



Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY
"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities
for Faith, Love & Service"

Weekly Update – May 27



Balance

It's called a slack line. I picked one up a few years ago as a good way to develop core muscles while improving balance and coordination. Each summer I string it between trees in our yard to give another outlet to pass the time on those long summer days. Of course with things so limited this year, it has come out early, becoming a symbol and guide to me daily of what we are living through.

This time has become all about balance - balancing needs and wants; balancing and developing solid practices for the maintenance and preservation of our lives and those around us; balancing screen time with time away from devices. With improved weather and phases of 'reopening' begun, now may be the most critical time to seek out balance. As Ephesians 5:15 says, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise."



Our impatience can lead us to take steps before we truly have balance prepared to take our next step. We must seek out the wisdom of the Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that each step we take on this slack line of life leads us in our development in faith and our balance in the matters of living. Then, and only then, might we be guided with goodness and love all the days of our lives, eventually leading us safely to the house of the Lord forever.

-Pastor Daven

Reopening

The leadership of Christ Church is continuing to work on policies and procedures relative to our reopening, which will take place during New York's 'Phase 4'. This will likely include nearly every facet of our public life, including, but not limited to: maintaining social spacing, the use of face coverings, and limited public hours.

Please be in prayer for us as we work through the best practices for the health and welfare of all. We will continue to update you as policies are finalized. Thank you for your patience!



All church activities are currently suspended **until it is deemed safe and appropriate to begin reopening during NY's 'Phase 4'**. We do, however, have audio recordings available on our website and videos on our YouTube channel, as well as links on our Facebook page, for you to take part in at your convenience! Our website will be the place where we have all opportunities available as they are posted. We desire to remain connected as much as possible via online opportunities during this time.

Here is the schedule for when opportunities are posted on our website:

Sundays: Worship at 10 a.m.

Tuesdays: Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Wednesdays: Feasting on the Word

Fridays: Music & Meditation

*(Feasting on the Word and Music & Meditation will continue through this week,
with the possibility of additional opportunities occasionally throughout the
summer)*

[Click here to be connected to our website.](#)

[Click here to be directed to our Facebook page.](#)

[Click here to check out our YouTube channel.](#)

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 12 pm

***All activities of and in Christ Church are suspended until it is deemed safe and
appropriate to begin reopening. Please call the office (839-2460) or Pastor Daven
(903-6024) with any questions or concerns.***

Daily Bible Reading – 2020 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 27: 1 Chronicles 20-22; John 10:22-42

May 28: 1 Chronicles 23-25; John 11:1-17

May 29: 1 Chronicles 26-27; John 11:18-46

May 30: 1 Chronicles 28-29; John 11:47-57

May 31: 2 Chronicles 1-3; John 12:1-19

June 1: 2 Chronicles 4-6; John 12:20-50

June 2: 2 Chronicles 7-9; John 13:1-17

In Our Healing Prayers

Jim Pollard - home after recent hospitalization

Helen Peacock - moved to Blocher Homes

Jon Davis (future father-in-law of Janelle Martin), **Larry Burdette**, **Susan Heitzenrater**, **Joe Day**, **Barbara Carier**, **David Brown's sister**, friend of **Patty Keller**, **Sissie Mooney**, **Barbara Burr**, **Chuck Gilbert**, **Scott Smith**, **Dick Ball**, **Barbara Weaver**, **Inez Beachley**, **Carolyn Day**, **Bob Varian**, **John Ladowski**, **Janet Hill**, **Mary Jane Shanley**, **Sue Estee**, **Frank Annunziata**, **Jean Ericson**, **Kevin Cetola**

*Those affected with COVID-19, those working on the front lines, and all impacted by the suspension of work and activities.

*Those who are **care partners** with others

*Pray for Chris Maliken, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson, serving in the US Navy

Ways to Make a Difference

Donations for Seneca Street

Seneca Street UMC continues to feed and minister to the community in the Seneca-Babcock area of Buffalo. They are seeking financial donations to provide meals/meat to those they serve.

Donations can be mailed to:

Seneca Street UMC

1218 Seneca Street

Buffalo, NY 14210

Caller Newsletter - Summer 2020

Christ Church is in the process of producing a Caller newsletter for the summer, which will include pertinent information regarding re-opening policies and protocols.

We also want to hear from you! Have you experienced any 'God moments' in the midst of this crisis? Do you have any upbeat stories or pictures of hope, encouragement, or fun to share? Please submit all items for inclusion to the church office (cumc350@gmail.com) **by Saturday, June 13.**

Graduate Recognition



Calling all 2020 high school and college graduates - we would like to recognize you!

Please send information about your graduate (school, degree, future plans) to the church office (cumc350@gmail.com) **by June 8.**

Gardening Help

While all activities within Christ Church remain suspended, the only impression of Christ Church other than our online presence is our exterior. Particularly with so many walking the neighborhoods, we have the possibility of communicating a place of beauty, contemplation / prayer, and ongoing commitment and care.

But we need your help! If you are looking for something to do (and wish to get out of the house for a bit!), the gardens around Christ Church could use your green thumb. Feel free to come anytime and work. You will need to bring your own tools. Any trimmings / weeds can be thrown into the dumpster in the parking lot. Help us create a vision of God's beauty in a time when we all long for it!

Thank you to all who have come to help!!