

## **UPDATE - September 15, 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**

**9 am – Praise Celebration Worship & 11 am – Traditional Style Worship**

**10 am - FaithXpress –Children**

**Apprentice – Confirmation experience for youth**

**A.O.L. – Adult Opportunities- “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 concluded our 3-week sermon series on “*Leadership.*” The sub-topic that we focused on was “*Contradicting the Rules of Leadership: When Leadership and Discipleship Collide.*” I would like to recommend this book to you, “*Leading from Within: Poetry That Sustains the Courage to Lead*” by Sam Intrator and Megan Scribner. One of the moving stories to come out of September 11, 2001 involved passenger Tom Burnett on United Flight 93, which went down in Pennsylvania. He called his wife from the hijacked plane, realizing by then that two other planes had crashed into the World Trade Center. “I know we’re going to die,” he said. “But some of us are going to do something about it.” And because they did (they led), many other lives were saved. Since that awful morning, the memory of their heroism has inspired us, but it should also instruct us (shared by former Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright). As a church we know that it is Leadership – adaptive, creative, courageous and even audacious leadership that would allow us to respond from the nudging of an inner voice, that is, from our own realization that we need to meet at the intersections of dreaming and doing. That the choices we make as leaders and members of Christ Church will influence the expression of the

church for generations to come. Jesus himself had some choices to make when you take a closer look at his leadership peculiarities and the many times Jesus violated specific, clear, and time-tested rules of leadership, slowing the momentum of his own ministry, starting controversies where he didn't need to and such. So when God's Spirit tells us to contradict rules of leadership, we should do it. What do we do when we are confronted with breaking the rules of leadership for the sake of the kingdom? I want to encourage us to choose Jesus' ways of leading every time! I believe we have this moment at Christ Church, to show that our spiritual life, our theology, and the laws of leadership can synergize beautifully in our church, in our ministries, and in our neighborhoods, to get near Jesus' bold, courageous, audacious, and counter-cultural leadership practices that would allow us to keep growing! Keep challenging ourselves! Keep getting better!

I share with you here the responses of 14-18 year olds at a leadership camp held at one of our conference camp sites: in a very open and spontaneous conversation we asked them this question: how do you view the church? We want a church that has the courage to lead; we want a church that includes all races, all ages and all lifestyles; we want a mission-minded church that reaches out to its local community as a bold Jesus-loving inclusive faith community; a church where the youth of the church have a real 'say' in the church; a church that makes room for new and different thinking leadership; the church needs to know we have friends who love Jesus but hate what we've done with him; that we have friends who are considered misfits; a church that sees church beyond Sunday mornings. This should inspire us but it should also instruct us as Jesus' leadership practices are meant to do. My dear friends, I support leadership that makes disciples engaged, inspired, informed and invested! 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...**

Last Sunday we welcomed **Sue Estee** as our musician for the 9 am Praise Celebration. Sue regularly sings in the church choir and graciously offered her gift of music at our praise worship service and will return again on September 27. Many thanks to Sue for her gift of time and energy as well. In October we'll introduce some musicians on an interim basis. If they are a good fit for our worship service they will join our worship team. We're looking forward to worshipping with these musicians.

We also welcomed the **Choir**, under the direction of Organist/Choir Director, **Kevin Durkin**, back to the 11 am worship celebration after a summer break. Their rich voices led us into God's presence. New voices are always

welcome in the Choir. Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room.

A **candle of remembrance** was lit by the children with prayers of hope, peace, forgiveness and compassion honoring the people who lost their lives on **September 11, 2001** and everyone whose lives were changed on that day. We prayed that our country would be a shelter of peace, a symbol of freedom and a beacon light of compassion and justice to all the people of the world, especially those who are broken and oppressed.

Check out the **prayers for students, teachers and school helpers** located in the lower hallway. Please add your prayers as we let them know we're supporting them throughout the school year.

We continue to keep in prayer Pastor Darryl's family and all the people of Dominica as rescue and relief work is taking place following hurricanes.

Your contributions to UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief will help support these efforts. Information may be found through our church website [www.christchurchamherst.org](http://www.christchurchamherst.org) or mark your cash/check contributions – Dominica or Hurricane Erika.

