

**Christ Church is Making Connections
& Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love & Service**

Weekly Update - October 31

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

With the recent events in Pittsburgh, it has escalated the conversations among religious leaders on the openness of our communities balanced with the safety of those who participate. How do we actively live what we proclaim in the face of such unpredictable realities? Do we start locking down our buildings and post armed guards? The name of the space we gather in to worship, sanctuary, evokes our greatest hopes and aspirations. A place of respite, rest, restoration, peace amid the turbulent realities. Can we offer that if anyone can enter and commit a violent act?

Today marks a day of joy and celebration for young people. They will spend this evening knocking upon doors and being feted with candy which will linger in homes until Christmas. But perhaps it also comes as we need it. Because we open our doors to complete strangers on this day, dressed in all sorts of ways. We greet one another, offer a treat of peace amid the dark chaos which abounds. Maybe we need this day to remind us of our best selves and to recommit in faith to those ways and words of Christ which looked radically toward that time when all doors would be open, all people welcomed, and peace would prevail. That's not a trick, but a truth.

Daily Bible Reading – 2018

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 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

November 4: Jeremiah 38-39; Hebrews 1

November 5: Jeremiah 40-42; Hebrews 2

November 6: Jeremiah 43-45; Hebrews 3

Joys

Joy! It was a joy to celebrate Children's Sabbath this past Sunday and to invite our youth to participate in the worship service as we looked into many issues facing women and children today. Thank you to the planning team and all who participated!

In Our Healing Prayers

Michele Sciolino, Sue Estee, Janet Hill, Woody Rhinehart, Valari Zanghi & father Harold Weaver, Pam Elberson, Frank Annunziata, Mary Jane Shanley, Lois Lewis, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola, Sissie Mooney

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

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

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, October 31 - **Happy Halloween!**

Firepit & S'mores Outside to Welcome Neighbors This Evening!

Come Join Us!

Thursday, November 1 - 1pm- "Thirstaid" Thursday Study
6:30pm- Circle of Joy
7pm- Elizabeth Circle

Friday, November 2 11am- Books We Have Loved
7-8pm -Mind/Body Connection Yoga

Sunday, October 28 - **10am - Worship Service**

All Saints' Sunday

11am - FaithXpress, AOL & Fellowship Opportunities

6pm- Opera & Show Choir Concert

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.*



Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday at 2am!

Don't forget to fall back an hour!



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 **canned vegetables (peas, corn, yams, beets)** in November.

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

Thanksgiving Baskets

Starting October 13, we will begin the annual gathering of ingredients for the Thanksgiving baskets for the less fortunate. **Stuffing mix, canned vegetables, canned fruit, brownie mix, instant mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce** are included in each basket.

Frozen turkeys and gift cards are also greatly appreciated. The supplies will be assembled to be delivered the week of November 12.



Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Every **Tuesday at Noon**, 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!

Immersing Ourselves in Worship

Did you ever wonder why we do what we do during worship? Where did our traditions, patterns and symbols get started? What makes worship vital and engaging? This 4-week study will explore these questions and more. Immersing Ourselves in Worship will be offered on **Thirstaid Thursdays** from **1 - 2:30p.m., through November 1**. Come immerse yourself in worship and quench your thirst!

The Wesley Challenge!

“**The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith,**” is a resource that uses questions asked by John Wesley to his students and friends at Oxford University.

On Sundays, Nov. 11, 18 & 25, Pastor Daven Oskvig’s sermons will explore three themes of the questions:

- *Relationship With God: an Upward Focus*
- *Relationship with Self: an Inward Focus*
- *Relationship with Others: an Outward Focus*

The Spiritual Formation Team invites adults and youth to participate in “The Wesley Challenge” by reading the book daily from November 4 - 25 (one question for each day), attending worship each Sunday, and joining with others in group reflection and conversation during the three-week period. **Those who ordered books can pick them up in the church office this week or following worship on November 4. There are just a couple extras left - join the challenge!**



"Insane Consequences: How the Mental Health Industry Fails the Mentally Ill"

Speaker: DJ Jaffe

Date: **Thursday, November 1, 2018**

Time: 7:00 pm (registration 6:30 pm)

Location: Daemen College

4380 Main Street - Schenk Hall

Amherst, NY 14226

Mind/Body Connection Yoga

Fridays, 7–8 p.m. in the Family Room

Join Ryan Meegan, certified Bikram Yoga instructor, this Friday to practice conscious breathing and body postures (including chair yoga) that bridge the mind/body connection, draw you closer to God and help you enjoy life more. Suitable for all abilities.

UMW Keeping in Touch Breakfast Gathering

Saturday, November 10, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Hosts: Circle of Joy

Cost: \$5

Sign up today to visit members of our church family who are unable to attend worship. Gift bags to take on your visits will be provided. Share the story of your visit at the November 10th breakfast gathering. Least Coin, World Thank Offering and Pledges for 2019 will be received at this gathering.

Please contact Peggy Bermudez (626-4897 or bradbermudez@hotmail.com) for reservations.

Concert at Christ Church Sunday, November 4 – 6 p.m.

Music Academy of WNY
Opera Week
Opera Meets Broadway

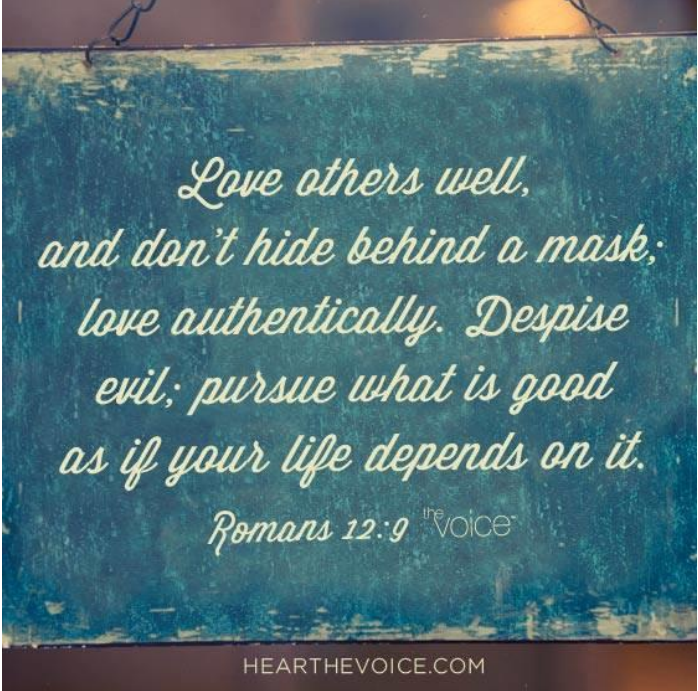
FEATURING ARTISTS

JENA ABATI
AURORA BONEBERG
IVAN DOCENKO
MUSIC ACADEMY SHOW CHOIR

FREE EVENT

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH
6:00PM

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*Love others well,
and don't hide behind a mask;
love authentically. Despise
evil; pursue what is good
as if your life depends on it.*

Romans 12:9 the voice

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Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am