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UPDATE

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem Road at Saratoga Road

Amherst, New York

“Living Christ’s ways and exploding with love and service”

EVERYONE is WELCOME

SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

9:00 – Praise Celebration Worship

10:00 FaithXpress, Soul Strength and Adult Opportunities for Learning

11:00 – Traditional Style Worship

Bring a Friend this week and share the Love and Grace of God!

Visit us on the World Wide Web at: www.Christchurchamherst.org

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Hi Everyone:

Hope you all enjoyed the Columbus Day holiday weekend and the beautiful fall scenes all around us.

On Sunday 100 worshipers were informed and challenged by the Children's Sabbath. With thanks to the UMW planning team, we were informed and inspired by three women with connections to our area who have left a legacy of care, hard work and advocacy for women and children. Clara Swain, a medical missionary, provided medical treatment to women in India when they were unable to receive care from male doctors. Etta Wheeler took steps to make sure children who were being abused had a way out and hope for a better life. Maria Love saw the need for working women to have quality child care and began the Fitch Creche, the first child care center. Maria Love's work continues and is funded by the Charity Ball still held in Buffalo.

These women knew they could not remain silent to the injustice they saw and heard happening in the lives of others. Love cannot be silenced! They took steps despite easier, more popular ways in life, and made some noise!! Sometimes that's what we need to do to make things happen. The children decorated banners for Children's Sabbath with these messages...Love cannot be silenced, Take the next step, Make some noise! And boy did we make noise on Sunday! Thank you for joining in with your noise makers! It was fun and hopefully will help us all remember our connection with others who need our help and support.

Thank you also to Kevin Durkin and the choir; and Bill & Marg Bauza and the Praise Team for their gifts of creativity in music and song that also reinforce the message of a world that needs our attention and care.

Thank you to Geoff Hill for the **Flu Shot Clinic** on Sunday, helping us stay healthy and active!

Please note - Every Sunday message (By Pastor BJ or others) is recorded and available for listening through our church web site. <http://www.christchurchamherst.org> Click on the tab "worship" & move the cursor to a drop screen labeled "Sermons." Click on "sermons" and you'll see a list of every sermon of this year by date, title and preacher. Click and listen to any and all.

1. Pastor BJ and Joe Fort continue their adventures in Uganda after spending the weekend in Kenya. They have made some new connections. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

2. This Sunday at Christ Church: Our guest preacher will be Jose' Cotto from Primera Iglesia UMC.

Christmas Pageant kick-off!!

At FaithXpress at 10 am this Sunday we'll begin preparations for telling the Christmas story in a fun and memorable way. All children youth and adults are invited to participate in speaking & non-speaking roles as well as instrumental and song opportunities. Join us Sunday at 10 am to hear more about **The Kings of Orient, AR.**

Here's what's happening at Christ Church this week:

3. Caring For The Caregiver Workshop - Wednesday, October 15 at 7 pm.

Each participant will develop a personal plan to address their own physical, emotional, social and/or spiritual needs as well as the needs of their loved ones. To work more closely with your doctor, you'll learn how to use a free booklet: The Twenty Most Common Eldercare Problems: Warning Signs and Care Questions.

Success with Stress at Work, School and Home Workshop - Saturday, October 18 at 9:30 am

Teaches four satisfaction skills (awareness, affirmations, assertiveness, acceptance) that may be used in any setting to reduce stress, improve communication, forgive yourself and others, deepen prayer for believers of any faith, increase your sensitivity to others.

More information on workshops for Living well may be found at www.findingmorelove.org;

4. Harvest Dinner - Friday, October 17, 4:30 pm - 7 pm \$10 adults \$5 children

We're serving up Chicken n' Biscuits on Friday! Invite your family friend's neighbors and co-workers to enjoy a delicious meal, and the joyous

atmosphere of this community. Call the church office for tickets 839-2460. All proceeds support mission projects of the United Methodist Women's organization.

Sign up to help in the church kitchen or call Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897

5. Books We Have Loved - Meet for coffee & a book presentation. All are welcome!

Meets this Friday, October 17 at 10 am in the Wesley Rm . Contact Marcia Miller for information

6. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer - Saturday, October 18.

(Walkers please meet at the church at 9 am) Support the *Christ Church Cupcakes (C-Cups) Team* - Patty Keller, Pam Elberson, Lynn Ramsey, Peggy Bermudez and Sally Pollard. The walk begins at 10 am from Niagara Square. You may make a donation online at <http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer> . If you signed up to make a donation but have not yet given us the cash or check, please do so by Friday. Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your support!

