

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

Weekly Update - November 7

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

As my wife & I walked along with our daughter and a friend from around the block and her parents this past week on Halloween, we regaled our children with stories of that rarity of a full-sized candy bar. In short order didn't our children score their first, follow it up with a second king-sized candy bar, and then even a third full-sized! Needless to say those houses have been marked for return next year ...

This is the offering that is made to us in Christ - a king-sized gift that sweetens life. Is it rare? Most surely it is the rarest, but available every time we knock upon the door of God's grace to be shared with us. Even when we hoard that gift or gobble it up and hunger for still more in our lives, we find that as we return to the door of God's heart, it opens to us time-and-again with another king-sized gift of grace. Thanks be to God that we need not wait just once a year!

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 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

November 11: Lamentations 3-5; Hebrews 8

November 12: Ezekiel 1-3; Hebrews 9

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

In Our Healing Prayers

Michele Sciolino, Sue Estee, Janet Hill, Woody Rhinehart, Valari Zanghi & father Harold Weaver, Pam Elberson, 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 7 - 7pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8 - 1pm- "Thirstaid" Thursday Study

Friday, November 9 7-8pm -Mind/Body Connection Yoga

Saturday, November 10- 10am- UM Women's Breakfast Gathering
"Keeping In Touch"

Sunday, November 11 - **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.*

Monday, November 12 - *Church Office Closed in Honor of Veterans Day*

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.

Thanksgiving Baskets

We are in the midst of the annual gathering of ingredients for Thanksgiving baskets for the less fortunate. **Stuffing mix, canned vegetables, canned fruit, brownie mix, instant mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce** are included in each basket. **Frozen turkeys and gift cards** are also greatly appreciated. Baskets for items are located in Crafts Hall.

The supplies will be assembled to be delivered the week of November 12.

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 7-week study will be led by Paula Kreib and offered on **Thirstaid Thursdays** from **1 - 2:30p.m., November 8 - December 20**. Come and quench your thirst!

The Wesley Challenge!

“**The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith,**” is a resource that uses questions asked by John Wesley to his students and friends at Oxford University.

Starting this Sunday and continuing through November, Pastor Daven Oskvig’s sermons will explore three themes of the questions:

- *Relationship With God: an Upward Focus*
- *Relationship with Self: an Inward Focus*
- *Relationship with Others: an Outward Focus*

There are just a couple extra books left - join the challenge!



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.

UMW Keeping in Touch Breakfast Gathering

Saturday, November 10, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Hosts: Circle of Joy

Cost: \$5

Sign up today to visit members of our church family who are unable to attend worship. Gift bags to take on your visits will be provided. Share the story of your visit at the November

10th breakfast gathering. Least Coin, World Thank Offering and Pledges for 2019 will be received at this gathering.

Please contact Peggy Bermudez (626-4897 or bradbermudez@hotmail.com) for reservations.

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