

UPDATE - September 8, 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 continued our 3-week sermon series on “*Leadership.*” The sub-topic that we focused on was “*Developing Spiritual Leaders: Leaders Take the Journey Too.*” We saw how James and John, sons of Zebedee, and their mother missed the mark on all the basic leadership essentials that Jesus offered to us in his ministry and the Apostle Peter proclaimed to the church in Asia Minor:

“...whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant...the Human One came not to be served but to serve...whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.”

We were all encouraged to make as part of our spiritual leadership development as followers of Christ these other important principles:

Leaders become great not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others – John Maxwell; The X-Factor of great leadership is not

personality its humility – Jim Collins; Good leaders must first become good servants – Robert Greenleaf; Leadership is action not position – Donald McGannon; Great leaders don't set out to be a leader...they set out to make a difference; It's never about the role – always about the goal – Lisa Haisha; Be the kind of leader you will follow – Unknown. In the words of Albert Einstein, “the time has come to replace the image of success with the image of service.” To serve others is a leadership essential we all have the capacity to possess as followers of Christ. It is a reversal of values, the pursuit of discipleship that Jesus considered urgent for his followers then and now. In other words, we are called and commanded to be a servant. In fact, God created us in such a way that we will not find ultimate fulfillment until we are serving others – the simple act of service as leadership, simple everyday leadership – as simple as signing up to be a host at our Connection Café on Sundays; to be an usher or greeter on Sundays; to join our Visitation Team to visit those in need of a care-giving visit; a phone call to a friend or neighbor to pray; or just giving the time of day to someone – “lollipop moments” as Drew Dudley brought that home to us in one of his TED videos – simple but meaningful acts of service. Servant leadership is not a characteristic reserved for the extraordinary - rather it is to help every one of us discover the leader within ourselves; because every single one of us has been the catalyst for a “lollipop moment.” To redefine leadership if we wish to live lives that really matter by seeking to serve others in our faith journey. 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. See you in church and always invite someone to join us for worship!

Here's what's happening at church...

Last Sunday we welcomed **Paul Staley** as our musician for the 9 am Praise Celebration. Paul is one of the partners of Niagara Organ Works that maintains our pipe organ and he is the organist/choir director at Hamburg UMC. Paul is also the musician for Shabbat services at Temple Shir Shalom. It was a joy to welcome him as a worship leader at Christ Church!

Thank you to **Brad Bermudez**; sound technician and **Lisa Lawson**, video technician for their assistance on Sunday. Also to **Keith Suffoletto** who creates powerpoint slides for worship each week.



We hope you've had a "lollipop moment" (or several) this week. Perhaps you created one for someone else just by being you! Thank you **Olivia and Netta Smith, Emilia and Danielle Johnson, Gio Castellino** and **Joseph and Nick Teresi** for giving us all a "lollipop moment" on Sunday.

We're keeping our thoughts and prayers focused on **children, youth and college students** returning to school and especially those beginning school for the first time and/or living on their own for the first time. God is at work in these milestone moments and new beginnings and the arms of this church community are wrapped around each one. Remind your children always that they are wrapped in God's love and marked with the sign of the cross forever.



A special blessing and prayers for our partners at **Amherst Nursery School** located here.

Keep **parents, returning teachers and new teachers** starting out in your prayers as a new school year unfolds before us.

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.

UMCOR. **Multiplying Hope.** 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 or mark your cash/check contributions – Dominica or Hurricane Erika.

100% of your donations goes directly to relief work.

In our Prayers:

Ed Maker, Barbara Critoph and Herb Wilber and Peter Zaleski - at home recovering from surgery – *(Herb & Peter were 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).

Food Collection - for local food pantries

Suggested donation for this week: canned sauce & pasta

Next week: peanut butter

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.*



You can make a difference by adding an extra item or
two to your shopping cart this week.

Café Connection – Hosts are needed



Isn't it great to start your Sunday morning with a cup of coffee
waiting for you, a cold beverage to start your day, and some
delicious pastries or fruit to choose from?? And there's always
people to meet & share a conversation, or a comfortable chair in the
Gathering Space where you can take a break and just “be.”

We need your help - People are needed each week to set up, top up and
clean up so that the Cafe is a welcoming place for everyone. If you, or you

and a group, are willing to provide hospitality, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Café or call the church office. 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.



Choir - Start warming up those voices - choir season is here!

The first rehearsal will be held this week - **Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. The choir typically sings for the 11 am worship service. New and returning members are welcome. Come check things out!

For more information, please see Kevin Durkin, Minister of Music.

Sign Up Now - Darryl's social calendar is filling up fast!

Date With Darryl gatherings are still available. Please sign up for a gathering that fits your schedule on the clipboard sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the back of the worship space. Contact Paula Kreib if you have questions.

Coming up this Sunday, September 13.....

"Contradicting the Rules of Leadership:
When Leadership & Discipleship Collide"

Mark 1: 14-20, 40-44 & Mark 3: 1-4, 16-19

Happening this week:

Tuesday, Sept 8 7 pm – Christian Education Team

Wednesday, Sept 9 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal
7pm – “Date with Darryl”

Thursday, Sept 10 10:30 am – Visitation & Care Team

7 pm – Staff Parish Relations Team

Saturday, Sept 12 10 am – “**Going Green**” Breakfast **All are welcome**
Cost - \$5

Speaker - Dave Bauer from GROWWNY & Sustainable Earth Solutions

Sunday, Sept 13 - Worship at 9 am & 11 am

- 10 am - FaithXpress - Step Into My Shoes

- Apprentice Confirmation

- Adult Groups - Being Christian –

Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer

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

Beginning this Sunday, children will be 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 continue as our child care providers and **Pam Elbersen** 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

Friday – Sunday – October 2-4 -MYM October Days Retreat, Chautauqua

Sunday, October 4 – 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

You are powerful beyond measure!
Make a difference for someone today!

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