



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

Weekly Update – November 11



Visible Results

We headed out, capitalizing on the warm day to fetch some cider from our favorite cider mill. Along the way we saw a field either barren now of their crops or in the process of being harvested. I kept a watchful eye in the hopes of seeing a combine moving through the corn so that I might stop and observe for a bit.

Although it was clear that there was a fury of harvest activity happening, the closest we got was a combine emptying its tank into an awaiting wagon. While it didn't satisfy my desire to watch machinery at work, passing all the freshly harvested fields feels more familiar. More often than not, in so many different ways we see only the results and not the process. We know that there is so much that happens before, leading to ... but we only see or enjoy the conclusion.



Faith would be simpler, perhaps, if it was the same - where we could just see the results. Instead faith is all about the work and the process. It is out in the fields of our existence where we operate the machinery of aligning the holiness of our hearts with the holiness of our lives. It is a seemingly endless season in steps, setbacks, activities, and growth. So pause and ponder the next time you are near an empty field. The result of a life of faith will come ... in the meantime the work calls!

-Pastor Daven

While commitment Sunday has passed, we remain short of the aspiration to maintain the ministry to meet the vision God has placed upon this faith community - to make connections and to offer opportunities for faith, love and service. We are currently at least 14 pledges short for this current year, adding up to around \$31,000 ministry dollars. Without those, Christ Church will neither be able to sustain the current ministry nor further the work toward meeting the vision. If you have not yet returned a pledge please do so either in the offering plate, by mail, or by submitting the Google form that can be found under the 'Give' heading on christchurchamherst.org. If a pledge card is needed, please call or email the church and one will be sent.

All-Church Read: The Gospel According to Leviticus

We are continuing with our sermon series using the book, The Gospel According to Leviticus, as our guide. Books are available on Sunday mornings, or contact the church office to arrange for pick-up or delivery (\$15 suggested donation). The following 2 links are for videos of the final segment (Section 6) by author David Kalas.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96_dRNytTD8

Session 6

Thirstaid Thursdays

Thirstaid Thursday will also follow along with the all-church read. All are invited to join a Zoom study Thursdays at 1pm for the next three weeks.

Topic: Thirstaid - Leviticus

Time: **Nov 12 @ 1:00 PM**

Nov 19 @ 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85273096617>

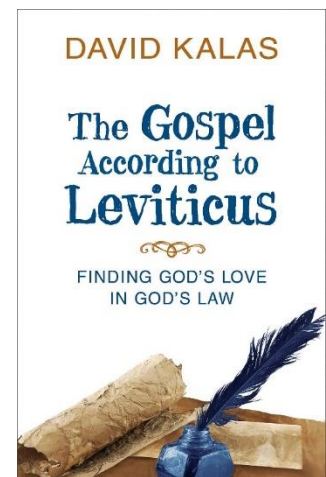
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Worship is now available on Sunday mornings at 10am, both in person and online!

Live-streamed worship will be available beginning at 10am each Sunday, with a direct link posted on our website and Facebook page to our livestream: www.youtube.com/CUMCAmherst/live

Recordings of each service will also be available on our YouTube channel for viewing once the service has ended.

Please be advised of new guidelines for those wishing to worship together in person at Christ Church:

- All will be required to wear a mask.** We will have a limited supply of masks on hand for those who come without one.
- Enter through one door at the main entrance.**
- Use hand sanitizer** at the provided station before entering the Sanctuary.
- Maintain social distancing** (6 feet apart) from those not within your immediate family.
- Please do not enter the building if you are experiencing any symptoms** (fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, chills, diarrhea).

We will continue to provide online opportunities for worship and connection. Our [YouTube channel](#) is the best way to find new content and worship services. We encourage you to 'Subscribe' to our channel! You'll be notified each time new content is uploaded, and the more subscribers we have, the less ads will appear!

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

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

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

This Week at Christ Church

Fall Office Hours:

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday

9a.m. - 2p.m.

At all times, even during office hours, the building will remain locked. Please call for admittance.

Wednesday, November 11

Office Closed for Veterans Day

Friday, November 13

Caller Newsletter Deadline: December 2020 / January 2021

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.

November 11: Lamentations 3-5; Hebrews 8

November 12: Ezekiel 1-3; Hebrews 9

November 13: Ezekiel 4-6; Hebrews 10:1-23

November 14: Ezekiel 7-9; Hebrews 10:24-39

November 15: Ezekiel 10-12; Hebrews 11:1-19

November 16: Ezekiel 13-15; Hebrews 11:20-40

November 17: Ezekiel 16; Hebrews 12

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Janelle Davis** and the Martin family. Janelle's grandmother, Faye Martin, died on Monday, November 9.

We also extend our sympathy and prayers to the Bermudez/Bensink Family. **Peggy Bermudez's**

niece, Erin, died on Monday, November 9.

In Our Healing Prayers

-Jim Pollard
-Scott Smith
-Sue Estee
-Dede Johnson
-Ruth Munson
-Tony Bermudez, father of Brad Bermudez
-Mother of Lisa Lawson

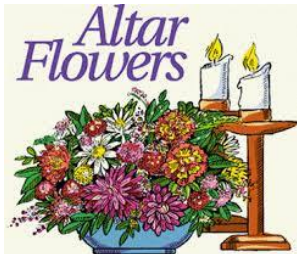
The Bermudez Family, Dave Mitchell, Paul Staley, Pat Zaleski, Dave Wolf, Geoff Hill, Amy Thormahlen, Valari Zanghi, Sandy Cumming, Bill Swenson, Debbie Laberta & Chrissy Merrill, Kevin Cetola, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Dick Ball, Barbara Weaver, Inez Beachley, Bob Varian, John Ladowski, Janet Hill, Mary Jane Shanley, Jean Ericson

*All educators and students dealing with new school realities

*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



*The flowers on the Lord's Table on **Sunday, November 15** are given with joy by Jim & Sally Pollard in celebration of the marriage of Emily Novak and Christopher Pollard on Saturday, November 14.*

Flowers are also given by Tom & Kathy Weaver as a reminder of the beauty of friendships, past, present, and future.

2020 Turkey Basket Project

*Christ Church is helping North Presbyterian Church provide the ingredients for Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. We will be collecting these foods **until November 15th**:*

- *stuffing mix*
- *cranberry sauce*

- **canned vegetables**
- **canned fruit**
- **potatoes**
- **cake mix with frosting, or brownie mix**

Donations toward the purchase of turkeys are also welcome. Please make checks payable to Christ UMC and write "Turkey Basket Project" on the memo line. With our gratitude and thanks for your generosity, -The Outreach Team

Caller Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder that all submissions for the December 2020/January 2021 edition of The Caller newsletter are due on **Friday, November 13**. This edition will include Christmas news and items for the new year.

Please submit any articles, photos, etc. to Barb Mitchell at:
caller350@yahoo.com -or- bbmitch@verizon.net