

Christ UMC Vision Statement
*"Living Christ's ways and
 exploding with love and service"*

Sunday Worship Schedule*

Praise Worship 9 am
 Education Hour 10 am
 Traditional Worship 11 am

*TOTAL STEWARDSHIP
 PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS,
 AND SERVICE*

Serving - the nature of stewardship

* beginning September 11; 10am service September 4

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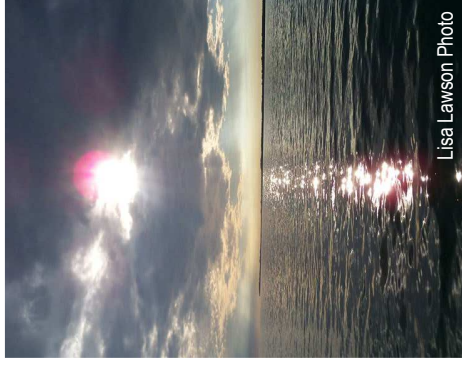
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September 2011



With Joy... From Sally

According to old Jewish regulation, a synagogue should have twelve windows in it, each window corresponding to the 12 tribes of Israel. Artist Marc Chagall's work, the 12 Jerusalem Windows, are based on this regulation. Each tribe of Israel had its own window to heaven. Each tribe had its own ways and its own accent. Only when all the accents were present could the divine language be spoken and understood. (*You can see Chagall's windows online.*)

These windows remind me of the churches of which I've been a part and others I've visited, both in the US and in other countries. No matter what size, style, or denomination, they all have their own beauty, their own experience, and their own message to convey. There's one God, one faith, one baptism, but there are many accents to those who worship the one God, one faith, one baptism. Peter, a Jew and one of Jesus' followers, affirmed that God actually chooses everyone, every nation, without any favoritism. (*Acts 10:34*) Although God created the world, God stands apart, in a unique position, not participating in any preference or partiality as we humans tend to do.

Christ Church is made up of its own unique blend of women, men, children, and youth who come with a variety of life styles, experiences, outlooks, opinions, expectations, commitments, convictions, and intentions. The blend changes as people come and go, pastors guide and inspire our faith, leaders give shape and order to how we live together in community, times and cultures change. We learn and live with new accents.

Whether we describe ourselves as missional, evangelical, liberal, conservative, moderate, mystical, contemplative, Biblical, charismatic, Anglican, Methodist, Catholic, post-modern, emergent, depressed, cynical, hopeful, or green...we are Christian, Christ followers, unfinished, and together we are becoming more than we ever thought possible.



Sally

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

Beginning September 11, our Sunday worship schedule will include Praise Worship at 9am and Traditional style worship at 11am. At 10am there will be fun learning and discussion groups for all ages.



FROM BJ'S DESK...

As I write this I have completed my first month as your Pastor (and they said it wouldn't last {grin}). I am really enjoying getting to know the Christ Church family. I am learning a lot of history and the interesting intertwining of our families. I am beginning to see vision and possibilities. As I promised last spring, I have been meeting with the Church's key leaders and have been meeting with most of you in small groups in people's homes. Here are some initial thoughts about our work together:

1. There is more here than meets the eye. I believe there is excellent strength and energy (even in the summertime) and I believe leading and building this congregation will be something we will be able to do together. We already have tremendous assets in place. We have a great facility, we have a great location, and, as I will spell out below, we have some great people in key positions.
2. Christ Church has some excellent leadership. A church cannot grow beyond its leaders' ability to lead. This is one of essential truths in leadership development. Bill Hybels, Lead Pastor of the Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago, is fond of saying that the "local church is the hope of the world and it rises and falls on the ability of its leaders." Christ Church has some excellent people in place on ministry teams, committees, and in the staff.
3. I have been deeply blessed by your welcoming of me and my wife, Karen Bellimer. You have been kind and generous and affirming. As most of you know, Karen is still commuting to her position in Syracuse and is only with me for part of the week (some weeks more, some weeks less). Thank you for praying for us and asking God to make a way. Fortunately, we still have our house in Liverpool and Karen is able to stay there when she is in the Syracuse area (although selling the house would solve a few other issues.)

As we head into the fall tell your friends and neighbors (and a few random strangers) that God is moving in the church at the corner of Saratoga and Harlem and invite them to join us.

See you when the Church gathers,

Dr. BJ



FAITH PRESS

Pre-K–Grade 5 † Sunday mornings † 10 am † Lower level

September 11 - October 16

FEASTS AND FESTIVALS

Join us in celebrating special feasts and festivals that help people of faith remember to give thanks for the things God has done. Jesus grew up in a Jewish home, learned to read the Jewish Scripture, and celebrated special festivals of the Jewish people. At FaithXpress we'll learn some of the same things that Jesus learned as a child.

