net) or Bob Lovell (rlovellthg@cs.com) if you plan to attend.

"Where human conspiracy takes life, God's conspiracy gives life. Where human conspiracy destroys, God's creates. Where human conspiracy hurts, God's heals. God's conspiracy brings about the winds of change, fresh air, and the fullness of life."

-Fr. Michael Marsh

Church Office Hours:

Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

Casual Praise Worship at 9 am

Traditional Worship at 11 am

Education Hour at 10 am