

## Weekly Update – November 4

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### *Creativity*

You may have heard me speak in my gratitude journal about the creativity I witnessed this past Saturday. It was yet another example on different occasion when the nature of these times through which we are living called for creative adaptation. We got dressed up as a family, delivered treats to the patios of some friends, and made a special Halloween supper in our own efforts. Elsewhere I saw elaborate yard displays, numerous outdoor fires, tables setup at the end of driveways, and countless other approaches.

I understand that we've all grown a bit wearied of continually having to adjust and adapt. Yet as follower of Jesus, this is simply a part of who we are as a people. Throughout the ages the church has adapted time and again as places and times have dictated and needed from worshipping in the catacombs to changes in music. Christ Church similarly has found ways to still have missional opportunities, grow spiritually, worship remotely, and connect weekly. The exhausting part is knowing that adapting and adjusting our lives, whether personally or spiritually, is far from over. Christmas lies ahead with very a different context to shape our gathering in the absence of singing, an inability to hold and blow out individual candles, no large choir leading us, or even limited numbers in attendance.

But I am not worried, because the people and church of Jesus Christ excel at creativity in adaptation. Starting at the very beginning when there was no room at the Inn, we've found space and ways to welcome God in our lives and share the goodness of hope with the world.

-Pastor Daven



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## ***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 next two segments (Sections 4 & 5) by author David Kalas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRiT6Xk-anQ>

Session 4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PG5doew-Vw0>

Session 5

### ***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 5 @ 1:00 PM**

**Nov 12 @ 1:00 PM**

**Nov 19 @ 1:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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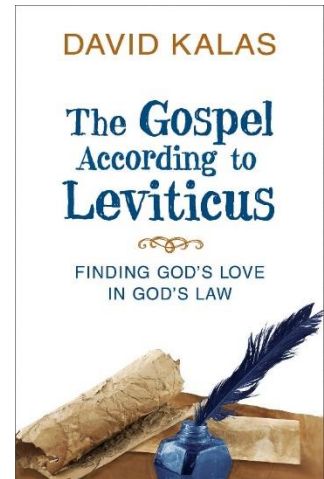
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*Worship is now available on Sunday mornings at 10am, both in person and online!*

*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](http://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](#)

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## *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.*

### **Thursday, November 5**

**1pm** - Thirstaid Zoom Study

### **Sunday, November 8**

**10am** - Worship In-Person & Live-Stream

### **Wednesday, November 11**

*Office Closed for Veterans Day*

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### *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 4: Jeremiah 38-39; Hebrews 1

November 5: Jeremiah 40-42; Hebrews 2

November 6: Jeremiah 43-45; Hebrews 3

November 7: Jeremiah 46-48; Hebrews 4

November 8: Jeremiah 49-50; Hebrews 5

November 9: Jeremiah 51-52; Hebrews 6

November 10: Lamentations 1-2; Hebrews 7

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## *In Our Healing Prayers*

Jim Pollard – hospitalized  
-Mother of Lisa Lawson

Scott Smith, Dave Mitchell, Sue Estee, Paul Staley, Pat Zaleski, Dave Wolf, Geoff Hill, Diane Klenk, 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

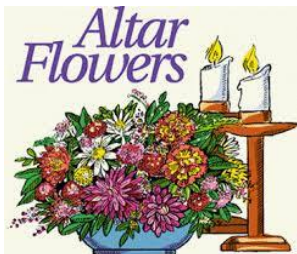
\*All educators and students dealing with new school realities

\*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

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The flowers on the Lord's Table on **Sunday, November 8** are given by Dave Mitchell to celebrate his 80th birthday and to thank family and friends for their support and prayers during his time of need. The white rose is a reminder of Barb and their first date together, and the red rose is for Dave's loving wife. The three carnations are for their three children.

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## *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 15<sup>th</sup>**:

- **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