

Christ United Methodist Church

UPDATE

May 26, 2015

Harlem Road at Saratoga Road

Amherst, New York

“Living Christ’s ways and exploding with love and service”

EVERYONE is WELCOME

SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

9:00 – Praise Celebration Worship

11:00 – Traditional Style Worship

Why not bring a Friend this week and share the Love and Grace of God?

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Hi Everyone:

I spent last week in Chicago where Jim and I visited our daughter, Laura, who moved there a year ago for a new job. We enjoyed our time with her and getting acquainted with the history, architecture, art and beauty of this BIG city. Our original plan was to be in Chicago on Sunday, but we got home a day early and took the opportunity to go see three of our nephews running in the Buffalo Marathon. To my surprise I also saw Laura Nye Hagley and Laura Smith running in the marathon and was delighted to cheer them on. I am in awe of them and all the runners (and some walkers) who challenged their bodies and minds, set and achieved goals, showed respect as they ran in honor/memory of others and celebrated life in this way. I too celebrated life as I enjoyed that early morning sunshine (it was a perfect day) and couldn't help but think of you being in worship that morning. My thanks to Peggy Bermudez for serving as worship leader and to Sandy Cumming & Barb Critoph for their hospitality in the Cafe. It's good to get away from time to time to get a bigger picture and I'm looking forward to our new adventures as a community center for faith and the challenges, goals and celebrations we'll share in the days and months ahead.

Pastors BJ and Darryl join other pastors and lay members of the Upper NY Annual Conference in Syracuse this week. Keep them in your prayers as together they seek God's vision and shape the ministry in and through our churches and denomination. If you'd like to watch all the action unfold, call the church office and we'll give you the link.

Here is what is happening at Christ Church:

1. There were approximately 85 people who worshipped at Christ Church on Sunday. No doubt the holiday weekend (and a marathon) kept a few away on Pentecost Sunday. I trust that our vision of being a community center for faith, a place where people of faith (and no faith) connect and discover where their willingness, their gifts and people's needs meet, is our living into God's purpose. One motivated by God's Spirit of love and compassion dwelling in us moving us to help every living being to flourish.
2. Musicians Needed for the Worship Team - The 9 am worship team is seeking a lead **guitar** or **piano** or **drummer** to hold the music together and keep the team in focus. We are praying for musicians to come and join us. See BJ for more information.

3. **First Responder Appreciation Day** takes place on our church property this Sunday, May 31 from 3 to 6 pm. (Rain or shine) The whole community is invited to recognize and express appreciation for the police and fire departments serving our community and the emergency medical teams who serve Amherst and Cheektowaga. These men and women selflessly give of themselves to protect the rest of us. Come and meet them, **meet a K9 officer, Touch-A-Truck** (all emergency vehicles will be present) **Safe Child ID** will be available for families, **Amherst and Cheektowaga Town Councilmen will present proclamations.**

Help get the word out about this event. Bring your friends and neighbors to share in this community event. Food will be available from **Wheatberry Bake Shop** and **Sweet Melody's food truck**. If you have questions please contact Sally Pollard in the church office.

4. In our Prayers: David Lawson, recovering from eye surgery; Jacob Rhinehart, medical tests; **Ann Burdette**, Harris Hill Nursing Facility, on Wehrle Drive in Lancaster for rehab; Sue Estee is now HOME (and back in worship) following her surgery; Ruth Swenson (broken shoulder after a fall); Pray for **Todd and Mary Jo Evans** – Todd is now at Beechwood. **Mary Jo** is at Blocher Homes; **Mitch Mooney**, at home; **Glenn Hurst** is home; **Tom Davis** is now at Elderwood Room 312-A, 200 Bassett Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221,; **Laney Fuller** is at Blocher; **Jan Rhinehart** undergoing tests; **Sharon Ferrelli** continues cancer treatments; **Dr. Robert Nachbar** is at Blocher Homes; **Dorothy Brown; Dona Dalton; Brian Martin** for continued healing; **Edmond Wrycza** (Julianna Sabol's father in nursing home in Fort Erie); **Lois Lewis, Barbara Clinton, Fred and Lynda Painton, Guy Castellino** (and Guy's mother and father who are both dealing with major health matters); **Bim Rowlands, Nicky Sebastiano, Ruth Kitson, Ruth Luss, Shirley Downey, Ed Maker, Alice Schmidt, Diane Lovejoy**. Pray also for: **Marion Wenner and Debbie Suggs**. Remember our service men and women (domestic and foreign) especially: **Alex Dunbar, Ian Johnson and Lindsey Darling** (all serving in the US Navy). Pray for **Christ UMC** in our time of transition. Pray for Pastor BJ and Rev. Darryl Barrow (and all UM pastors and churches) in this season of pastoral transition. Pray for renewal and a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit!

5. This Week at Christ Church:

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day - church office closed

Tuesday, May 26

Wednesday, May 27 – 30 Upper NY Annual Conference in Syracuse

Thursday, May 28 - Bible Study at 10:00a.m.

