

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



Weekly Update - November 14

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Leaves

At some point in life we begin to see things that once caused great joy as a burden. This past weekend I spent Sunday afternoon helping my parents with leaves, only on Monday to spend the majority of the day managing my own. If I ever see a leaf again ...!

Yet through the eyes of my daughter the leaves that fall along the winds of seasonal change are an opportunity. Raking them into a pile becomes a possibility. And with one leap there evokes laughter and joy in the jumping. When do we lose that fun, the simple pleasure of the crunch of leaves under our feet? I know we could chalk it up to responsibility, complicated schedules with limited time, and to being a chore rather than play. Those are all very true. But we have something to learn and be reminded of in our children - perhaps a good reason that Christ said "let the little children come unto me" (Matt 19:14) as we come to see the beauty of God's creation through their eyes.



I'm not advocating that we should all go jump around in the leaves. But maybe we can look at moments of change, even seasonal ones, as ones of excitement, possibility, and joy. And with that, how God is breaking through in small and large ways to call us as children to share that with others.

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.

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

November 18: Ezekiel 17-19; Hebrews 13

November 19: Ezekiel 20-21; James 1

November 20: Ezekiel 22-23; James 2

Joys

Joy! - **\$400** was given during Sunday's 2nd Helping Offering to create a Caring Cards Fund! Caring Cards will be sent to connect with people often in the margins of life to them to let them know they are not alone.

In Our Healing Prayers

Bruce Burr, Michele Sciolino, Sue Estee, Janet Hill, Woody Rhinehart, Valari Zanghi & father Harold Weaver, Pam Elbersen, Frank Annunziata, Mary Jane Shanley, Lois Lewis, 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, November 14 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 15 - 11:30am- Visitation Team
1pm- "Thirstaid" Thursday Study
7pm- Staff-Parish Relations Team

Saturday, November 17- 10am- Crafting for a Cause

Sunday, November 18 - **10am - Worship Service**

11am - FaithXpress, AOL & Fellowship Opportunities

Noon- Christmas Card Making Opportunity

3pm- Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra Concert

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.*

Do you want to
make a
difference?

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:

cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, deodorant, and soap.

The Tiger's Den is collecting **canned vegetables (peas, corn, yams, beets)** in November.

Collecting carts at Christ Church are marked for Tiger's Den Food Pantry and for local families.

Veterans Collection

We are also collecting items for our local Veterans Hospital as we remember those who have served our country. We are collecting: **NEW socks, underwear & t-shirts (white), towels, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs, shaving cream, Chapstick, nail clippers, gift cards to fast food restaurants, and lap blankets.** A collection bin is located in Crafts Hall.

Christmas Card Making Opportunity

Sunday, November 18 at 12 pm

We'll be creating greeting cards that will be taken to people in local hospitals and homes, and sent to others near and far where people are living with dementia and other mind/body challenges and who are sometimes forgotten. Supplies will be provided and a light lunch will be served. All ages are welcome!



Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Every **Tuesday at Noon**, Pastor Daven leads 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!

The Twelve Voices of Christmas

As you experience twelve different perspectives of the story of Christ's coming, your understanding of Christmas will be enriched. See the blessing, wonder, joy and peace in a fresh way as you celebrate the birth of our Savior! This study will be led by Paula Kreib and offered on **Thirstaid Thursdays** from **1 - 2:30p.m., through December 20**. Come and quench your thirst!



Mind/Body Connection Yoga

Fridays, 7–8 p.m. in the Family Room

Join Ryan Meegan, certified Bikram Yoga instructor, this Friday to practice conscious breathing and body postures (including chair yoga) that bridge the mind/body connection, draw you closer to God and help you enjoy life more. Suitable for all abilities.

Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra

Concert at Christ Church

Sunday, November 18 – 3 p.m.

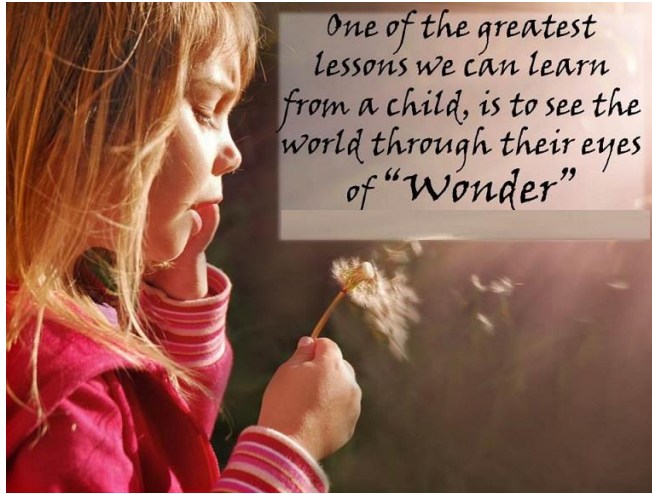
"Please join us on November 18th at 3:00pm for our opening concert of the season at the Christ United Methodist Church in Amherst. Our program will open with the *Don Quixote Suite* by Telemann. This fun, multi-movement work was inspired by Cervantes' 1605 novel in which Quixote, the crazed and impoverished Spanish nobleman, sets out to revive the glory of medieval knighthood with his long-suffering servant, Sancho Panza. Though we are enjoying the beautiful Western New York fall season, the GBYSO is looking forward to putting on our warmest sets of earmuffs and mittens as we perform Antonio Vivaldi's *Winter*, from the "Four Seasons". We are thrilled to be performing with Buffalo Philharmonic violinist Andrea Cone. Our program will close with Mendelssohn's String Symphony in D."

The GBYSO will also be performing as a part of the Buffalo Philharmonic's Community Spotlight Series on Sunday, December 2 at 1:45pm.

Red Cross BloodMobile

The Health and Wellness Team is sponsoring a blood drive on **Black Friday Nov. 23rd** from Noon to 4 p.m. in Crafts Hall. There will be pie for all donors as well as entry in a daily drawing for a \$50 Visa card. For appointments (or if you have questions) call Geoff Hill at 316-1522.





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Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am