

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



Weekly Update - November 21

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Thankful

A common experience for many gathered around tables on Thursday will be to share something for which they are thankful. I thought I would share some of the many things I am thankful for here at Christ UMC.

I am thankful for the ways I see the Holy Spirit active in our midst.

I am thankful for updates and freshening.

I am thankful for the gifted people of this community.

I am thankful for our tireless staff.

I am thankful for all the fun and laughter you have brought to my life.

I am thankful for the warmth and hospitality you have shared.

I am thankful to be a part of a community that challenges me and encourages my spiritual growth.

I am thankful for the many people who use our facility throughout every week.

I am thankful for the music which fills our space.

I am thankful for you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Daven

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 21: Ezekiel 24-26; James 3

November 22: Ezekiel 27-28; James 4

November 23: Ezekiel 29-31; James 5

November 24: Ezekiel 32-33; 1 Peter 1

November 25: Ezekiel 34-35; 1 Peter 2

November 26: Ezekiel 36-37; 1 Peter 3

November 27: Ezekiel 38-39; 1 Peter 4

Joy's

Joy! 100 cards were made on Sunday that will be taken to people in local hospitals and homes, and sent to others living with dementia and other mind/body challenges.



Joy! We celebrate with David and Lisa Lawson on the recent engagement of their daughter **Jessica Lawson** to Jonathan Owens!

Joy! Courtney Cataudella received word that she has passed the bar exam! Courtney is currently working as an immigration lawyer in NYC.

Joy! Amy Schroeder, violinist, along with the Attaca Quartet based in New York City, played at the recent marriage ceremony of Gwyneth Paltrow.

Joy! David Brown received the honor award from the UB Dental School! The honor award is given to those whose enthusiastic endeavors have helped to promote and continue growth, development, and success of the UB School of Dental Medicine. David is an '83 alumni of the school and serves as Director of Admissions as well as an instructor at the UB Dental School. Congratulations David!

In Our Healing Prayers

Larry Burdette - in the hospital

Mary Parsons, 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 21 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 22 - *Office Closed*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 23- *Office Closed*

Noon-4pm- Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, November 25 - **10am - Worship Service**

11am - FaithXpress, AOL & Fellowship Opportunities

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.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up in Crafts Hall starting this Sunday! You're invited to take a tag(s) and return your gift(s) (unwrapped, with tag attached) **by December 9.** This year's gift recipients are: Gateway Longview, the SPCA, Haven House, Primera UMC (Jehovah Jireh). If you have any questions, please contact Diane Klenk at 651-0236. Let us remember those who are less fortunate at this time of the year and make their lives more joyful! Thank you for your help!

UMC #GivingTuesday

On **November 27**, United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC #GivingTuesday. Visit:

<http://www.umcmision.org/give>

Cookie & Candy Sale

The Outreach Team will host a Candy and Baked Goods fundraiser on **Sunday, December 9.** Donations of baked goods and candy will be much appreciated. Please bring your goodies to church *by December 7* for plating. All proceeds support the many outreach missions of our church.



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!

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Sundays at 11 a.m.

December 2 – 23

The Redemption of Scrooge

Facilitator: Dr. David Pliss



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.

Music & Meditation

Fridays at 5:30p.m.

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

30 minutes of meditative songs, Scripture reading and prayer in a quiet, candlelit setting. Give yourself the gift of quiet reflection in the midst of the Advent-Christmas season.

Feasting on the Word

Friday, December 7 – 6 p.m.

A devotional meal focused on Scripture

RSVP to the church office (cumc350@gmail.com)

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.



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OF BOTH
Thanks
&
Giving

Church Office Hours:

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