



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

Weekly Update – October 7



Creation Care

I've seen the scene many times leaving church on Sunday morning, Mongo plodding along next to Scott following worship. It has always brought a smile to my face, but on this occasion it touched me more deeply.

In the creation narratives of Genesis, a key feature is the responsibility and relationship that we have with and to creation. Maybe my pause in the scene of Mongo & Scott is that sense of connection and care. Unfortunately human beings often place themselves as the pinnacle of creation. From this position, we have used and abused nature, bending and distorting it to our benefits and desired outcomes. We have been irrespective to the damage to other beings and environment and irreverent to God's creation.



When Jesus teaches in parable that "when you did it to one of the least of these, you were doing it to me" (Matt. 25:40) perhaps we have too narrowly defined this as interactions simply between each other / fellow human beings. Heaven knows we have a long way to go even in that regard. But as long as we limit it in this way, we limit the true possibility of earth reflecting heaven and peace prevailing. The prophets speak of such a time; may we help to usher it in one relationship at a time.

-Pastor Daven



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

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 7: Isaiah 37-38; Philippians 3

October 8: Isaiah 39-40; Philippians 4

October 9: Isaiah 41-42; Colossians 1

October 10: Isaiah 43-44; Colossians 2

October 11: Isaiah 45-47; Colossians 3

October 12: Isaiah 48-49; Colossians 4

October 13: Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thessalonians 1

In Our Healing Prayers

Joys

Joy! The Outreach Team conducted a successful Food Drive on Sunday, with about 30 bags of food collected for Compass House!



In Our Healing Prayers

- Geoff Hill** - home following back surgery
- Diane Klenk** - successful cataract surgeries
- Dave Mitchell** - home

-Amy Thormhalen

-Pat Zaleski - home after recent hospitalizations

-Debbie Laberta - doing well following procedure yesterday

-Dave Wolf - at Weinberg Rehab

-Barb Carier - upcoming surgery

Paul Staley, Scott Smith, Sandy Cumming, Bill Swenson, 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, Sue Estee, 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

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!

Fund for Dave Wolf

*Please keep our Christ Church custodian, Dave Wolf, in your prayers. Dave was hospitalized for several weeks and is now in rehab and faces costly medical expenses. If you would like to help, Christ Church has a fund that is ready to receive your financial gifts. Please make checks payable to **Christ UMC** with "Dave Wolf Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your prayers and generosity!*

NEW! Monday Evening Zoom Study

(October 19, 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

Will Not Meet October 12 Due to Holiday

Oct 19, 2020 7:00 PM

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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AOL (Adult Opportunities for Learning)

The Gospel According to Leviticus:

Finding God's Love in God's Law

Beginning in Mid-October on Sundays following worship

In the Family Room and on YouTube: CUMCAmherst

An All-Church Read (postponed from May)

Do you struggle with knowing how the Old Testament law aligns with the good news found in the New Testament? For many, while the New Testament is seen as the good news of God's love through Jesus, the law is set aside as tedious, troubling, or irrelevant. Some even see it as an example of an unloving God. Take time to discover and experience the love of God in Old Testament law.

Books are available on Sundays. If not attending worship, call or e-mail the church office to pick up a book, have one dropped off, or mailed.

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: Sep 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Thursday, until Oct 29, 2020

Oct 8 @ 1:00 PM

Oct 15 @ 1:00 PM

Oct 22 @ 1:00 PM

Oct 29 @ 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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Stewardship Campaign 2021

Celebrating Christ Church Connections



2020 presented us with challenges that we could not have imagined a year ago. Through times of grief, anxiety, isolation and frustration, Christ Church continues to maintain and strengthen our connections with one another through familiar ways and through innovative, virtual experiences. Your generosity has been key to Christ Church's ability to explore new opportunities for faith, love and service through these past

months. During worship on October 11 and 18, a video series will explore the experiences of our Christ Church family with disconnection and new ways of connecting. [Watch the first video on our YouTube channel.](#)

Pledge cards will be mailed the 2nd week in October. Our goal for 2021 is \$191,000 in pledges. On **October 18th**, we will celebrate our promises to support Christ Church in 2021 through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.