

UPDATE - October 20, 2015

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

Church Office Hours - Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

Praise Worship at 9 am

Traditional Worship at 11 am

10 am: FaithXpress - Children

Apprentice - Youth

A.O.L.-Adult Opportunities for Learning – “Being Christian”

Why not bring a Friend this week and share the Love and Grace of God?

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A word from Pastor Darryl

This past Sunday we continued our Annual Stewardship Campaign for 2016 with our sermon series entitled *“Celebrating Our Connectional Ministries.”* The sub-topic on Sunday was *“Moving Forward.”* Many thanks to our speakers – Susan Ranous, Laverne Ampuda and Jan Rothfuss for helping to bring a hopeful message of the many ways we are connected to our United Methodist family locally, regionally, and globally. It was also Laity Sunday in our United Methodist Churches all around the world. It was therefore very fitting to have a lay person and at best a District Director of Lay Servant Ministries in Susan Ranous bring such an inspiring message on Stewardship and about the many ways God is inviting us to use our gifts *“worthy of our calling in Jesus Christ!”* This coming Sunday is our Commitment Sunday. We will have the opportunity to focus on the need of every member of Christ Church as the giver to give generously according to our personal needs and an expression of our commitment to this church. Everyone is invited to consider taking one step-up in their personal stewardship as a disciple of Christ. The emphasis is not on paying the bills of the church. Instead, members are asked to consider what God is calling us to give in thanksgiving for the blessings we have received. More compelling for me, however, is the fact that faithful stewardship is a vital part of each individual’s journey toward becoming a deeply devoted disciple of Jesus Christ. As a church, we are inviting our members to reengage in the journey toward faithfully following our Lord Jesus Christ in every facet of our lives, hearts, hands, and homes. With equal energy we are inviting our members to grow in their prayer life, worship life, love of the scriptures, financial giving growing to the Biblical minimum standard of the 10 percent tithe, giving our time in love and service and inviting others to join us in this adventure of life. Imagine a Stewardship and Finance Team that discovers the amount

of financial resources God is going to provide in the coming year, and then deciding the best way to use those resources to serve and honor God. It's time for all of us to focus – not on simply paying the church's bill – rather we give for our own spiritual development and to discover “*What percentage of your income do you feel God is calling you to give?*” As always, I am praying for you and with you daily. May God's love and blessings be always with you, and my love to all of you. Invite someone to join us for worship!

Here's what's happening at church...

Operation Christmas Child project is in full swing! More than 50 boxes have been taken by individuals and families to fill with small toys, clothes and personal items for boys and girls around the world. For those of you who would still like to participate in this project, boxes are available at the back of the worship space. Children from all around the world and especially in the places with some of the greatest human need get to enjoy and experience the season of giving in a very real way and know that others in the world are thinking of them and caring for them. *(project sponsored by the Christian Education Team)*

In our Prayers:

Ann Burdette –Wesley Rehab, Room 736

Richard Mestler – knee pain

Dorothy Brown & the Hanson Family – recent death of Dorothy's son, Chris Hanson
Woody & Jan Rhinehart – recent death of Woody's sister, Alice Mae Hall

Dennis Scaringi – back in worship after recent surgery on his arm, which is still in a brace. Rehab to follow

Ed Maker – a navy veteran, will be traveling to Washington DC on an Honor Flight. Ed's escort was hoping to escort his own father on an Honor Flight, but his father died before this was possible. This is a very meaningful experience for both Ed and his escort.

Elizabeth Brunner, recovering from broken arm;

Sharon Ferrelli, radiation treatment; **Charles Terranova**, Hodgkins Lymphoma

Mitch Mooney - Amberleigh; **Glenn Hurst** at home; **Tom Davis** at Elderwood 200 Bassett Rd., **Robert Nachbar**, **Mary Jo Evans**, **Rosemary Little** - Blocher Home; **Brian Martin** for continued healing; **Barbara Clinton**, **Fred and Lynda Painton**, **Bim Rowlands**, **Nicky Sebastiano**, **Ruth Kitson**, **Ruth Luss**, **Shirley Downey**; **Alice Schmidt**, **Diane Lovejoy**.

Remember our service men and women (domestic and foreign)

Alex Dunbar, **Ian Johnson** and **Lindsey Darling** (all serving in the US Navy).

Food Collection - for local food pantries

Suggested donation for **this week**: **Stuffing Mix & Mashed Potatoes**

Turkey baskets- *will also be filled for people in our community during the upcoming holidays. Turkeys or gift cards to purchase turkeys are welcome. (project sponsored by the Outreach Team)*

All non-perishable food items are welcome and paper products and personal care items are also needed - tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary products, soaps, shampoo, etc. Please place items in the grocery carts at the church.

Your ongoing help is appreciated and makes a difference.

Seneca Street Coat Drive

We are gathering winter coats, boots, hats, and mittens – gifts of warmth for the families of Seneca Street Church and the surrounding neighborhood. Please bring items to church by Sunday, November 1. Thank you! *(project sponsored by the Outreach Team)*

Care Connection

Sign up to show hospitality to others – Sign up in the Café

Donations of food & drink items are also of help if you are not able to be a host.

Coming up.....

Harvest Dinner – This Friday, October 23!

United Methodist Women will host their annual Harvest Dinner on Friday, October 23, from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Chicken & biscuits & homemade pie are on the menu! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults & \$5.00 for children. If you can help in any way, please sign-up in the church kitchen.

Christmas Pageant – Christmas Presence

Sundays at 10 am – Music Room lower level

Children, Youth and Adults are invited to be a part of the Christmas pageant. There are speaking and non-speaking parts and parts for musicians! There's a place for you!

Adults are also needed to help at our rehearsals.

Spooktacular Variety Show – Share your talents

The Outreach Team will be hosting a Variety Show (It'll be a Howl!) on **Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m.** to raise funds for local missions. Do you have a talent to share? Would you like to purchase an ad for the playbill? Talent forms, ad forms, and tickets are available in the Café after worship. Help make this event a success!

Happening this week:

Tuesday, October 20 – 21 Pastor Darryl at Bishop's Retreat

Outreach Team - 7 pm

Trustees – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 21 - Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 22 - Caller Collation Team – 9:30 am
Life Lessons with Pastor Darryl – 10 am
SPR Team – 7 pm

Friday, October 23 - Harvest Dinner – 4:30 – 7 pm
(*Let's face it, the place will be a beehive of activity all day ☺*)

Sunday, October 25 - Commitment Sunday – Guest Speaker – Mike Huber
Making A Difference – Transforming Lives

Noon – Reception & Send off for Mary Jo Evans

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Eleanor Roosevelt

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