



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

Weekly Update – October 28



Perspective

Fewer and fewer of these relics of the past remain. At one time these were the primary means to observing and responding to danger, primarily fire, with people fulfilling the role of watching throughout the day and night. Now they have been cordoned off to prevent climbing on them, converted to bird or scenic observation points, or allowed to collapse and deteriorate.

We went to get a look at the fall color while listening and viewing migratory waterfowl. Climbing the rickety steps, I thought of the many who had ascended them in the past, taken their station at the top, and provided a vital public service. I whispered a word of thanks that this tower still stood, granting us this opportunity, and for all those who had spent cold nights looking out for this area.



Then, I thought of the saints of the church. These individuals who climbed the steps of faith in lives dedicated to applying what they believed. I thought of those ways that they looked out for danger and the fires which could tear communities apart, doing their best to spot and extinguish them. I thought about my gratitude that I still had this same tower to climb in my life, the same perspective that I could gain in ascending those steps, the same opportunity to observe and know the truth of God's love in Christ. I whispered a quiet word of thanks for faith, for those before me who applied that faith seeking safety and peace for all, and for the opportunity to gaze upon and gain perspective. The means may have changed, but the mission and ministry remains. It is now up to us to take upon the mantle of the saints of the past in living and applying our faith for the salvation of the world.

-Pastor Daven

This **Sunday, November 1**, we will be observing All Saints' Sunday. Names of loved ones in our church community that have died in the past year will be read aloud in honor and remembrance. We invite all to join us for worship either in person or online at 10am. Holy Communion will be included in the worship service.

All-Church Read: The Gospel According to Leviticus

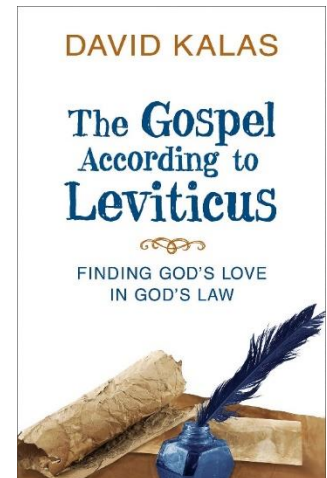
We are proceeding with our new sermon series and Sunday AOL study using the book, The Gospel According to Leviticus. Books are available on Sunday mornings, or contact the church office to arrange for pick-up or delivery (\$15 suggested donation). The following 2 links are for videos of the next two segments (Sections 2 & 3) by author David Kalas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-7pNKQpsng>

Session 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzNpkgccO2A>

Session 3



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](#)

This Week at Christ Church

Fall Office Hours:

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday

9a.m. - 2p.m.

At all times, even during office hours, the building will remain locked. Please call for admittance.

Thursday, October 29

1pm - Thirstaid Zoom Study

7pm - SPR Team Meeting

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Sunday

10am - Worship In-Person

& Live-Stream

Monday, November 2

7pm - Zoom Study

Tuesday, November 3

Election Day

7pm - Church Council Meeting

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 28: Jeremiah 23-24; 2 Timothy 2

October 29: Jeremiah 25-26; 2 Timothy 3

October 30: Jeremiah 27-28; 2 Timothy 4

October 31: Jeremiah 29-30; Titus 1

November 1: Jeremiah 31-32; Titus 2

November 2: Jeremiah 33-35; Titus 3

November 3: Jeremiah 36-37; Philemon 1

In Our Healing Prayers

Jim Pollard - hospitalized

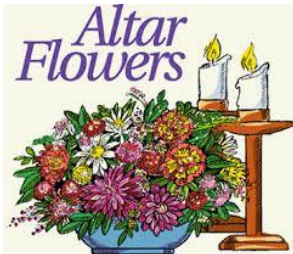
Scott Smith, Dave Mitchell, Sue Estee, Paul Staley, Pat Zaleski, Barb Carrier, Dave Wolf, Geoff Hill, Diane Klenk, Amy Thormahlen, Valari Zanghi, Sandy Cumming, Bill Swenson, Debbie Laberta & Chrissy Merrill, Kevin Cetola, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Dick Ball, Barbara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



The flowers on the Lord's Table on **Sunday, November 1** are given by Jean Ericson in loving memory of her husband Carl.

A special thank you to the entire faith community of CUMC! Thank you for your love, support, calls, food, cards, etc. at a most difficult time for me since my loss of Chris. I never felt alone because of the Christ-like community I've found at CUMC. That means so much to me. Thank you again for your support.

-Diane Klenk



2020 Turkey Basket Project

*Christ Church is helping North Presbyterian Church provide the ingredients for Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. We will be collecting these foods **until November 15th**:*

- **stuffing mix**
- **cranberry sauce**
- **canned vegetables**
- **canned fruit**
- **potatoes**
- **cake mix with frosting, or brownie mix**

Donations toward the purchase of turkeys are also welcome. Please make checks payable to Christ UMC and write "Turkey Basket Project" on the memo line.

With our gratitude and thanks for your generosity,

-The Outreach Team

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.](#)



Monday Evening Zoom Study

(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

Nov 2, 2020 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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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

**Coming Soon - Thirstaid in November:
November 5, 12, & 19 @ 1pm**

"The Gospel According to Leviticus:
Finding God's Love in God's Law"

Topic: Thirstaid

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

Oct 29 @ 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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