



Weekly Update: November 10, 2015

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem at Saratoga Rd.
Amherst, NY 14226

"Living Christ's ways and exploding with love and service"

Church office hours - Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

Praise Worship at 9am Traditional Worship at 11 am
10 am: FaithXpress - Children
Apprentice - Youth
A.O.L.-Adult Opportunities for Learning –
"Being Christian"

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A Word From Pastor Darryl

I share with you a joy that I had this past weekend in honor of our country's veterans. As the District Superintendent of Crossroads District I helped lead the district in raising \$16,000 to acquire a van (*photo attached to email*) for use by veterans for transportation to health centers around Central NY. The idea came from the District United Methodist Men's group and during the Charge Conference season of 2014 we encouraged each congregation to give a minimum of \$200 to meet our goal. This campaign ended in March of 2015 and last weekend in Syracuse, the Ford Motor Company, who contributed the remainder of the funds, presented the van to The United Methodist Church of Crossroads District. I wasn't able to attend, however, Bishop Mark Webb and DS Nola Anderson along with the UMM, veterans and other state and community leaders were present for this very special occasion. It is a great joy to see this project come to fruition for women and men who serve our country with loyalty, true dedication and service. There is still so much that needs to be offered to our veterans especially in terms of health care and other basic needs for their families. Let us continue to work together as a church and community to support our veterans. We extend our prayers and all good wishes to all our veterans this week and every

week.

Veterans Day - Wednesday, November 11

This past Sunday we continued our sermon series on "*Reclaiming Our Wesleyan Vitality*," with the sub-topic "*Re-Introducing the Wesleys*." We will continue with Part 2 of that sub-topic this coming Sunday. John and Charles Wesley demonstrated their fervent desire for people to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Their teachings and practice of faith have relevance for those who desire to live faithfully in today's culture. However, it is evident that, within our churches generally, there is a lack of understanding about Wesleyan theology. Even people from our own Methodist tradition are largely uninformed about Wesley's "Way of Salvation." Our aim in this sermon series (as we continue here in November and then at various times in 2016) is to help us understand and apply Wesley's teachings to our lives, especially his Way of Salvation. The Way of Salvation is a spiritual road map of the journey of humanity toward God – a pathway of grace – in which we respond to God with increasing self-awareness of our separation from God (and other people), and our consequent need to come back home to God. This spiritual foundation in Wesleyan theology is needed in order for our congregation to be motivated once again by the early Methodist mission to "spread Scriptural holiness over the land." It is also needed so that our members will be empowered to pursue Wesley's Biblically grounded goal of being renewed in God's image. Through this series, we pray that as individuals, and as a church community, we will be energized by the Holy Spirit to be transformed from being "almost Christians" to being "altogether Christians." As always, I am praying for you and with you daily. May God's love and blessings be always with you, and my love to all of you. Invite someone to join us for worship!

Here's what's happening at church...

Operation Christmas Child is a wrap!! 61 boxes have been returned so far! All Christmas boxes should be returned to the church by now, but we know there are still some outstanding. If you still have one or more, please fill and return them today! They must be taken to the drop-off location to start their journey to children all around the world. With them goes our prayers that children will know that others are thinking of them, caring for them & praying for them as Jesus shows us to do.

Special thanks to **Janelle Martin** for her assistance in coordinating the project and for her encouragement! (*project sponsored by the Christian Education Team*)

Joyce Moser celebrated her 80th birthday on Sunday with her whole family (almost) at church.

Chris & Diane Klenk celebrated the birth of their first great-grandchild, Leo Conner Cermak who was born on November 5th.

We offer our sympathy and prayers for **Phyllis Nicholson and her family** on the death of Phyllis's brother, John Nellis, on November 5.

Please keep in your prayers **David and Lisa Lawson & their family**. David's aunt, Janet Cromwell, died last week.

In Our Prayers:

All **Veterans** and families of those who have served their country

Remember these service men and women (domestic and foreign)

Alex Dunbar, Lindsey Darling and Ian Johnson- being deployed this week for 10 months (all serving in the US Navy).

Gary Snyder - recovering from surgery

Jan Beckwith - temporarily at Brookdale on Bassett Rd.

Sandy Cumming - recovering after bitten by dog

Bob Kreib - now at home

Dorothy Brown - moved to a Vinecroft apartment.

Sharon Ferrelli - Finished course of treatment for cancer

Ann Burdette –Wesley Rehab, Room 736.

Dennis Scaringi – back in worship after recent surgery on his arm, which is still in a brace. Rehab to follow

Elizabeth Brunner, recovering from broken arm;

Charles Terranova, Hodgkins Lymphoma

Mitch Mooney - Amberleigh; **Glenn Hurst** at home; **Tom Davis** at Elderwood 200 Bassett Rd., **Robert Nachbar, Rosemary Little** -

Blocher Home; **Brian Martin** for continued healing; **Ed**

Maker, Barbara Clinton, Fred and Lynda Painton, Bim

Rowlands, Nicky Sebastiano, Ruth Kitson, Ruth Luss, Shirley Downey; Alice Schmidt, Diane Lovejoy, Mary Jo Evans, Rev. Vern French.

Food Collection - for local food pantries

Suggested donation for **this week**:

Canned meat, stews, tuna

Turkey baskets - *will also be filled for people in our community*

during the upcoming holidays. Turkeys or gift cards to purchase turkeys are welcome. (project sponsored by the Outreach Team)

All non-perishable food items are welcome and paper products and personal care items are also needed - tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary products, soaps, shampoo, etc. Please place items in the grocery carts at the church.

Your ongoing help is appreciated and makes a difference.

Cafe Connection

Sign up to show hospitality to others – Your help is needed!

The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the cafe. *Donations of food & drink items are also of help if you are not able to be a host.*

Coming up.....

Christmas Pageant – Christmas Presence

Rehearsals Sundays at 10 am – Music Room *lower level*

Children, Youth and Adults are rehearsing each Sunday morning for the Christmas pageant. Several youth musicians will also be playing for the pageant. There's a place for you! Join us on **Sunday mornings.**

Happening this week:

Tuesday, November 10 - 7 pm Worship /Altar Guild Team

Wednesday, November 11 - **Church Office Closed**
NO Choir Rehearsal Veterans Day

Thursday, November 12 - 10 am Life Lessons with Pastor
Darryl

Friday, November 13 - Caller newsletter deadline for
December/January issue

Saturday, November 14 - **3 pm Annual Church Conference**

Clarence Center UMC
9750 Clarence Center Rd.

All church members are encouraged to participate and to vote.

This Sunday, November 15 - *Reclaiming Our Wesleyan
Vitality - Part 2*

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"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways
you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the
people you can. As long as ever you can." - *John Wesley*

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