



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

Weekly Update – June 24



Tire Swing

Who knows who it was that first looked upon a worn out tire and inventively saw the possibility of the fun it held in an entirely different purpose. Whoever it was, it has gone on to fuel countless graceful and laughter filled arcs through the air in innumerable yards.

As I've looked upon the tire swing in our yard and, honestly, taken my turn to be carried on its parabola, it does cause me to pause and consider things in an entirely different way in the life of the church. Maybe this is the adaptation of worship to online formats or how we might approach the sacrament of Holy Communion; or maybe it is rethinking the space of the building of the church or what it even means to be a church in our current times. I'm not sure, but I know that every time I look upon the tire swing it is asking me to think critically and inviting me to take to the air as I seek the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.



I hope you might join in me in this endeavor. Because, like the first one who thought of the tire swing, who knows where the best ideas and brightest possibilities will come. What I am sure of is that inspired by the Holy Spirit, when it comes it will carry others to experience God's grace in the joy of the arc of the journey through life with Christ.

-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](#)

Be a Part of Dismantling Racism: A Service of Lament TODAY, June 24, at 1pm

United Methodists from around the world will gather to lament for the racism in our midst. We will also reflect on Psalm 22, have a time of communion and hear God's call to join in the work of dismantling racism and pressing on to freedom for all. www.UMC.org/EndRacism

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 24: Job 1-3; Acts 7:1-19

June 25: Job 4-6; Acts 7:20-43

June 26: Job 7-9; Acts 7:44-60

June 27: Job 10-12; Acts 8:1-25

June 28: Job 13-15; Acts 8:26-40

June 29: Job 16-18; Acts 9:1-22

June 30: Job 19-20; Acts 9:23-43

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Marshall & Mary Rhinehart**. Mary's father, Paul Vogel, Jr. died this past week. Paul was also the cousin of Sally Pollard.

In Our Healing Prayers

Carol Maltbie - upcoming shoulder replacement surgery

Valari Zanghi, Don Critoph, 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.



[Christ Church High School Graduates](#)

Rebecca Lopez - Graduating from Clarence High School

- Plans to attend Duquesne University to study Nursing

Ryan Lopez – Graduating from Clarence High School as Salutatorian

—Plans to attend Northwestern University to study Physics and Astronomy

[Christ Church College Graduates](#)

Conor Brown – Graduated from RIT, Magna Cum Laude

Brandon Miller – Completed his undergraduate studies at Gannon University and received B.S. in Health Services

- Continuing Physician Assistant Master's program at Gannon University

Leanne Paddock – Graduated from Syracuse University with B.S. in Accounting and Supply Chain Management

- Looking for a supply chain position in Buffalo

Nicole Sciolino – Graduated from Niagara University with M.B.A. in Healthcare Administration

- Working full-time at Dent Neurologic Institute in the Infusion Center

Friends of Christ Church College Graduates

Katie James – Granddaughter of Bim & Marion Rowlands

- Graduated from University of North Carolina at Greensboro with M.S. in Counseling and Education Specialist degree in School Counseling

- Has passed exam to become National Certified Counselor, is pursuing certification in California, where she has accepted a position

Steven Fisher – Grandson of Cindy Fisher

- Graduated from Purdue University with B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

- Working for Vanair in Michigan City, Indiana