



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

Weekly Update – September 16

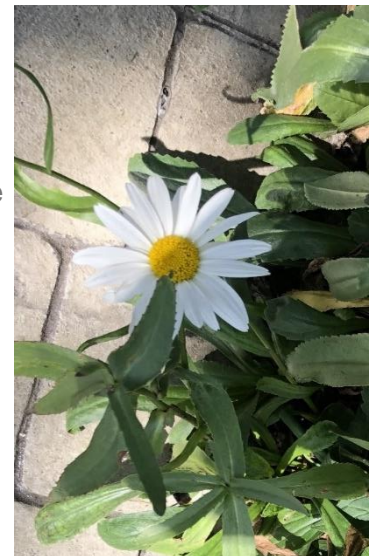


Don't Delay

Daisies bloom much earlier in the summer, so the sudden appearance of this straggler is a surprise. And yet here it is against all odds, at the wrong time, proudly displaying itself in full summer splendor.

We can make repeated excuses for the lack of applying our faith or the active engagement of it. Take your pick - weather, calendar, challenge, busyness, age, condition, costliness, and a host of others pass as reasonable in our minds. In this regard, we fail to bloom in Christ's ways both within and out of season. The truth is there is never an ideal or perfect time. The only prevailing reality is that we have less time now.

This little flower is a reminder, an encouragement, an expression of hope and daring - don't delay! There is never a right or wrong time to allow the color of God's grace to show in our lives.



-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.

September 16: Proverbs 30-31; 2 Corinthians 8

September 17: Ecclesiastes 1-3; 2 Corinthians 9

September 18: Ecclesiastes 4-6; 2 Corinthians 10

September 19: Eccl. 7-9; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

September 20: Eccl. 10-12; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

September 21: Song of Songs 1-3; 2 Corinthians 12

September 22: Song of Songs 4-5; 2 Corinthians 13

In Our Healing Prayers

-**Dave Wolf** - at Weinberg Rehab

Diane Klenk, Dave Mitchell, Bill Swenson, Debbie Laberta & Chrissy Merrill, Kevin Cetola, Paul Staley, Nancy & Frank Annunziata, Helen Peacock, Joe & Carolyn Day, Sissie Mooney, Barbara Burr, Scott Smith, 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



make a difference

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!*

AOL (Adult Opportunities for Learning) "Happiness and Mental Health"

Sundays following worship

In the Family Room and on YouTube: CUMCAmherst

Through October 4th

Facilitator: Dr. David Pliss

Happiness and Mental Health is designed as a four-part study. It looks at how happy people tend to be healthier, have better relationships, do good or meaningful work more often, and are more successful and abundant in life. This study looks at how peoples' mindsets (how one person sees a problem where another sees an opportunity---as well as the possible genetic causes of these mindsets,) combined with their life situation, and

their voluntary actions and choices, can make all the difference in feelings of well-being. This study includes an examination of how prayer, mindfulness and meditation can be used to create beneficial change in our biological mindset. In addition to introducing techniques from cognitive behavioral therapy, the study will discuss wisdom literature from the Bible, and from traditions around the world, including scientific insights to describe 10 basic keys for increasing happiness in life.

Thirstaid Thursdays

Thursdays from 1 – 2:30pm on Zoom

September 17 – October 22

"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 Thu, until Oct 29, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

Sep 17 @ 1:00 PM

Sep 24 @ 1:00 PM

Oct 1 @ 1:00 PM

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>

Meeting ID: 869 8745 4507

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Altar Flowers

Providing flowers for the Lord's Table is a special way to honor or remember loved ones while adding beauty to the worship service at Christ Church. If you would be interested in contributing flowers to decorate the worship space this fall, please contact Barbara Carier (bcarier3@gmail.com) or the church office for more information.