

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

Weekly Update - May 15, 2019

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226



A Word From Pastor Daven

Highlighters

I opened the drawer of the desk in my office the other day discovering highlighters have multiplied within it. There are so many different colors or shades of colors! Where did they all come from? Had I liberated them from home, my bag, other offices and spaces (sorry Janelle & Sally if I inadvertently walked away with them)? And now stowed within the drawer, I ponder how I can send them back out into world that others can put them to good use in drawing attention to important matters...



I think this is like what the church and worship is for many of us. It is a space where we are gathered together. We come from different places, different backgrounds, different experiences, in all different colors and shades. We collect here perhaps for a time to marvel at such a gathering. Then we are sent. We are returned and sent out into the world that we might serve the purpose of highlighting God's love and care for the world.

We are to draw the most important attention that there is - God's hope and will for the world as we know in Christ. Maybe the Holy Spirit used these highlighters to highlight this for us this week!





Make A Difference Day

THIS SUNDAY! May 19

Worship: 10 a.m.

Projects: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Potluck Lunch: 12:30 p.m.

Wondering how to get involved on Make a Difference Day?

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- **Clean out your closets & garage!** We will be collecting new and gently-used sports equipment, clothing, non-perishable foods, household goods, etc. Items will be re-purposed by local organizations.
- **Give blood!** The American Red Cross will be in Youth Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call Geoff Hill to register to donate (316-1522).
- **Get ready to shred!** Bring your outdated documents, receipts and files to be shredded for free, sponsored by Christ Church and Allaire Financial Strategies.
- **Come thirsty!** Our kids will be setting up lemonade stands close to the church to raise money for Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo.
- **Share a meal!** We will be having a taco bar potluck lunch for all involved at 12:30 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Family Room to bring an item (or two!) to share. Chat with friends and hear about how others made a difference throughout the morning.
- **Submit names and addresses** to the church office of friends and neighbors who would be encouraged by receiving a card from our Hallmark Note-Writing Team.
- **Join a team!** There are still spots open to join teams to serve on Sunday. See Janelle or a team leader following worship to get involved!
 - **Tell your friends and spread the word!!**

**The Shredding Truck will be available until 1 p.m.
The Bloodmobile will be on-site until 1:30 p.m.**

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 15: 2 Kings 12-14; John 5:25-47

May 16: 2 Kings 15-17; John 6:1-21

May 17: 2 Kings 18-19; John 6:22-44

May 18: 2 Kings 20-22; John 6:45-71

May 19: 2 Kings 23-25; John 7:1-31

May 20: 1 Chronicles 1-2; John 7:32-53

May 21: 1 Chronicles 3-5; John 8:1-20

Joys

\$368 was received during Sunday's 2nd Helping offering! These gifts will help to defray the costs of Make a Difference Day, including renting the shredding truck, preparing meals for those in need at Seneca Street UMC, lemonade supplies for our kids' lemonade stands, etc. Thank you!

In Our Healing Prayers

Bruce Burr, Inez Beachley, Lynne Beller, Virginia 'Ginny' Molin, Helen Peacock, Joyce Moser, Bob Varian, Harold Weaver, 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

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, May 15 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 17 - 12pm- Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 18 - 1 pm- Wedding: Jacqueline Morris & Sid Sheth

Sunday, May 19 - MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!!!

10am - *Worship Service*

10:30am-12:30pm - *Service Projects*

12:30pm - *Potluck Lunch*

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.*

Celebrating the Ministry of Sally Pollard

A celebration of Sally's 23 years of ministry at Christ Church will be held on **Sunday, June 2** at Classics V Banquet Center (2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst) from **4 to 7 PM**. The cost is \$25 per person and includes assorted finger foods, a carving station, cake, juice, punch, coffee and tea. Cost for children ages 5-12 years old is \$15; children under 5 are free. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are required and can be purchased after worship on Sunday, May 19 and Sunday, May 26. Contact Pat Noyes (857-0839) if you need transportation or have questions concerning the event.



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.



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!

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 will be available for a donation of \$15. Table reservation forms can be found on the UMW bulletin board in Crafts Hall. 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.

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**.

"To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care enough and be there."

— Mandy Hale



Church Office Hours:

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