**100%** of your donations goes directly to relief work.

### **In our Prayers:**

**Dennis Scaringi, Peter Zaleski, Herb Wilber, Barbara Critoph and Ed Maker** - at home recovering from surgery – *(All are able to get out and have been with us in worship on Sunday)*

**Elizabeth Brunner** , recovering from broken arm;

**Evans family, Castellino family, Wenner family;**

**Sharon Ferrelli**, radiation treatment; **Charles Terranova**, Hodgkins Lymphoma

**Ann Burdette** at Brompton Heights; - *getting to worship occasionally*

**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).

### **Births**

We celebrate with **Carol Teresi** on the birth of her newest grandchild, **Lucas Salvatore**, born on September 3rd to Rachelle and Lucas Stephens.

We celebrate with Ian & Nicole Johnson on the birth of their son, **Hunter Nicholas**, born on September 9th. Hunter is the grandson of **Dede and Roger Johnson**.

### **Food Collection -** for local food pantries

Suggested donation for **this week**: peanut butter    **Next week**: canned meat, stews & tuna

These are suggested food items. **All** non-perishable food items are welcome and paper products are also needed - tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary products. Please place items in the grocery carts at the church.

*Though you may not see them, people come on a regular basis to gather food and other items for their families. This ongoing ministry makes a difference for men, women & children who face many challenges in life.*

Some of our members are using coupon items to help fill the grocery cart!

***Way to go smart shoppers!!***

### **Café Connection – Hosts are needed**

**Thank you** to those who recently signed up to host the cafe in the coming weeks! This is an ongoing ministry. Please continue to spread the word and offer your hospitality! Instructions are available on the refrigerator door and there is always help available.

*Donations of food & drink items are also of help if you are not able to be a host.*

**A Few Openings Left - Darryl's social calendar is filling up fast!**

**Date With Darryl** gatherings will soon be over. Don't miss the opportunity to share in a get-acquainted gathering. Sign up on the clipboard sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the back of the worship space. Contact Paula Kreib if you have questions. 725-6067

### **Coming up this Sunday, September 20.....**

Preacher: Roger Johnson          Worship leader: Mac Sabol

Children's Message: Peggy Bermudez

### **Prayer Chain**

Members of the prayer chain will meet after worship in the Parlor on Sunday, September 20.

### **Happening this week:**

Tuesday, Sept 15	7 pm – Date With Darryl at CUMC; 7:30 pm - Trustees, Cafe
Wednesday, Sept 16	7pm- Outreach Team Variety Show Planning; 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Sept 17	7 pm - Children's Sabbath Planning, Wesley Rm
Friday, Sept 18	12 Noon - Mature Years Ministry, Wesley Rm

**Sundays at 10 am**

- FaithXpress - Step Into My Shoes
- Apprentice Confirmation
- A.O.L. adult discussion group –  
“ Being Christian – Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer “

**Child Care at Christ Church - *Our Child Care room has moved***

Young children are now cared for in **Room #9** located across from the double door entrance at the bottom of the stairs off of the main entryway. (Door covered with butterflies) This room is nearer the worship space and has a lavatory attached.

**Julie Sciolino & Leanne Paddock** provide childcare each Sunday morning and **Pam Elbersen** serves as craft leader.

*Many thanks for providing quality care for our littlest ones!*

***Coming Soon.....***

**Sunday, Sept 20** – Roger Johnson, preaching  
Prayer Chain meets in the Parlor after worship

**Sunday, Sept 27** - Children's Sabbath - Stories & Photos from Uganda -  
Mission Team & African lunch experience

***New information coming!*** -MYM October Days Retreat, Chautauqua

**Sunday, October 4** – **10 am Worship only** –  
**World Communion Sunday**  
Music provided by guests from Toronto UMC of Zimbabwe &  
International Lunch – Celebrate YOUR heritage!  
Bring a dish to share representing your cultural roots

**Friday, October 23** – Harvest Dinner

**Friday, October 30** – Variety Show

Remember always – You are God's beautiful people...  
God wrote your genetic code and is the essence of all life.

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