

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

Weekly Update - September 5

Christ United Methodist Church

Harlem & Saratoga Roads

Amherst, NY 14226

A Word From Pastor Daven

Back To School

Yellow school buses have now appeared alongside the tapestry of color in the school supply sections of local stores. Schedules in homes adapt from the more casual and relaxed of summer to fall. For some with the passing of Labor Day the joy of the summer now descends toward the despair of winter. But this time, at least for me, is always one of renewed wonder and possibility.

Certainly we have additional opportunities and actives that arise and resume in this season at the church. But more than that, we are focusing through this fall at learning from the feet of Jesus - going to back to school. We are seeking that learning in the parables, these tiny teachings pregnant with meaning. My hope is that we will participate in seeing this fall as an opportunity to grow in our faith and understanding, embracing renewed times of wonder and possibility.

So amid the tension and anxiety of change, let us gather to grow together as we seek to 'Make Connections and Offer Opportunities for Faith, Love and Service' learning from Christ. A new school year begins!

-Pastor Daven





Sunday Worship

Beginning **THIS SUNDAY, September 9**, worship will take place at **10 AM on Sunday mornings** with fellowship, FaithXpress, and other opportunities directly following the conclusion of the worship service.

This worship experience will use the format and style of what has been offered in the late worship service. The Worship Strategy Team will continue to meet through 2018 for continued conversation and recommendations concerning this single Sunday worship experience along with the potential of any additional seasonally-specific, unique, or ongoing complements to this primary worship witness on Sunday morning.

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 5: Proverbs 7-8; 1 Corinthians 14:21-40

September 6: Proverbs 9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-32

September 7: Proverbs 11-12; 1 Corinthians 15:33-58

September 8: Proverbs 13-14; 1 Corinthians 16

September 9: Proverbs 15-16; 2 Corinthians 1

September 10: Proverbs 17-18; 2 Corinthians 2

September 11: Proverbs 19-20; 2 Corinthians 3

In Our Healing Prayers

Janet Hill - in rehab at ECMC

Robert Nachbar, 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

Pictorial Directory

We will continue to take pictures of families and individuals after the worship service for the first couple of Sundays in September. We are also seeking updated contact information from everyone for a new in-house pictorial directory.

Come this Sunday ready with your best smile!

This Week at Christ Church

Church Office:

Mon., Wed., Fri. – 9 am to 5 pm,

Tues. & Thurs. – 9am to Noon

Wednesday, September 5 - 7pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 6 - 7pm - Circle of Joy

7pm - Elizabeth Circle

Saturday, September 8 - 10am- UMW Breakfast Gathering

"Victorian Biblical Tea Thyme"

Sunday, September 9 - **10 am - Worship Service**

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.*

Fall Calendar

Fall is coming! **ALL** church groups must submit an updated schedule of their meetings for the fall/winter to Janelle in the church office (cumc350@gmail.com). This will ensure an accurate church calendar as we welcome both church and community groups into our building this fall.



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.

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!

NEW "Thirstaid Thursdays"

This opportunity will be offered every **Thursday** beginning **September 13** 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" from September 13 – October 4. With humor and candor, we'll take a look at what we can learn from the lives of these women. Books can be purchased for \$12 following Sunday's worship service.

Got broken, chipped or unwanted dishes you'd like to give away? We'll take them!!

We're looking for **colorful** china or pottery pieces to be used in a breaking and remaking project for FaithXpress. Bring your items to the church office by **September 23**. Contact Kay Barber with questions (634-6987).

United Methodist Women Breakfast Gathering

All are welcome to come for a breakfast gathering on **Saturday, September 8**, from 10 – 11:30a.m. in the Café. Guest Speaker Barbara Blackburn will present “Biblical Tea Thyme- Herbs of the Bible”. Rachel Circle will host and cost is \$5. Please call Grace Markello (204-8696) for reservations.

Women's Weekend

October 5-7, 2018

All women are welcome to join us for Vita Abbondante! Our Women's Weekend will be held from October 5-7 at the United Methodist House at Chautauqua Institution. Inspired by John 10:10, Chaplain Daryl Bennett will guide us as we explore ways to live more fully by caring for our bodies, minds, and spirits. Cost is \$90 and includes 2 nights and 4 meals. To reserve your place, please sign up on the poster in the Café. Checks may be made payable to UMW and placed in the UMW mail slot near the 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