

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

Weekly Update - June 6

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Just Breathe

Monday morning ... I seldom find myself struggling with feeling like I am just wiped out, but that's how I felt on Monday. And then, Tuesday too! As an athlete I immediately consider things like diet, training load, and sleep. None of those revealed anything that would lead me to feel this ... blah. Post Annual Conference blues? That seemed hardly likely to be the culprit.

Sometimes we all just need to breathe. More than a sigh, intentional breathing. I could tell you all the science behind the value of meditation and focusing on just breathing. But I think it goes deeper. To breathe is to live. And this is paralleled in our spiritual lives, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, God's breath. Without it we struggle to live, move and have our being. We struggle to be filled by God, with God and for God.

I slowed down this morning, took time to breathe - to breathe in God's grace and goodness ... to pause and just be with the source of my being. And as trite as it sounds, I found myself filled - filled with breath, with energy, with life, with vitality. Slow down, take a breath and let the Holy Spirit, God's breath, fill your life.

-Pastor Daven

Strategy Update - All Church Meeting

On **Sunday, June 10** at **10 a.m.**, everyone is invited to gather in Crafts Hall for an update on the 7 strategies adopted last June. These key strategies are related to living into our purpose of 'Making Connections and Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love, and Service.' We will be hearing updates of completed work, current work, and work yet to be done regarding technology, child-friendly areas, outreach, hospitality, engaging our neighbors, spiritual formation, and becoming a hub for community service.

Daily Bible Reading – 2018 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 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

June 12: Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42

JOYS!

JOY! We celebrated with our graduates this past Sunday as they embark upon new chapters in their lives. Congratulations to upcoming high school

graduates **Jonathan Miller, Robert Paddock & Nicole Takac**, and college graduates **Courtney Cataudella, Danielle Keller, Andrew Lopez, Alexia Malpica, Vincent Malpica, Taylor Ramsey**, and **Nicole Sciolino!**

In Our Healing Prayers

The Painton, Shanley, Snyder & Fisher Families, Robert Nachbar, Millie Staley, Bob Varian, Greg Mailken, Dennis Scaringi, Sue Estee, Lois Lewis, Janet Hill, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola, Sissie Mooney

*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

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, June 6 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 7 - 10am - Visitation Team
1pm - Elizabeth Circle
7pm - Christian Ed. Team
7pm - Nominations Team

Friday, June 8 - 7pm- Farewell Gathering for DS Rev. Wayne Butler
at Harris Hill UMC

Sunday, June 10 - 9 am - Casual Praise Service

10 am - Strategy Update

11 am - Traditional 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.*



Rev. Wayne Butler Retiring in June

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Wayne Butler, is retiring on June 30. All are welcome to attend a celebration of worship and fellowship on **Friday, June 8 at 7PM** at Harris Hill UMC (8495 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221) to thank Wayne and wish him well in his retirement! A monetary gift will be presented to Rev. Butler and Molly to use toward setting up their very first home! If you would like to contribute to that gift, please send a check payable to PCUMC to Pendleton Center UMC, [6864 Campbell Boulevard, North Tonawanda, NY 14120](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6864+Campbell+Boulevard,+North+Tonawanda,+NY+14120) and mark WAYNE in the note portion of your check.

Any questions or concerns may be addressed to debbieparise@pendletonchurch.org or (716) 344-8165.

Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School at Christ Church

July 9-13

9 a.m. - Noon

[Register online today!](#)



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Food & School 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:

Paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent, deodorant, heart-healthy cereals (look for a heart on the box!), pasta, and sauces.

Collecting carts at Christ Church are marked for Tiger's Den Food Pantry and for local families.

The Tiger's Den is collecting **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** in June so that they are available for families to pick up over the summer before the next school year begins. The following items are being requested for middle and high school students:

-combination locks for lockers

-3 inch binders

-loose leaf paper

-folders

-pens

-highlighters

-#2 Ticonderoga pencils

-composition notebooks

-1 subject spiral notebooks

-pencil bags

Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Every **Tuesday at Noon**, Pastor Daven will lead 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!

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Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

Casual Praise Worship at 9 am

Traditional Worship at 11 am

Education Hour at 10 am