Friday, May 29 - **Jazz at the Church** - Ron Corsaro Quintet w/ featured guitarist 7 pm
Benefit concert for the Uganda Mission Team

Game Night 7 pm

Saturday, May 30 - Outdoor work 9am to Noon *Spring clean up!*

Sunday, May 31 - 1st Responder Appreciation Day Community Event

3 to 6 pm Honoring first responders who serve

Cheektowaga and Amherst residents

4 pm Appreciation ceremony

Touch-A-Truck, K9 officer, Safe Child ID,

Sweet Melody's Food Truck, Wheatberry Bake Shop

6. **Graduate Sunday - June 7:** Do you have a graduate in your family? Please contact the church office (839-2460) or cumc350@gmail.com and let us know.

7. **Open House at the Family Justice Center, Williamsville Satellite -**

Monday, June 8 6 to 8 pm. The community is invited to tour the facility and see what takes place as they serve victims of domestic violence. Amy's Food Truck will be onsite to offer their delicious menu items!!!

8. **FOOD PANTRY** – this week we are collecting Pure fruit & Vegetable juices

next week - Cold Cereal or cereal bars

9. Uganda Mission 2015

1. Jazz at the Church: Ron Corsaro **quartet** on Friday May 29 in the Café Bistro. Desserts and beverages will be available - donations appreciated!

2. THINGS WE ARE COLLECTING:

A. **School Supplies** – pencils, pens, stickers, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils **by JUNE 9th!!**

B. **Medical Supplies** – Acetaminophen; Ibuprofen (BIG BOTTLES); Curad Silk Tape; Alcohol Swabs; Allergy Relief for children and adult; Bacitracin zinc first aid antibiotic ointment; Ear loop Masks; Hydrocortisone ointment; multi vitamins; Gauze sponge; Imodium tabs BY JUNE 13th!!

The Uganda Mission Team wants to thank everyone for their generosity and contributions. Together, we will make a difference!

John and Brandon Miller, Viki and Hannah Smith, Janelle Martin, Erisawe Briere, Kathryn Weaver and B.J. Norrix will depart for Uganda on Sunday June 28 and will return on Tuesday, July 14. **FOCUS of the Mission:** We will be working with two clinics (at Lusanja and Nabukondo) we will be leading two Nexus graduations (at Rakai and Nakasangola) we will be working on a church building at a school and holding at least one youth rally. We will be dedicating a new well (at Gombe) and a new church at Seeta. There will be time taken to visit the source of the Nile river in Jinja and a Game Preserve near Rakai.

PRAY FOR US as we prepare, as we travel, as we work and as we return!

10. Happy Birthday this week:

May 26 – Marg Bauza

May 27 – Christopher Maliken; Annette Smith

May 28 – Jacob Rhinehart; Alice Schmidt

May 30 – Megan Noyes; Adam Schroeder

May 31 – Alexander Juergens

11. Happy Anniversary this week:

May 26 – BJ Norrix and Karen Bellimer (36)!! **Best wishes to BJ & Karen and to Wayne & Molly- Really!! During Conference week!!**

May 29 – Wayne and Molly Butler (33)

12. STAR WARS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK – July 18 first pitch is 6:05p.m.

Sponsored by the men's Group

Tickets will be available soon!! Contact Jim Pollard 361-6222 for details & tickets

13. A Word About Giving - from our Stewardship and Finance Team leader, Brad Loliger:

Now you can make ***ONLINE contributions to Christ Church!*** You can make a one-time donation, or schedule a recurring electronic contribution. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness, or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an interrupted basis.

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14. Through the Bible readings (last posting – if you want the readings for June through December see Janelle or the web site).

May 26 -- Proverbs 1-3 and Romans 7

May 27 – Proverbs 4-6 and Romans 8

May 28 – Proverbs 7-9 and Romans 9

May 29 – Proverbs 10-12 and Romans 10

May 30 – Proverbs 13-15 and Romans 11

May 31 – Proverbs 16-18 and Romans 12

HERE'S A WAY TO ENHANCE YOUR BIBLE READING: Try keeping a Journal. Sometimes, when you are reading, something in the reading will speak to you or stand out to you. Take a moment and write down the SCRIPTURE. Then make an OBSERVATION (what spoke to me??). Thirdly, ask "How would I APPLY this to my life. Finally, make what you learned into a PRAYER. This method of bible reading is called the S.O.A.P. method and allows us to ask "how will I be different because of what I just read?"

15. Items Needed for Veterans Hospital - Supplies for the in patient, day programs and homeless. Below are needed items. Please leave items in the container provided in Crafts Hall. **Needed items:** Socks, underwear, T-shirts (White, L to XXXL, V-neck), towels, Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors, mouthwash, nail clippers, body wash, combs, shaving cream, pocket mirrors, chap stick – be sure mouth wash and other items are "Alcohol free"; Gift cards (McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Tops); Patriotic throws or lap blankets, books and audio books, DVDs. Contact Diane Klenk for more information.

16. COMING SOON

May 29 -- Ron Corsaro Trio (**quartet**) at 7:00p.m.

May 31 – First Responder Appreciation Day- Community Event

June 14 – Pastor BJ's last Sunday & festivities

June 28 – Uganda Mission Team leaves for Uganda and returns July 14.

July 5 – Rev. Barrow's first Sunday

Remember to pray for Christ Church - it's people and it's ministries.

With Joy,

Sally

Minister for Christian Education & Community Life

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