

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

**Weekly Update - June 5, 2019**

**Christ United Methodist Church**

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226



## A Word From Pastor Daven

### Farmer's Market

We, as a family, do our best to support our local farmers by going to the farmer's market. Things are pretty lean this early in the year. Yes, they have plenty of plants for sale and other items which are not contingent upon the growing seasons. But one thing, actually a member of the grass family of plants, is in season — asparagus!

Part of what I enjoy is hearing from the farmers about the diversity of the types of each fruit and vegetable. I also like to learn how things like size, shape, color, and taste that have become popularized as being 'right' are not necessarily an accurate representation. Two weeks ago I received an education on asparagus, one of my favorite vegetables. Whether it is this or heirloom tomatoes and you will see a spectrum of colors, shapes and even tastes!



It's this diversity which I feel is a celebration of God's magnificence throughout creation. Things we know by a single name and yet are completely different sizes, shapes, colors, and experience. I'm not sure a great tag line for a church is 'heirloom' followers of God, but I feel that when we are at our best we can all be called disciples of Christ while each of us remains unique in size, shape, color and experience. And that is in season all the time!



## Upper New York Annual Conference June 5–8 in Syracuse

Please be in prayer for Pastor Daven and Peggy Bermudez as they attend Annual Conference in Syracuse this week.

What is annual conference? Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend their conference's annual conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs and budgets; ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders; and election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

With more than 168,000 members, the Upper New York Annual (Regional) Conference of The United Methodist Church comprises 865 local churches and 91 new faith communities in 12 districts, covering 48,000 square miles in 49 of the 62 counties in New York state. Our mission is to *"live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places."*

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### 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 5: 2 Chronicles 17-19; John 15

June 6: 2 Chronicles 20-22; John 16:1-15

June 7: 2 Chronicles 23-25; John 16:16-33

June 8: 2 Chronicles 26-28; John 17

June 9: 2 Chronicles 29-31; John 18:1-23

June 10: 2 Chronicles 32-33; John 18:24-40

June 11: 2 Chronicles 34-36; John 19:1-22

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## Joys

**Joy!** We are so grateful to **Sally Pollard** for her 23 years of faithful ministry to the Christ Church community! Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us this past Sunday.

**Joy!** We are excited to welcome confirmands **Ashley Miller & Nicole Takac** into the community of faith as they are confirmed at Christ Church this Sunday, June 9! A reception will be held in the Cafe following worship on Sunday.



## In Our Healing Prayers

**Bob Varian, The Beller Family, Bruce Burr, Inez Beachley, 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

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## This Week at Christ Church

**Church Office:**

**Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,**

**Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon**

Wednesday, June 5 - *Annual Conference in Syracuse (June 5-8)*

7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 6 - 12:30pm- Elizabeth Circle

Friday, June 7 - 11am- Books We Have Loved

Saturday, June 8 - 6pm- Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner

**Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost Sunday**

**10am - Worship Service & Confirmation**

***Reception Following Worship***

***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.*



### **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.

## Second Sunday Offering

This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping Offering will go to Amherst Meals on Wheels.

## 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!

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## UMW Garage Sale Fundraiser

United Methodist Women of Christ Church will host a garage sale to raise funds for missions on **Saturday, June 15**, from **9:00 am - 4:00 pm**. 8 ft. tables are available for a donation of \$15. Table reservation forms can be found in the office, and are to be completed

by **TODAY**. United Methodist Women and the Outreach Team will have items for sale to raise money for missions. This is an opportunity for all church teams to purge useful items that are stored around our building. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897 or [bradbermudez@hotmail.com](mailto:bradbermudez@hotmail.com).



## Graduate Recognition Sunday – June 23

High school and college graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 23 during the worship service. Please send information about your graduate (school, degree, future plans) to the church office by **Wednesday, June 19**.

## Vacation Bible School

July 8–12 9 a.m. – Noon

We will be blasting of *To Mars and Beyond* this summer! 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>

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### 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!



-J. NICOLE MORGAN

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**Church Office Hours:**

Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

**Starting June 10:**

**Monday -Wednesday- Friday: 9 am to 5 pm**

**Tuesday: Closed      Thursday: 9 am to Noon**

**SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH**

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am