



Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY

"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love & Service"

## Weekly Update – October 16



### *Frost*

We've now had those first mornings with a light frost just painting the grass. Not too many days past I enjoyed watching my daughter walk to the bus stop, stepping off the sidewalk along the way to see the impression of her footprints left behind.

Like with frost, often things can feel like in the cold of night change has swept over the landscape of our lives. We can find ourselves good and growing one day, only to feel cold and frozen the next whether by headline, health crises, financial hardship, or family issues. But as I witnessed with my daughter, one person can leave an impression and make an impact.

We know that truth in Jesus Christ. As Christ comes to us and leaves an imprint of grace, thawing us to life and growth, so we are called to share the same with others. The next time there is a little frost on the grass, venture from the sidewalk. Then look back, give thanks to God, and consider where you might be able to make such an impact in the life of another.

-Pastor Daven

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## *Ways 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 **boxed stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, and canned yams/sweet potatoes** during October. They also request **paper bags** and **reusable shopping bags (NOT plastic bags)** to pack groceries.

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

### *Coat Drive*

Coats and winter garments are being collected in Crafts Hall through the month of October. Clean coats with working buttons and zippers, scarves, hats, mittens, and boots are all welcome and will be given to Clara's Closet, Hearts for the Homeless, and Central City Café.

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## *This Week at Christ Church*

### *Church Office Hours:*

*Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm, Thurs. – 9am to Noon*

### **Wednesday, October 16**

- 7pm - Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, October 17**

- **10am - Memorial Service: Faith Paddock**
- 1pm - 'Thirstaid' Thursday
- 7pm - Staff-Parish Relations Team

### **Sunday, October 20**

- **10am - Worship Service**
- **11am - a.o.l. (Adult Opportunities for Learning)**
- **11am - FaithXpress**
- **11am - Community Youth Group - Pumpkin Picking**

*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.*

### *Daily Bible Reading – 2019 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.

October 16: Isaiah 59-61; 1 Thessalonians 4

October 17: Isaiah 62-64; 1 Thessalonians 5

October 18: Isaiah 65-66; 2 Thessalonians 1

October 19: Jeremiah 1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2

October 20: Jeremiah 3-4; 2 Thessalonians 3

October 21: Jeremiah 5-6; 1 Timothy 1

October 22: Jeremiah 7-8; 1 Timothy 2

### *In Sympathy*

We extend our thoughts and prayers to the **Paddock Family**. Darren's mother, Faith Paddock, died on Monday, October 14. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at Christ Church at **10am on Thursday, October 17**.

### *Joys*

We received \$189 for the **Family Justice Center** during Sunday's 2nd Helping Offering!

### *In Our Healing Prayers*

**Dave Mitchell** - procedure today

**Wendy (sister of Debbie Laberta)** - procedure today

**Bruce Burr, Barbara Weaver, Jan Rhinehart, Karen Phillips, Pat Zaleski, Inez Beachley,**

**Joe & Carolyn Day, Dick Radel, Bob Varian, Inez Beachley, John Ladowski, Chrissy Merrill, Joyce Moser, Janet Hill, Sissie Mooney, Mary Jane Shanley, Sue Estee, Frank Annunziata, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola**

\*Those who are **care partners** with others

\*Pray for Chris Maliken, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson, serving in the US Navy

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## **A.O.L. (Adult Opportunities for Learning)**

**Sundays Following Worship**

**Through October 27**

Join as we read through the book, Making Sense of the Bible. Author Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible, addressing often misunderstood

Biblical themes such as:

- How and when was the Bible written?
- Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why?
  - Were Adam and Eve real people?
  - Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"?
  - Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the End Times?

All are welcome!

## Searching the Scriptures

### Tuesdays at Noon

Each Tuesday 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!

## Thirstaid Thursdays

Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m.

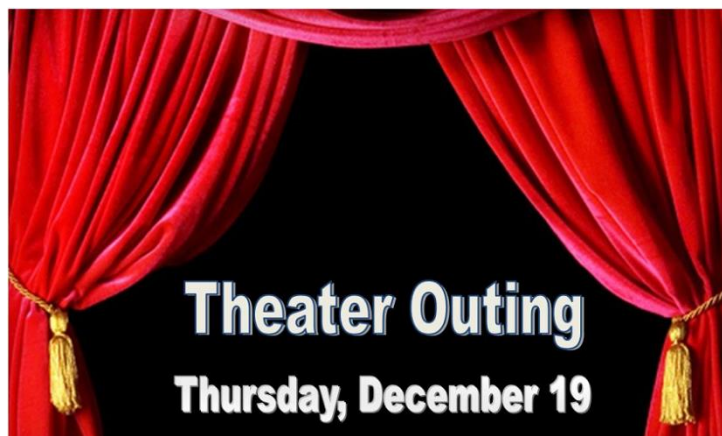
Through October 17

All are invited to participate in discussion about prayer each Thursday afternoon in the Wesley Room. How should I pray? Does prayer make a difference? Are there different kinds of prayer? What can I do to improve my prayer life? Come quench your thirst for a vibrant prayer life!

**October 24 - November 14**

The Stewardship Team will be offering a study entitled, "**WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY? A Faith Response**". This eye-opening study will focus on our relationship with money, which shapes our relationship with God and God's people. We'll use some creative and thought-provoking activities to explore how our attitude toward money affects us and others every day. The answers we find may surprise us. All are welcome!

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The Men's Group is planning an outing to Shea's 710 Theatre (710 Main Street, Buffalo) on **Thursday, December 19** to see the play, "Christmas Over the Tavern".

We will meet at the Bijou Grill, across from Shea's main theatre at **5:30pm** for a casual dinner before walking to Shea's 710 Theatre, for the **7:30pm performance**. Parking is available near the Theatre (between Pearl and Main St.) or at the M&T Lot on Washington. Directions will be provided. ***This event is open to everyone.*** Tickets are \$40.50 per person and **must be paid in advance by October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please let Ed Gilbert (716-835-4976) or Tom Nye (716-213-3642) know if you would like to attend.

Play Synopsis: The Pazinskis, four kids and two parents living over a saloon in 1959 Buffalo, are not having their usual merry Christmas. Dad is going through a mid-life depression and refuses to buy a Christmas tree. Sister Clarissa is threatening to expel 12-year-old Rudy for performing a blasphemous one-man Nativity Scene where he plays all the characters as Hollywood celebrities. With comic songs and dream sequences, they fight through depression and discord to come to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a family on this most stressful of holidays.