



Christ United Methodist Church - Amherst, NY

"Making Connections & Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love & Service"

## Weekly Update - September 25



*Be in prayer for Pastor Daven and Brad Loliger this week as they are at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas for the Leadership Institute 2019. This gathering is aimed at helping United Methodist leaders navigate and lead through the next steps for the denomination.*

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### *Ways to Make a Difference*

#### **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 **cooking supplies (flour, sugar, oil, and salt) and healthy snacks (crackers, granola bars)** during the summer. They also request **paper bags** and **reusable shopping bags (NOT plastic bags)** to pack groceries.

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

## *Cards for Caring*

Have you seen the cards in the Cafe? They're free! Send a card, send a smile to a friend or neighbor who can't make it to church. Spread some joy and sunshine!

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## *This Week at Christ Church*

### *Church Office Hours:*

*Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm, Thurs. – 9am to Noon*

### **Wednesday, September 25**

- 7pm - Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 26**

- 1pm - 'Thirstaid' Thursday
- 7pm - Hospitality Team

### **Saturday, September 28**

- **Make a Difference Day, Part 2! Join a project!**

### **Sunday, September 29**

- **10am - Worship Service**
  - **11am - Make a Difference Day Reflections in the Cafe**
  - **11am - FaithXpress**
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*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.

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## *Daily Bible Reading – 2019 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 25: Isaiah 4-6; Galatians 3

September 26: Isaiah 7-9; Galatians 4

September 27: Isaiah 10-12; Galatians 5

September 28: Isaiah 13-15; Galatians 6

September 29: Isaiah 16-18; Ephesians 1

September 30: Isaiah 19-21; Ephesians 2

October 1: Isaiah 22-23; Ephesians 3

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## *Joys*

**JOY!** Congratulations to **Olivia Smith**, who won her age group in the Platter's 5K!

**JOY!** Congratulations to **Patty Keller**, who ran in the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon this past weekend!

## *In Our Healing Prayers*

**Bruce Burr** - home following hospitalization

**Jan Rhinehart** - fractured wrist

**Dave Mitchell** (home), **Karen Phillips**, **Pat Zaleski**, **Joe & Carolyn Day**, **Michael Farley**, **Ally Stier**, **Dick Radel**, **Bob Varian**, **Inez Beachley**, **John Ladowski**, **Chrissy Merrill**, **Joyce Moser**, **Janet Hill**, **Sissie Mooney**, **Mary Jane Shanley**, **Sue Estee**, **Frank Annunziata**, **Jean Ericson**, **Kevin Cetola**

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

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

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## **Make a Difference Day, Part 2 THIS Saturday, September 28!!**

**It's not too late to join in a project this Saturday morning!** Contact the team leader of the group you'd like to join.

We will be sharing about our experiences following the worship service on **Sunday, September 29** in the Café.

Projects include:

- [Compass House](#): Sorting clothing in the morning, concluding with making lunch and eating with the residents. Carpool from church at 9:30 a.m., project from 10am-1pm.

**Team Leader: Pastor Daven** ([revdwoskvig@gmail.com](mailto:revdwoskvig@gmail.com))

- [Paws in the Park](#): Helping with parking for this SPCA family fundraiser event.  
*Breakfast and lunch are provided.*

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- [Seneca Street UMC](#): Various indoor projects: cleaning kitchen and pantry cupboards, bathrooms, and pews. Carpool from church at 8:40 a.m., project from 9am-1pm.

**Team Leader: Peggy Bermudez** ([bradbermudez@hotmail.com](mailto:bradbermudez@hotmail.com))

- [Habitat for Humanity](#): Helping build a brick fence for a community garden in Buffalo.  
Carpool from church at 9:30 a.m., project from 10am-2pm. *Lunch is provided.*

**Team Leader: Bob Lovell** ([rvovellthg@cs.com](mailto:rvovellthg@cs.com))

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## [A.O.L. \(Adult Opportunities for Learning\)](#)

Sundays Following Worship

Through October 27

Join as we read through the book, [Making Sense of the Bible](#). Author Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible, addressing often misunderstood

Biblical themes such as:

- How and when was the Bible written?
- Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why?
  - Were Adam and Eve real people?
  - Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"?
  - Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the End Times?

All are welcome!

## [Searching the Scriptures](#)

### **Tuesdays at Noon**

Each Tuesday 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!

## [Thirstaid Thursdays](#)

### **Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m.**

### **Through October 17**

All are invited to participate in discussion about prayer each Thursday afternoon in the Wesley Room. How should I pray? Does prayer make a difference? Are there different kinds of prayer? What can I do to improve my prayer life? Come quench your thirst for a vibrant prayer life!

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## Community Youth Group

All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to meet downstairs following worship every other Sunday for fun activities and events!

Here's our fall schedule:

**October 6 @ 11 a.m.:** Apple Picking and Applesauce Making

**October 20 @ 11 a.m.:** Pumpkin Picking at Akron Acres

**November 3 @ 11 a.m.:** Planning Meeting for Winter Activities & Room Set-Up

Contact John Miller ([jptmiller30@msn.com](mailto:jptmiller30@msn.com)) with any questions or to sign up!