

UPDATE - Christ U M 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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Friday, June 19

There is deep sadness this week at the violence that has taken place killing people of the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC. I invite you to join in the prayers for the families of those who died in this senseless shooting. Every death as a result of violence touches us all. It goes beyond feelings that this is a tragedy. This is damage we are doing to ourselves and it calls us to actively do something in our lives to change things. Hopefully we will learn lessons that will bring new life to our communities and our country.

Here is what is happening at Christ Church:

1. Attendance last Sunday was 150 and we joined in joyful celebration in worship and as we gathered to honor the ministry and friendship we share with Pastor BJ Norrix. During these four years we have grown deeper in faith which has led us to ministry and mission in our community and in our world in new ways. BJ's message reminded us that God is not done working in and through us. As God's Spirit continues to work in our lives we

will discover new opportunities, with new direction becoming clearer. It's an exciting, enlivening time!

Many thanks go to Peggy Bermudez and Roger Johnson and the members of the Staff/Parish Relations Team for their planning and effort to make BJ's send-off a joyful time.

2. Thank you to Kevin Durkin, Minister for Music, who will be providing music for our 9 am worship celebration for the coming weeks. Rev. Darryl Barrow arrives later this month and will lead worship at Christ Church for the first time on Sunday, July 5th. Join us in welcoming Darryl to this new adventure in life and ministry.

Bringing the message in worship this Sunday is Mac Sabol, which he has titled, "Changing Labels Changes Meaning." On Sunday, June 28, Peggy Bermudez, our Lay Leader, will bring the message. We will also send out our Uganda Mission Team, including John and Brandon Miller, Viki and Hannah Smith, Janelle Martin, Erisawe Briere, Kathryn Weaver and B.J. Norrix. They will return on Tuesday, July 14.

3. The Praise Team invites you to consider joining them in leading our Sunday morning (9am) Praise Celebration. If you or someone you know plays guitar, keyboard or drums or likes to sing praise music, please let us know! . . . We are praying for you!

4. Thank you to the Trustees and to Dick Radel for the cleaning, painting and preparations going on at the parsonage. ***There is a work day planned for tomorrow, Saturday, June 20 starting at 9am. All are welcome to join in preparing the parsonage*** to become a home for Pastor Darryl.

5. **In our Prayers:** Elizabeth Brunner, broke her arm; Debbie LaBerta, knee problems; Ann Burdette, rehab at Elderwood on Harris Hill; Todd Evans at Beechwood. Mary Jo Evans at Blocher Home; Mitch Mooney, (he and Sissie worshipped with us last Sunday); Glenn Hurst at home; Tom Davis at Elderwood Room 312-A, 200 Bassett Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221; Laney Fuller at Blocher; Jan Rhinehart; Sharon Ferrelli continues cancer treatments; Dr. Robert Nachbar at Blocher Home; Charles Terranova, hodgkins lymphoma; Brian Martin for continued healing; Edmond Wrycza (Julianna Sabol's father in nursing home in Fort Erie); Barbara Clinton, Fred and Lynda Painton, Guy Castellino (and Guy's mother and father who are both dealing with major health matters); Bim Rowlands, Nicky Sebastiano, Ruth Kitson, Ruth

Luss, Shirley Downey, Ed Maker (Ed and Marie worshipped with us last Sunday); **Alice Schmidt, Diane Lovejoy; Marion Wenner, 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). Pray for **Christ UMC** in our time of transition. Pray for Pastor BJ and Rev. Darryl Barrow (and all UM pastors and congregations) in this season of pastoral transition.

6. **G-Force - God's love in action! Vacation Bible School** is coming...**July 13-17 9am to noon for children Pre-K through completing Grade 5. Amherst Community Church**, with Deb Cullen, Chris. Ed. Co-ordinator, is our partner for VBS this year. We have planned VBS together for several years. This year we will join together for the week of VBS as well.

We need your help with...

*Prayers, financial support, helping hands during VBS week, **decorating items such as:** Bikes, bike tires, scooters, pogo sticks, skateboards, surfboards, helmets, skates (any kind), running shoes, ball caps, sports jerseys and equipment, old license plates, kites, knee and elbow pads, tires, hula hoops. **We will return items to you after VBS week.***

Contact Sally Pollard for more information.

7. **Motion Commotion Fun Fest! Saturday July 11 10 am to 2 pm**

This event is for the whole community and includes a garage sale (reserve tales for \$15 ea), face painting, games, bike and helmet safety checks and safe child ID by the Amherst Police, food, fun and more.... The Christian Ed team and UM Women are sponsoring this event. For more info contact Sally Pollard, Beth Sweet or Peggy Bermudez.

8. **Take Me Out To The Ball Game** - Saturday, July 18 Buffalo Bisons vs. Columbus Clippers

Reserved seats in the club level "Special Reserved" section. Seats - \$10.75 per person

Additional \$6.50 for hot dog & a coke. Sponsored by the UM Men's Group. Contact Jim Pollard for tickets.

9. **Happy Birthday this week:**

June 19 - Taylor Ramsey

June 22 - Donna Hammond, Laura Nye Hagley, Emily Nye Heimer

June 23 - Sean Brown

June 25 - Julie Sciolino

June 27 - Ruth Munson
June 28 - Barbara Mitchell

10. Happy Anniversary this week:

June 20 - Allen & Joan Lesswing, Greg & Donna Yungbluth
June 22 - Chuck & Joanne Gilbert
June 29 - Bill & Marg Bauza

11. Through the Bible readings -

Copies of the Bible Reading Plan for the rest of the year are available in the church office or on the ledge in the back of the worship space.

12. Ongoing collections -

Non-perishable food items for local food pantries. Place items in the shopping carts located in the building.

Veterans Hospital supplies for patients, day programs and homeless - leave them in the container provided in Crafts Hall. Needed items: Socks, underwear, T-shirts (White, L to XXXL, V-neck), towels, Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors, mouthwash, nail clippers, body wash, combs, shaving cream, pocket mirrors, chap stick – be sure mouth wash and other items are “Alcohol free”; Gift cards (McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Burger King, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Tops); Patriotic throws or lap blankets, books and audio books, DVDs.

UMCOR donations - Mark financial contributions for UMCOR. 100% of your donations goes to rescue and relief efforts.

13. COMING SOON

June 21 - Fathers Day - Honor all the men who have been important in your life.

June 28 – Uganda Mission Team leaves for Uganda and returns July

14.

July 5 – Rev. Barrow’s first Sunday at CUMC

July 11 - Motion Commotion Fun Fest 10 am to 2 pm

July 18 - Night at the Ballpark Buffalo Bisons vs Columbus

Clippers 6:05 pm Fireworks!!!

A last thought - Thank you to the women of my "renegade Circle" (New Vision Circle) who gathered this week for lunch at Asbury Pointe, hosted by Helen Peacock. Our lunch conversation dealt with the paradoxes and changes that come in life, the things that stir our souls at night, in the darkness, when defenses are low and the daylight distractions are gone. Questions emerge that can lead to worry, anger and fear or to contemplate the possibilities. My Circle friends have lived 80-90+ years, experiencing many transitions and changes. We affirmed that faith, prayer & a supportive faith community help us to see life beyond our own lives. This gives God's Spirit a place to work in our lives and a way to follow to discovering ourselves. We also affirm that we're on the brink of new life & new direction and that light within us is coming to spark...with new possibilities....

With Joy,

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