



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

Weekly Update – June 17



Solid & Sound

For over 18 years this canoe has provided us with countless memories. A few years back, its original wood gunwales, which provide both structural rigidity and hold the seats in, started suffering from dry rot. It has sat neglected for 2 years, unable to be used, awaiting either decommission or repair and redemption. I tracked down some replacement aluminum gunwales, familiarized myself with the process, and undertook the repair on Sunday afternoon to add to potential family fun this summer. Step-by-step, rivet-by-rivet, one side and then the other, and finally the seats and yoke and it was as good as new! It is solid and seaworthy.



Aren't we blessed that God doesn't look at the status of our lives and world and declare that repair and redemption is impossible?! Rather, in Christ we have one who provides us a step-by-step path to salvation and peace and the same possibility for our world. But we can come to see our faith as something that *once* influenced our lives. While in some fashion it remains, it becomes a symbol of the past that at one time held the hopes for the future. The structure it gave crumbling over time due to neglect.

If we listen to Christ and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can, through a few steps, bring our faith back to the strength it once had and the hope it

provides. Daily prayer, reading Scripture, spiritual friendships, giving, service, and worship are each like a rivet helping to reattach faith back to our lives. If we are willing to start ... for example with a prayer at a meal, then add one before bed, and then another when we begin our day, our lives will slowly be reshaped by the structure of faith. One-by-one, a little at a time, we will find that our faith is renewed, solid and sure, providing us the confidence to face the present and the future unafraid.

-Pastor Daven



Reopening

As we look forward to reopening our doors soon, please be advised of new guidelines for those wishing to worship together in person at Christ Church (once we are cleared to do so by local and state authorities).

- 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! 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 12 pm

All activities of and in Christ Church are suspended until it is deemed safe and appropriate to begin reopening. 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.

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

June 20: Nehemiah 12-13; Acts 4:23-37

June 21: Esther 1-3; Acts 5:1-16

June 22: Esther 4-6; Acts 5:17-42

June 23: Esther 7-10; Acts 6

In Our Healing Prayers

Valari Zanghi - recently received 20 stitches

Don Critoph - hand injury

Jon Davis (future father-in-law of Janelle Martin), **Helen Peacock** (now at Blocher Homes, same phone number), **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**, **Frank Annunziata**, **Jean Ericson**, **Kevin Cetola**

*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

Ways to Make a Difference

Donations for Seneca Street

Seneca Street UMC continues to feed and minister to the community in the Seneca-Babcock area of Buffalo.

The Outreach Team of Christ Church is committed to financially supporting Seneca Street in their mission. If you would like to help provide meals/meat to those served at Seneca Street UMC, you can make checks out to Christ Church with "Seneca Street UMC" on the memo line.