CROP Walk - Sunday, October 19.

You can make a difference by walking and/or donating to help stop hunger in our own neighborhood and everywhere. The walk begins at **Amherst Community Church at 1 pm**. Contact Peggy Bermudez for more information.

7. Food Pantry is collecting: Cranberry Sauce & Gravy

8. IN OUR PRAYERS: - Al Wrisley as he recovers from surgery, Brian Martin - as he recovers following bone marrow transplant; Edmond Wrycza (Julianna Sabol's father in a nursing home in Fort Erie) soon to be 97 and not doing well; Lois Lewis, Barbara Clinton, Mac Sabol, Tom Davis, Fred Painton, Nicky Sebastiano, Shirley Downey, Ed Maker, Alice Schmidt, Diane Lovejoy and all who are at home and unable to get to church. Remember those who are

serving in the armed forces (especially Alex Dunbar and Ian Johnson and Lindsey Darling serving in the US Navy).

Pray for the west African nations that are battling the Ebola virus.

Pray for the ongoing situation in Iraq and Syria.

Please pray for all who are in harm's way.

9. Keeping In Touch - Visit* Church Friends...

...unable to get out to church. Members of Elizabeth Circle will be in the Parlor after worship on Sundays, October 19 & 26 to help you select friends to visit. You're invited to share stories of your visits on Saturday, November 1st at the gathering planned by the United Methodist Women at 10 am at church.

***Visitation Ministry**

Is visiting someone who is no longer able to get out regularly to attend worship something you enjoy or even feel called to do? Would you like to learn and practice Christian caring skills for bringing hope to people who are sick or homebound? Then you are invited to participate in this workshop: ***The Practice of Visitation Ministry.***

Our District is sponsoring a pilot workshop on Christian visitation ministry. Informed by her experiences as a Stephen Ministry leader and palliative care chaplain, Deacon-candidate Rebecca Naber is offering instruction to equip those interested or currently involved in visiting the sick and/or homebound. Discussion and class exercises will focus on: listening/responding, approaches to home & hospital visitation, care-giving with older adults, supporting the bereaved, and offering hope through presence, prayer & scripture.

Dates: Tuesday, November 4th and Wednesday, November 12th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Christ Church. (includes lunch)

Contact Sally Pollard for details sjjoy@christchurchamherst.org, 839-2460.

10. Mission Youth - Friday, October 24 at 6 pm at Sally Pollard's house, 64 Charlestown Rd.

It's a welcome home party for Pastor BJ! We'll hear stories from his time in Uganda and make some fun plans for our group! Bring your ideas and something to share for dinner. Contact Sally for details 839-2460 sjjoy@christchurchamherst.org

11. Happy Birthday this week:

October 13 - James George

October 16 - Mitch Mooney

12. Through the Bible this week's readings:

October 14 - 1 Samuel 4-6, Ephesians 4

October 15 - 1 Samuel 7-9, Ephesians 5

October 16 - 1 Samuel 10-12

October 17 - 1 Samuel 13-14, Ephesians 6

October 18 - 1 Samuel 15-16, 2 Peter 1

October 19 - 1 Samuel 17-18, 2 Peter 2

October 20 - 1 Samuel 19-21, 2 Peter 3

October 21 - 1 Samuel 22-24, 1 Timothy 1

October 22 - 1 Samuel 25-26, 1 Timothy 2

Coming attractions...

Watch for **The Caller - Special Mission Edition**: Christ Church is...
Coming to your mailbox soon!

October 30, November 6, 13 - **Bible 101** Learn Bible basics is three weeks, Thursdays at 1 pm

November 2 – **350 Saratoga Concert** 3:00 p.m. Performances by groups sheltered at Christ Church

Admission will be a canned or boxed item for the food pantry.

November 7 – **Ron Corsaro Jazz Trio** – 7:00

An evening of excellent music to benefit Mission Youth

November 16 – **Annual Charge Conference** 3:30 pm at Pendleton Center UMC

Take Time to...

WORK *it is the price of success*

PLAY *it is the secret of perpetual youth*

THINK *it is the source of power*

READ *it is the fountain of wisdom*

PRAY *it is conversation with God*

LAUGH *it is the music of the soul*

LISTEN *it is the pathway to understanding*

DREAM *it is hitching your wagon to a star*

WORSHIP *it is the highway of reverence*

LOVE & BE LOVED *it is the gift of God* ~anonymous

With Joy,

Sally