

UPDATE - October 27, 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."* We offer our thanks to Mike Huber, our Conference Executive Director of Camping and Retreats Ministries. He brought a powerful message on the sub-topic: *"Making A Difference, Transforming Lives."* This was our Commitment Sunday, and as it is our custom as a spiritual practice, our members were invited to offer our 2016 financial pledge to support and care for all of the ministries of Christ Church. We extend our thanks to you with grateful hearts for the pledges we have received so far. For our members who have not been able to offer your pledge on Sunday or before Sunday, we strongly encourage you to do so this week. If you need a little more time we want you to know we certainly understand that; however, our Stewardship and Finance Team is working with a deadline of no later than November 10 to put the 2016 Ministry Budget in place. Your financial commitment to Christ Church is very vital to keep our faithful presence in this community and fulfill the many obligations we have as the Body of Christ. I reminded the congregation on Sunday that **"Christian Stewardship** is not just about giving money. It's about giving **everything.**" Stewardship is therefore a clear expression to God of our total life commitment to God's purposes in our church and our world and our tender loving care for every dimension of life. So please continue to hold the ministries of Christ Church in your prayers, as you discern what God is asking you to give and to do for the church financially and

spiritually. 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...

We offered our prayers for **Mary Jo Evans**, on Sunday and gathered after worship to send her off to her new home in the Chicago area near her son, Douglas and his family. Mary Jo's new address is available in the church office.

Thank you to all those who made the **Harvest Dinner** a success. It was a joy to welcome our neighbors, enjoy good food and use the funds raised to support ministry and mission to our neighbors near and far. Thank you those who worked in the kitchen under the direction of Janet & Geoff Hill, to those who provided pies, those who served and those who cleaned up! Special thanks to Peggy Bermudez and Beth Sweet for their leadership.

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. **Boxes should be returned to the church by Sunday, November 8th.** (project sponsored by the Christian Education Team)

In our Prayers:

Ann Burdette – Wesley Rehab, Room 736. *It was good to see Ann in church on Sunday.*

Richard Mestler – knee pain

Dorothy Brown & the Hanson Family – recent death of Dorothy's son, Chris Hanson. Dorothy will be moving to a Vinecroft apartment soon.

Mary Jo Evans - new home in Chicago area

Rev. Vern French - former pastor now retired. Vern & wife Jeanne recently moved to assisted living facility

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**, **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**: **Cranberry sauce**, **Brownie mix**, **Muffin mix**

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)*

Cafe 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.....

Spooktacular Variety Show –

The Outreach Team is hosting a Variety Show (It'll be a Howl!) this **Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m.** to raise funds for local missions. Twelve fabulous acts!

Dancing! Singing! And more!! Enjoy the show and help make this event a success!

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.

Happening this week:

Tuesday, October 27 – 1 pm New Vision Circle – Game Day!

7 pm Christian Education Team

Wednesday, October 28 - Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 29 - 10 am Life Lessons with Pastor Darryl

Friday, October 30 - 7 pm **Spooktacular** Variety Show

Saturday, October 31 - CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!

This Sunday, November 1st- **All Saints Sunday** -

remembering those who have died during the past year

10 am - Visit with our special guest from Uganda

Rev. Davis Matovu
in the cafe

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**“Grief never ends...but it changes, not a place to stay.
Grief is not a sign of weakness, it is the price of love.”**

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