

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

Weekly Update - May 9

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

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 9: 1 Kings 19-20; John 2

May 10: 1 Kings 21-22; John 3:1-21

May 11: 2 Kings 1-3; John 3:22-36

May 12: 2 Kings 4-5; John 4:1-30

May 13: 2 Kings 6-8; John 4:31-54

May 14: 2 Kings 9-11; John 5:1-24

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

In Our Healing Prayers

The Snyder Family

A memorial service to celebrate **Bob Snyder's** life will be held at Christ Church on **Saturday, May 12 at 11 a.m.** Visiting hours will be at Amigone Funeral Home (8440 Main St., Williamsville) on Friday, May 11 from 4-8 p.m.

The Shanley Family

A memorial service celebrating **Peter Shanley's** life will take place at Christ Church on **Monday, May 21 at 10 a.m.**

The Fisher Family, Fred Painton, 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

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, May 9 - **6:30pm - Mental Health Presentation**

"A Voice of Hope" with Keith O'Neil

Thursday, May 10 - 10am - Visitation Team

7pm - Hospitality Team

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

4-8pm- Visitation Hours for Bob Snyder

Amigone Funeral Home (8440 Main St. Williamsville)

Saturday, May 12 - **11am - Memorial Service: Bob Snyder**

Sunday, May 13 -

Happy Mother's Day!

9 am - Casual Praise Service

10 am - FaithXpress for Children

10 am - a.o.l. (Adult Opportunities for Learning)

11 am - Traditional Worship Service

Caller Deadline for June Newsletter

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.*

Keith O'Neil - A Voice of Hope

Wednesday, May 9

6:30 – 8:00 pm

“Under My Helmet”- Tackling Mental Health Issues

Former NFL Player and Mental Health Advocate

speaks about his journey with bipolar



Wednesdays, May 16 & 23

5:30 – 7:00 pm

“Bridges of Hope”

A soup & bread supper will be served. Chaplain Daryl Bennett offers information & resources to faith groups about mental illness & the role of faith communities.

**Assistance is needed with set-up, clean-up, providing soups, and donating bread.*

Please call Daryl (380-6706) or sign up to help on your Connection Card.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 2nd is Graduate Recognition Sunday. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please contact the church office by 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 7:00PM** 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 or (716) 344-8165.

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:

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.

Yardwork Help

Rita Arnold is looking for someone to help with yard work/trimming in her small yard off

of Harlem Road (not far from the church!). If you are willing to help, please call the church office for contact information or use the yellow Connection Card on Sunday.

Save the Date!



Make A Difference Day will take place **NEXT Sunday, May 20!**

There's still room for you! Sign-up this Sunday to join a team project at Christ Church or in our community. ***Reminder- there will only be***

ONE worship service at 9:18a.m. on May 20!

There will be a potluck lunch at 1p.m. on Make a Difference Day for everyone.

We are looking for the following contributions:

- 5 bags of lettuce
- 2 bottles of salad dressing
- 2 bags (4 cups each) of shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 dozen dinner rolls
- 6 packages of sliced mushrooms
- 2 bags of croutons OR Chinese noodles
- 2 watermelons
- desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.)
- fruit salad
- pasta salad
- chicken salad
- napkins

Contact Donna Hammond (844-8091 -or- hammond4970@roadrunner.com) if you are able to help.

A.O.L. @ CUMC (Adult Opportunities for Learning)

10 a.m. - Wesley Room - Sunday Mornings

How do we live as Christians in a time of polarization in our culture? "Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White" is a book and video resource by United Methodist Pastor Adam Hamilton. We will explore scripture, the traditions of the United Methodist Church, and experience as people of faith to think about important issues of our time. Facilitated by David Pliss. Books now available. (donation toward \$13 cost of book if possible)

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

This Lenten discipline will be continued weekly every **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!

Solitary Confinement Display

A replica solitary confinement cell is on display in Crafts Hall for the next week as part of a call for social justice by the Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement organization. The replica cell was built by veterans of solitary confinement in prisons and jails. Feel free to spend some time in the cell and read through the literature provided.

Fiesta Fashions Thank You from UMW

United Methodist Women would like to express our thanks to all who made Saturday's Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Fashion Show and Luncheon a success – all who planned, shopped, baked, decorated, cooked, greeted, served, modeled, and helped with clean-up. It was truly a fun and festive day. We exceeded our goal of \$1200, **raising \$1,360 for missions that serve women, children, and youth!** THANK YOU!

"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning."

- Unknown

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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