September 11, 10am FaithXpress Feast in Crafts Hall

Everyone is welcome!

September 18, 10am - Shavuot, *Festival of Weeks*

September 25 - Rosh Hashanah - *Jewish New Year!*

October 2 - Happy Hanukkah

October 9 - Passover

October 16 - Shavuot, Festival of Weeks

October 23 - Children's Sabbath



SOUL-STRENGTH GROUP

Middle School † Grades 6-8 † Room 22 † Lower Level

FILL UP ON GOD'S GOODNESS



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

High School † Grades 9-12 † Room 23 † Lower Level

A.O.L.@CUMC

Adult Opportunities for Learning at Christ Church

Sunday mornings † 10am † Wesley Room † **Begins September 18**

FAITH FOR TODAY

Living as a Christian in Today's World

Monday evenings † 7pm † Wesley Room † **Begins September 12**

PASTOR'S BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Exploring the Bible with Pastor BJ

Thursday mornings † 10 am † **Begins September 29**

OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUMC welcomes Ms. **Rachel Vaughan** as our new Office Manager/Ministry Assistant. Rachel is a 2011 graduate of Oral Roberts University where she majored in writing and minored in Church Administration. She is a native of Alexandria, Louisiana. Rachel was hired after an extensive search by the SPR Team. (We received over 25 applications and interviewed seven potential candidates!) Rachel began her new duties on August 15. Stop by the office and say hello!



Richard Stanley served as our Office Manager/Ministry Assistant for over a year. He and his wife have sold their home and have moved to Erie, Pennsylvania. Christ Church says "Thank you" to Rick for his time and year of service. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

Oren Hallasch, 9:00 praise team leader, has left CUMC for a position in another church. A new team, formed by Dr. BJ, Bill and Marg Bauza, and friends began rehearsals in mid-August and will be leading the 9:00 celebration at Christ Church beginning September 11.



Mid Years + Ministry Autumn Days

For those age 55 and above

A time for renewal, community, and relaxation in a beautiful lakeside setting

September 30-October 2, 2011

The United Methodist House, Chautauqua Institution

Leader: Rev. Dr. Richard McCaughey

Retired Methodist Minister, Brother of Jean Wood. Jean and Barry Wood will be attending.

Again we will be meeting at the United Methodist House at Chautauqua, a special place for small church gatherings. The rooms are lovely with private baths and are completely handicapped accessible. Wheelchairs and wheelchair "pushers" can be available for touring the grounds.

The cost is \$80. Preference will be given to members of the church.

Requests for partial scholarship help will be kept confidential.

Reservations are limited to 20 people, so register early!

Act now! Send your \$80 (per person) check, payable to "MY+M" with the form below:

MY+M AUTUMN DAYS REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is my check for \$80 or I wish for partial scholarship help.

I can drive and have room for additional passengers.

I (we) need transportation. I request a wheelchair.

Please mail to:

Phyllis Nicholson
17 Princess Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14225



OUR OUTREACH

Sharing Our Love, Living Our Faith

Opportunities to share ourselves, our talents and our resources with others.

Current Community Outreach Opportunities



NEXUS SEMINARY, UGANDA: The mission of Nexus Seminary, Uganda, is to provide quality theological training to rural Ugandan and East African Pastors and Church leaders. Nexus was started by Rev. Davis Matovu of Uganda and Rev. Alan Howe of Rome, NY, in 2006. They developed a 20-course certificate-level training program with the goal of graduating 2000 pastors in 20 years. This fall's graduation in Kikyusa will put us almost to the 200 pastor level. Training is provided free of charge (we fund it through the Rome First United Methodist Church) and each graduate receives an NIV Study Bible and a Bible dictionary OR a Bible in Lugandan. We have seen amazing things done by our graduates including the formation of new schools, pre-schools, and other community building, life-changing ministries. If you'd like to help provide this training, see Dr. BJ for more information. He and four others from Central New York travel to Uganda October 9 - 26 to participate in this ministry and attend the fall graduations. If you would like to support Dr. BJ on this journey with prayers and/or monetary support, see him for details.



