

UPDATE - October 6, 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 for 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

Thanks to our worship leaders, Beth Reilly and the Altar Guild team, and you as worshippers for making Sunday’s World Communion Service an enriching and meaningful experience for all. For your week’s reflection, I will like to offer you these thoughts:

There are some Biblical and Theological Foundations that accompany the encounter of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman for whom I have given this nameless, faceless woman a name, Sammy – a gutsy name for a gutsy woman!

God is Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all creation. All people are a loving expression of God's creative work. *“Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.”* (1 John 4:11-12)

God's saving grace is inclusive for all. *“For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son so that everyone who believes [in Him] may not perish but have eternal life.”* (John 3:16)

“There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male nor female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28) From this company of believing people, God calls individuals into the representative ministry of the church.

And last but by no way least, the Christian church was given birth at Pentecost when God's Holy Spirit came to empower it for witness and mission. *“People from every part of the world were present in Jerusalem on that day, and did receive the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 2:5-11). God gives the Spirit for ministry to all God's diverse people.

At the heart of the encounter of Jesus and Sammy is the need to foster mutual relationships with people, especially with people who are different from us. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, and it continues to be true: “We are all caught in the inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” Our relationship to offer Christ to others and reconciliation efforts must affirm and demonstrate the truth that every person, every culture and every nation has something valuable to offer and contribute to the world. It is in the splendor and beauty of our own cultures and nationalities that we embrace a new paradigm of sharing the good news that brings all the pieces of the puzzle together – and we understand that to do anything less, just doesn’t make sense. So we commit ourselves to the Beloved Community by building right relationships with all people and to be the people of reconciliation in every way that’s possible. 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...

Thank you to all who played a role in our special World Communion Sunday service. Thanks to Guy Castellino, Hilde Webber, and Elvira Gonzalez for adding their voices and languages to our worship.

Thank you to these helpers with the International Lunch...Peggy Bermudez, Lee Watson, Carol Teresi, Hilde Webber, Sandy Cumming, Peggy Nye. And thank you to all who brought delicious dishes to share from your cultural heritage.

In our Prayers:

The sympathy and prayers of this church community are with **Woody & Jan Rhinehart** on the death of Woody’s sister, Alice Mae Hall. A service celebrating her life was held at the Newfane UMC on Sunday. Keep the Rhinehart family in your prayers.

Glenn Hurst – Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

Ann Burdette –After a recent hospital stay is at Wesley Rehab, Room 736, for about 2 weeks.

Dorothy Brown & the Hanson Family – recent death of Dorothy’s son, Chris Hanson
Dennis Scaringi and Ed Maker - at home recovering from surgery

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: Pancake Mix**

Next Week: Canned Fruits & Vegetables

These are *suggested* food items. **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.

Café Connection – Hosts are always needed – 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 this Sunday.....

Flu Shot Clinic at church 10 am – 1 pm

Contact Geoff Hill for details (316-1522)

Christmas Pageant Sign-Up – Christmas Presence

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are filling shoeboxes with gifts, toys, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. to send to children around the world! A simple shoebox of gifts will fill a child with hope and joy.

Shoeboxes and gift suggestion guides are available in the back of the Sanctuary. A \$7 donation is requested to cover shipping costs, and filled boxes will be collected mid-November. Please take as many as you would like – each box can have an eternal impact on a child in a developing country!!

Happening this week:

Tuesday, Oct 6 – 9 am – 1 pm Central City Café
 7 pm - Outreach Team

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

Thursday, October 8 - 10 am Life Lessons with Pastor Darryl
4 pm Worship Team Planning Meeting

Child Care during worship... Located in Room 9 on the lower level

Parents PLEASE NOTE ...

1. An adult needs to accompany children and sign them in to the child care room. Unaccompanied children will not be admitted without being properly sign in.
2. Children will only be released from child care to the parent who has signed them in or someone they have designated.
3. The number of children cannot exceed a 1:7 ratio by law.

The child care providers will care for older children ONLY if the number of children is lower than the number allowed by law (1:7 ratio) If infants and toddlers are present older children will not be cared for in the child care room.

The **Sky Box** is available for families with children who would like to see and hear the worship service, but need a quiet space for their children. Materials are also available on the back shelf of the worship space for older children.

The care and safety of your children is important to us. Thank you for following these procedures.

Coming Soon.....

Sunday, October 11 – **Flu Shot Clinic** at Christ Church
Contact Geoff Hill for details

Monday, October 12 - **Columbus Day – Church office closed**

October 13-15 - **MYM October Days Retreat** at Chautauqua
Retreat leader – Jim Pollard Jeopardy challenge – Drew Heitzenrater
Contact Marcia Snyder for information.

Friday, October 23 – **Harvest Dinner** 4:30 – 7 pm

Friday, October 30 – **Variety Show** Contact Peggy Bermudez or Lee Watson
for more information

“It is not the church of God that has a mission in the world, it is the God of mission that has a church in the world. Mission is about identity, about who we are, about living our whole lives in the context of God’s presence and work in the world.”

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