

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

Weekly Update - June 26, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226



A Word From Pastor Daven

New Life

I was out riding my bike northeast of the Tonawanda wildlife refuge among the farms and fields when I came upon this lady. Right there beside the road didn't seem like the safest of places, in the sunshine with no cover. And yet it was here that she found the optimal place in the soft shoulder along the side to lay her eggs. I don't think she appreciated my gawking at her or spying at her clutch, but she was so busy about her business that I was able to admire this miracle. And a mere five miles later, I encountered another doing the same.



This seems to be the ministry of Jesus and those whom he called disciples. Whether it was the baffled crowd at Pentecost unable to understand how they could be experiencing what they were experiencing from a bunch of uneducated Galileans, or the many that Jesus encountered and healed in the towns, villages, and along the roadways of his travels. It wasn't among cover or in the safety of places of power that the beginnings of new life were laid. It was on the soft shoulders along the hazardous roads of life. That's where opportunity and ministry take place, at the fringes.

Where are the fringes where we are being called to go and risk among the hazards? Are we willing to be bold and courageous, knowing that sometimes the best opportunities are where we least expect it? We are still being called today to the highways and byways to plant the possibilities of new life. Others, like I did, may stop and gawk at our work when we take the risk. But it will be with the same admiration of the miracle of new life that will come.

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 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

July 1: Job 21-22; Acts 10:1-23

July 2: Job 23-25; Acts 10:24-48

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the **Corsaro Family**. Geraldine Amici Corsaro died yesterday, June 25, at 102 years old. Geraldine was the mother-in-law of Carol Corsaro and grandmother to Scott & Viki Smith and Rubin & Lisa Malpica.

In Our Healing Prayers

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

SUMMER Church Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 3 pm,

Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Friday, June 28 - 4-9:30pm- Hosting Family Promise

Sunday, June 30 - 10am - Worship Service

Guest Preacher: Rev. Chris Wylie

Baptism of Andrew Cordero

11am- Information Session with Brad Loliger

11am- a.o.l. @ CUMC

(Adult Opportunities for Learning)

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

July 8–12

9 a.m. – Noon



We will be blasting off *To Mars and Beyond* in

less than 2 weeks!!! 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>

How can you help?

We are looking for the following items for VBS snacks. If you are able to help, please bring the items to church **by July 2** or notify that office of what you will be bringing in.

- 1 bag of pretzel twists
- 1 bag of pretzel sticks
- 2 boxes of graham crackers
- 1 large bag of M & Ms
- 1 bag of chocolate chips
- 1 jar of marshmallow fluff
- 2 boxes of Lucky Charms cereal
- 2 boxes of Cheez-Its

- 2 boxes of sugar ice cream cones
- 1 watermelon
- 2 bags of cheez balls
- Tang juice drink and apple juice
- gummy stars
- sprinkles



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!

Information Sessions

Join Brad Loliger in the Library following worship on **June 30 & July 7**. He will be holding listening and information sessions relative to the United Methodist Church and LGBT issues.

Safe Shred Console

Lincoln Archives, Inc. has provided Christ Church with a safe shred console, which is located in the main office. If you have items to be shredded, feel free to bring them in and drop them off in the console, which will then be taken to Lincoln Archives, Inc. in a few weeks to be shredded safely and securely.



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!

Thank You Note

Dear Christ Church Community-

Thank you for a very special gathering on June 9 - one I will always remember. Your presence means the world to me and I will always feel grateful for the years we shared. Though things change, we remain connected and you're always in my prayers as we step into the future. Thank you for all you've taught me, shared with me, and all the ways you challenged me to become more. The "Gratitude" book you took the time to sign is a treasure.

For the party, presents, book, and mostly, for your presence in my life, I am grateful. You fill my heart and soul with joy!

-Sally Pollard

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Monday -Wednesday- Friday: 9 am to 3 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.