

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

**Weekly Update - May 30**

**Christ United Methodist Church**

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

**Annual Conference: May 30 – June 2**

Keep our Upper New York Conference in prayer this week as they gather together in Syracuse for Annual Conference. Pastors Daven Oskvig & Jim Pollard, Chaplain Daryl Bennett, and Lay Leader Peggy Bermudez will be attending. We ask that you extend your prayers as representatives gather to celebrate, remember, and faithfully move forward as a community of faith.

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**Church Conference - June 5, 2018 at 7pm**

On **June 5 at 7p.m.**, a brief Church Conference presided by Niagara Frontier UMC DS Rev. K. Wayne Butler will be held related to amending the compensation package of our current pastoral appointment. The SPRT & Finance Team held a joint meeting on May 17, 2018, voting unanimously in support of this amendment which would raise the compensation to meet the minimum status of our current pastoral appointment to full-time with the inclusion of Health Insurance and slight increase in gross salary.

## All Church Meeting – Strategy Update

On **Sunday, June 10** at **10 a.m.**, all are encouraged to attend a church-wide meeting to review 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.

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

June 3: 2 Chronicles 10-12; John 13:18-38

June 4: 2 Chronicles 13-16; John 14

June 5: 2 Chronicles 17-19; John 15



## JOYS!

**JOY!** So far we have raised **\$1,100 towards our \$2,000 goal**, which will be used to help complete a school building in Nabukondo, Uganda! We are partnering with Starfish Ministries in Amherst to help our friend Pastor Israel and his school. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Christ Church with "Uganda School Building" on the memo line.

**JOY!** 4th grader Amelia Lovell, daughter of Bob & Anna Lovell, earned the title "Inventor of the Year" for her invention of the Firebox. The Firebox is a reuseable pizza box that will keep greasy cardboard pizza boxes out of landfills, as they can't be recycled. Amelia was one of 19 students from Smallwood Elementary to participate in the "WNY Invention Convention" and she will be heading to the National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo in Dearborn, Michigan this week!

## In Our Healing Prayers

**The Painton, Shanley, Snyder & Fisher Families, Dr. 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

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**This Week at Christ Church**

**Church Office:**

**Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,**

**Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon**

Wednesday, May 30 - ***Annual Conference in Syracuse  
(May 30 - June 2)***

7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 1 - 11am - Books We Have Loved

Sunday, June 3 - ***Graduate Recognition Sunday***

9 am - Casual Praise Service

10 am - A.O.L. (Adult Opportunities for Learning)

11 am - Traditional Worship

Noon - Prayer Chain Meeting

**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.*

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**Graduate Recognition Sunday**

**Sunday, June 3rd** is Graduate Recognition Sunday. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please contact the church office **by TODAY-Wednesday, May 30**. Please include their name, relationship to you, degree(s), and future plans.

**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](mailto: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!](#)

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## 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
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### **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!

### **Wednesday Morning Prayer**

Each **Wednesday at 10 a.m.** Pastor Daven will lead a brief time of morning prayer, which employs a ritual of plain chant, Scripture readings, and prayers specific to the day. All are welcome anytime!

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"Faith isn't a feeling. It's a choice to trust God even when the road ahead seems uncertain."

-Dave Willis

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

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