



Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY
"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities
for Faith, Love & Service"

Weekly Update – October 21



Filters



My family indulges me as I drag them around to see another tree bedecked in autumn's finest that I have discovered on some little back street during a run. Though less tolerant, they endure the long drives in search of the vistas which offer a view of nature's crayon box display.

This past weekend I begged to take the canoe out at least once more this year. My outside hope was some final peeks at fall color before the wind and rain strip the trees of their last remnants. Unfortunately for the most part in the corridor we paddled the leaves were already gone. But we did find this one little tributary with a trove

of color. I tried my best to capture it with camera only to find that the picture looked so muted. A little filter adjustment and suddenly the colors popped (though still I would say far from the delight I saw with my eyes).



I think that lives without faith is like the picture without the color enhancement - muted. Maybe that is a result of not being able to see anything but division, fear, hopelessness, and hatred. But faith is that which enhances every aspect of life. It takes even the dullest of days and filters in bright colors of joy, thanksgiving, compassion, unity, love, and hope. Faith reflects all of the wonder of God's creative color of grace. And that color is not one that diminishes with season, but brightens and enhances every single day. The next time

you see a colorful tree think of this and whisper a prayer of thanks for the beauty faith offers to life and living.

-Pastor Daven

All-Church Read: The Gospel According to Leviticus

We have begun our new sermon series and Sunday AOL study using the book, The Gospel According to Leviticus. 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 first two segments (Introduction and Section 1) by author David Kalas.

<https://youtu.be/sLldGX8Paz4>

Introduction

<https://youtu.be/9avNUjHDcII>

Session 1



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

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](#)

***All-Church Read:
The Gospel According to Leviticus***

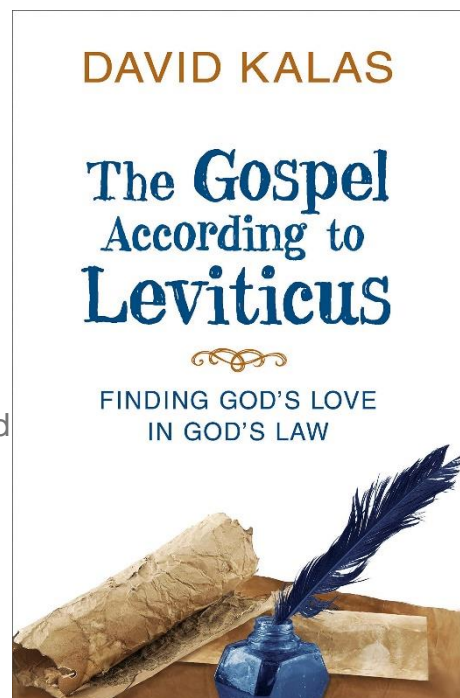
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A Couple of Things...

We realize that there were technical difficulties on Sunday with our live-stream, resulting in no sound during the recording. We apologize for the inconvenience. Pastor Daven has recorded a video of the sermon and prayers for those interested.

Sermon & Prayers

<https://youtu.be/clliv1xkxCc>

We have also included a link to an instructional video for our new AED. This is for those interested in learning how it works to familiarize themselves by watching the video.

AED demonstration video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zw78XnpjAGU>

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 2 pm

Please call the office (839-2460) or Pastor Daven (903-6024) with any questions or concerns.

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.

October 21: Jeremiah 5-6; 1 Timothy 1

October 22: Jeremiah 7-8; 1 Timothy 2

October 23: Jeremiah 9-10; 1 Timothy 3

October 24: Jeremiah 11-13; 1 Timothy 4

October 25: Jeremiah 14-16; 1 Timothy 5

October 26: Jeremiah 17-19; 1 Timothy 6

October 27: Jeremiah 20-22; 2 Timothy 1

In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to **Paul & Millie Staley** following the death of Millie's mother last week.

In Our Healing Prayers

-Scott Smith

-Dave Mitchell - hospitalized following procedures, awaiting discharge

Sue Estee, Paul Staley, Pat Zaleski, Barb Carier, Dave Wolf, Geoff Hill, Diane Klenk, Amy Thormahlen, Valari Zanghi, Scott Smith, Sandy Cumming, Bill Swenson, Debbie Laberta & Chrissy Merrill, Kevin Cetola, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Sissie Mooney, Barbara Burr, 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

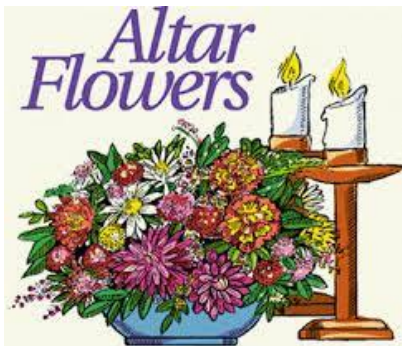
*Pray for Chris Maliken, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson, serving in the US Navy



make
a difference

Visitation

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Visitation Team has been unable to make in-person visits to our nursing home and senior residence members. Please help us to remember them with a card or a phone call. Thank you!



The flowers on the Lord's Table on Sunday, October 25 are given by Betty, Douglas, and Paula Kreib in loving remembrance of Bob Kreib's birthday on October 28.

Stewardship Campaign 2021

If you give online, please still return a pledge card. As we continue to live into the vision God has placed upon us as a community of faith, “To Make Connections and Offer Opportunities for Faith, Love, and Service”, our capacity in ministry is directly impacted by giving. Our hopes for ministry are directly related to pledges received. As of Sunday, those returns amount to only half of our hope. **Please respond and return your pledge by mail, in person, or by filling out the online Google**

Form, which can be found under the ‘Give’ heading on the top of our website -

www.christchurchamherst.org

A video series exploring the experiences of our Christ Church family with disconnection and new ways of connecting. is available on YouTube! [Watch all three Stewardship videos on our YouTube channel.](#)



***NEW!* Monday Evening Zoom Study** (October 26 & November 2 from 7-8 p.m.)

Finding Peace in an Anxious World uses the book of Proverbs and “The Serenity Prayer” as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God’s peace. Discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that you can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as a disciple of Christ. Books are \$10 if you would like to read along, but lessons will be easy to follow whether or not you have the book. Please contact Peggy Bermudez at

626-4897 or bradbermudez@hotmail.com if you would like a book.

Topic: Peace in an Anxious World

Every week on Monday, until Nov 2, 2020

Oct 26, 2020 7:00 PM

Nov 2, 2020 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84580046299>

Meeting ID: 845 8004 6299

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Thirstaid Thursdays

Thursdays from 1 – 2:30pm on Zoom

Through October 29

"A Year of Biblical Womanhood (Part 2)"

A study by Rachel Held Evans

Led by Diane Klenk

Topic: Thirstaid

Time: Every week on Thursday at 1pm, until Oct 29, 2020

Oct 22 @ 1:00 PM

Oct 29 @ 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86987454507>

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