MEDIA SALE TO BENEFIT OUTREACH - NOVEMBER 12

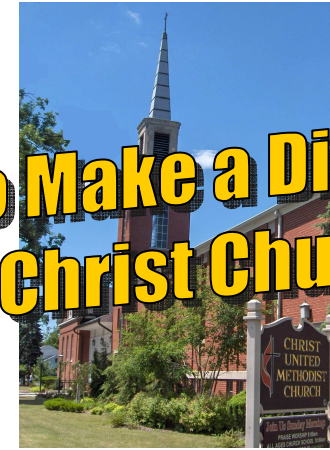
If you have old cds, dvds, vhs tapes, books, or video games that you would like to donate for the sale, please see Lee Watson or Peggy Bermudez. The proceeds will benefit the Outreach ministries of our church.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for sharing God's love and hope with the world and with our community by supporting the many Outreach ministries of our church.



A Day to Make a Difference at Christ Church



September 17, 2011

10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Dr. Scott L. Johnson, Upper New York Conference Lay Leader and Dean of University College at Buffalo State, will be facilitating a day for all of us to come together and plan our vision for Christ Church in the coming years.

Beverages, Lunch, and Child Care will be available.

Watch for a letter and survey in the coming weeks.

We need YOU there!

Imagine the Possibilities

Yes! I will attend **A Day to Make A Difference:**

Name _____

I will need child care for # ___ children, ages _____

I have the following dietary needs: _____

Please place in offering plate or mail to:

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STUDY THE BIBLE



September 2011

Follow these readings each month and read through the Bible in one year.

Th	1	The Passover	Exodus 12:1-14
F	2	Sing praises in the congregation	Psalms 149
S	3	Live honorably as in the day	Romans 13:8-14
S	4	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 18:15-20
M	5	Live as servants of God	1 Peter 2:11-17
T	6	Obedying authority	Romans 13:1-7
W	7	Jesus teaches about praying in faith	Matthew 21:18-22
Th	8	Israel delivered at the sea	Exodus 14:19-31
F	9	Tremble, O earth	Psalms 114
S	10	When brothers and sisters judge each other	Romans 14:1-12.
S	11	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	Matthew 18:21-35
M	12	The faith of Moses	Hebrews 11:23-29
T	13	Building each other up	Romans 1 4:1 3-15:2
W	14	Forgiveness for those who forgive	Mark 11:20-25
Th	15	Manna in the wilderness	Exodus 16:2-15
F	16	Remembering the wilderness	Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
S	17	Standing firm in .the gospel	Philippians 1:21-30
S	18	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	Matthew 20:1-16
M	19	Coworkers in Christ	Romans 16:1-16
T	20	God's word sweeter than honey	Psalms 119:97-104
W	21	True greatness	Matthew 18:1--5
Th	22	Water from the rock	Exodus 17:1-7
F	23	Recounting God's power	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16
S	24	Christ humbled to the point of death	Philippians 2:1-13
S	25	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	Matthew 21:23-32
M	26	Moses reunited with family	Exodus 18:1-12
T	27	Christ is proclaimed	Philippians 1:15-21
W	28	Jesus' authority to forgive and heal	Matthew 9:2-8
Th	29	The commandments at Sinai	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
F	30	The law rejoices the heart	Psalms 19

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Tom & Kathy Weaver.....	September 8, 1984
Curtis & Louise Barber 62 Years!	September 10, 1949
Edwin & Marie Maker 60 Years!	September 15, 1951
Herb & Nora Townsend Wilber.....	September 21, 1990

DR. NORRIX TRAVELS TO UGANDA IN OCTOBER

Dr. B.J. Norrix, along with 4 other United Methodists (two pastors and two educators), will be traveling to Uganda October 10 through the 27. The team will be working with the Nexus Seminary, Uganda. Nexus was developed in 2006 to bring ministerial training to pastors in rural Ugandan districts, who generally do not have access to education or theological education. Nexus provides certificate-level training for these pastors at no charge.

Nexus offers a series of 20 courses in English and Lugandan, the native language of most of our students. Each graduate receives a NIV Study Bible and Bible dictionary or, if English language skills are minimal, a Bible in the Lugandan language.

Funding for the Nexus Seminary, Uganda, is handled by Rev. Alan G. Howe of the Rome First United Methodist Church. Those who wish to support this work, or sponsor a teacher, a student, or a Bible or some other aspect of the program should see Pastor B.J. Norrix, who has brochures with essential information.

The goal of Nexus Seminary, Uganda, is to train 2000 pastors in 20 years. With October's graduations we will be at 10% of our goal and rising.

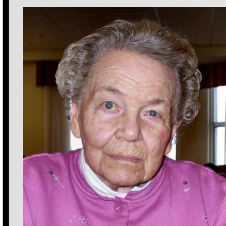
Rev. Davis Matovu, President of Nexus Seminary, Uganda, was a guest in worship at Christ Church on Sunday, August 7, 2011. He spoke about the work and had many conversations with members of the congregation in the café afterwards.

