

**Christ Church is Making Connections
& Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love & Service**

Weekly Update - September 26

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226



Our Worship Strategy Team will continue to meet throughout the fall for continued conversation and recommendations concerning the single Sunday morning worship service, as well as the potential for additional worship experiences. Please see any team member with ideas, concerns, or comments you'd like to share relating to worship at Christ Church.

Worship Strategy Team members: Beth Reilly Brown, Sue Estee, Paula Kreib, Brad Loliger, Greg Maliken, David Pliss, and Laura Smith.

Daily Bible Reading – 2018 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 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

October 2: Isaiah 24-26; Ephesians 4

Joys

JOY! Thank you to **David Mitchell** for expanding the windows between the Kitchen and the Cafe this past week!

In Our Healing Prayers

Janet Hill, The Nachbar Family, Woody Rhinehart, Valari Zanghi, Pat Noyes, Ann Burdette, Pam Elberson, Frank Annunziata, Michele Sciolino, Sue Estee, Mary Jane Shanley, Bob & Gloria Varian, Lois Lewis, Jean Ericson, Kevin Cetola, Sissie Mooney

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

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

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, September 26 - 7pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 27 - 1pm- "Thirstaid" Thursday Study

7pm - Community Service 'Hub' Team

Friday, September 28 - 7pm- Game Night

Saturday, September 29 - **11am- Memorial Service: Dr. Robert Nachbar**

Sunday, September 30 - **10 am - Worship Service**

11am - FaithXpress, AOL & Fellowship Opportunities

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.*

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 **Spam, canned Spaghetti-Os & Ravioli** in September.

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

Hurricane Florence

The extent of the damage caused by Hurricane Florence to North and South Carolina is still unknown, leaving parts of both states in crisis. Many families are now without power, homes, and some even lost their life. Upper New York Director of Missional Engagement, Mike Block, says there's a need for help. [Click here](#) to read the full response and what you can do to help today.



Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Every **Tuesday at Noon**, 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"

This opportunity is offered every **Thursday** from **1 – 2:30 p.m.** in the Wesley Room. All are welcome to come for a weekly serving of "Thirstaid" to satisfy our spirits as we explore a variety of themes with different facilitators. First up: Diane Klenk will guide "Bad Girls of the Bible" through October 4. With humor and candor, we'll take a look at what we can learn from the lives of these women.

The Wesley Challenge! *(Date Changes!)*

Between November 4 and November 25 – you are invited to engage with others, using a resource titled "**The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith**," using questions asked by John Wesley to his students and friends at Oxford University.

On Sundays, Nov. 11, 18 & 25, Pastor Daven Oskvig's sermons will explore three themes of the questions:

- *Relationship With God: an Upward Focus*
- *Relationship with Self: an Inward Focus*
- *Relationship with Others: an Outward Focus*

The Spiritual Formation Team invites adults and youth to participate in "The Wesley Challenge" by reading the book daily beginning November 4 (one question for each day), attending worship each Sunday, and joining with others in group reflection and conversation during the three-week period.

So we will know how many books to order, we invite you to complete the following form and return it to the church, or submit it on Sundays in the Café, or indicate your interest on the yellow "Connection Card" If you wish to make a donation toward the cost of the book (\$11), checks payable to "Christ UMC" should have "Wesley Challenge" on the check memo line.

Please turn in your response by Wednesday, Oct. 17

*Books will be ordered based on responses,
and available at the church on Sunday, November 4.*

The Wesley Challenge

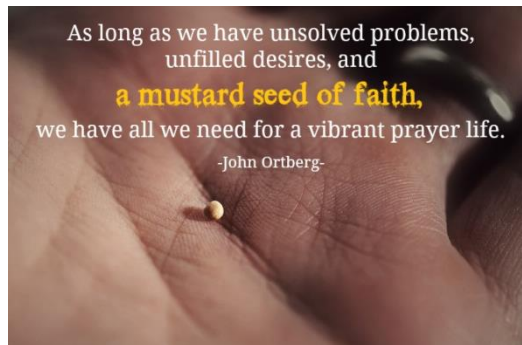
___ Yes, I want ___ book(s).

Your name(s) _____

Address _____

Donation attached/enclosed \$ _____

Send to: Christ UMC, 350 Saratoga Rd, Amherst, NY 14226 -or- submit to church office



Church Office Hours:

Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to Noon

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Worship at 10 am

Educational Opportunities at 11 am
