

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

Weekly Update - May 1, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226



A Word From Pastor Daven

Field of Dreams

While there are streets, houses, and even grave markers to remind us of where we came from and of who we are, often it is a larger landscape which encapsulates our background. This past week most certainly was one of nostalgia impressed upon me by what I saw and what I heard (or likewise what little there was to see or hear!).

As we continue exploring the experience of those first followers of Jesus in the days following resurrection, I wonder if it wasn't the same for them. They returned to the where and what that was their reality prior to their encounter and journey with Jesus. They find there through what they see and hear (or what they don't hear or see!) God's continued presence in their midst. Then, through the movement of the Holy Spirit, they experience a calling to other places, to other people, and in other ways to share God's message of grace in Christ.

It was a bittersweet goodbye to a dear family member and the place my people have called home. But during that time I heard my call come again to other places, other people, and in other ways to share God's message of grace in Christ. Listen carefully ... you might just hear it, too!



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.

May 1: 1 Kings 1-2; Luke 22:54-71

May 2: 1 Kings 3-5; Luke 23:1-26

May 3: 1 Kings 6-7; Luke 23:27-38

May 4: 1 Kings 8-9; Luke 23:39-56

May 5: 1 Kings 10-11; Luke 24:1-35

May 6: 1 Kings 12-13; Luke 24:36-53

May 7: 1 Kings 14-15; John 1:1-28

In Our Healing Prayers

Kathy Weaver, The Radel Family, Carolyn Flynn, Virginia 'Ginny' Molin, Helen Peacock, Joyce Moser, Bob Varian, Harold Weaver, Lynne Beller, Janet Hill, Sissie Mooney, Mary Jane Shanley, Bruce Burr, 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

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, May 1 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2 - 12:15pm- Elizabeth Circle carpool to Graycliff
1pm- 'Thirstaid' Thursday

Friday, May 3 - 11am- Books We Have Loved

Saturday, May 4 - **11:30 am- Memorial Service: Judy Radel**

Sunday, May 5 - **10am - Worship Service**
11am- Education Hour & Fellowship
Native American Ministries Sunday

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.*

Do you want to
make a
difference?

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 **sugar, flour, and spaghetti sauce** in May.

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

Make A Difference Day

Make a Difference Day is Sunday, May 19!

Sign-ups have begun! Check out project listings on the bulletin board in the Family Room and in Sunday's bulletin. A FREE shredding truck will be available for safe destruction of documents, and a Bloodmobile from the American Red Cross will be on-site.



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!

Thirstaid Thursdays

You are invited to join in 'Thirstaid' Thursdays
each Thursday at 1 p.m. through May 9 in the Wesley Room!

"Hope When Your Heart Breaks (Navigating Grief and Loss)"

Facilitators: Pastor Daven, Peggy Bermudez, Dr. David Pliss

We'll look at how life experiences challenge us and how God powerfully uses the gifts of prayer, presence, and witness to move us and others through these times to thrive again.

United Methodist Women Breakfast Gathering

All are invited to a Breakfast Gathering on **Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m.** in the Café. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Diann Holt of Durham Baby Café. Rev. Holt is an ordained

elder of the AME Zion Church, a social worker, and a member of the New York State Taskforce on Maternal Mortality and Disparate Racial Outcomes. She opened the first Baby Café for pregnant women and new mothers in New York State in 2013 at Durham Memorial AME Zion Church in Buffalo. ALL are welcome to come and learn more about this important ministry! The Executive Board will host and cost is \$5. For reservations, please contact Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897 or bradbermudez@hotmail.com. *We will be gathering Uber cards so that young mothers will have transportation to the Baby Café.*

FREE Concert Tickets!

We have 5 free tickets (\$10 value each) to the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra Concert on Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. at Slee Hall (University at Buffalo). These tickets are available in the church office on a first-come, first-served basis.



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Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am