If you would like to support Dr. B.J.'s journey to Uganda or wish to directly support the mission of Nexus Seminary project please speak with Dr. BJ. The journey costs \$2500+ per person (half of this is the plane ticket). Any and all support is appreciated. He will be returning in 2012 . . . perhaps God is calling you to join him?

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

The Stewardship and Finance Committee wishes to thank everyone for their continued offerings and for honoring their commitments, even though many of you have been away for much of the summer. The attendance this summer has been remarkable and so has our income.

We look forward to seeing everyone back this month. Thank You all!



The members of Christ United Methodist Church extend our sincere condolences to the family of Charter Member Grace Critoph, who died July 13, 2011, in her 102nd year.

OCTOBER CALLER DEADLINE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY WEAVER @ 839-5918 OR KDW23@VERIZON.NET

NEW



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet Thursday, September 8 at 7:30pm at the home of Mary Ball, 5919 A Vinecroft Dr., Clarence Center, 741-3301. Our speaker will be our new pastor, Dr. B.J. Norrix.

Hostess is Beth Sweet, 210-8966. Please contact either Mary or Beth if you plan to attend.

Deborah Circle will meet Tuesday, September 28 in the Wesley Room at 12 noon.

Rachel Circle will meet at 12 noon, Tuesday, September 20, in the Wesley Room.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

- 4: No Meeting
- 11: Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Noon to 5 pm
- 16-17-18 Letchworth retreat, cost \$50 person, due 9/11
- 25: No meeting



More Information? Call Tim Reed, 838-4230 or Viki Smith, 839-1989

UNITED METHODIST MEN



We had a busy summer! July's visit to the Route 5 reconstruction sites was followed by a tour of the Roycroft Campus in East Aurora. Several new faces joined the group.

This month we'll meet at the church at 9am on Saturday, September 10, for a tour of the Buffalo River by kayak! Yes, you read it right! Thanks to our own Tim Reed of *Adventures in Fitness*, we'll have the opportunity to see some of our area landmarks from a completely unique perspective. All equipment and safety aids will be furnished. Don't miss this! All men welcome. Questions? See Tom Nye or Chris Klenk.



Note: Please contact Tom Nye at 648-1850 no later than September 10 to reserve a spot!

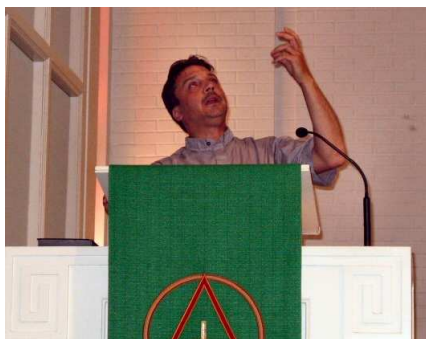


SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Kayleen Hannon	4	Will Gowen.....*	19
Ryan James	4	Jessica Lawson.....	19
Kathleen Morris.....	6	Jonathan Miller.....	19
Don Parsons	8	Rob McCray.....	20
Bim Rowlands	9	Sandra Paddock.....	20
Darcie Beyer.....	11	Beth Reilly-Brown	20
Emma Reagan.....	11	Drew Smith.....	20
Barbara Brayman.....	14	Hildegard Webber.....	20
Doris Steinmetz	15	Lisa Malpica.....	24
Glenn Hurst.....	17	Danielle Keller	25
Kevin Johnston.....	18	Barbara Carier	26
Jim Pollard	18	Jean Wood	27

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011



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<p>4 <i>Worship 10a</i> Mens Kayak Tour Deadline</p> 	<p>5 LABOR DAY Office Closed</p>	<p>6 Library Team 9:30a Dance 6:15p Outreach Team 7p</p>	<p>7 Choir 7:30p</p>	<p>8 Stewardship / Finance 7p Elizabeth Circle 7:30p</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Men's Club Kayak Tour of the Buffalo River 9a-1p See page 10 Habitat Work Day</p>
<p>11 <i>Praise Worship 9a</i> <i>Education Hour 10a</i> <i>Traditional Worship 11a</i> Angel Food Deadline</p> 	<p>12 Health & Wellness 7p Pastor's Bible Conversations 7p</p>	<p>13 DEADLINE OCTOBER CALLER Dance 6:15p Christian Ed Team 7p</p>	<p>14 Choir 7:30p</p>	<p>15 UMW Meeting 7p Trustees 7:30p</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 A DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT CUMC In-House Retreat 10a-3p</p>
<p>18 <i>Praise Worship 9a</i> <i>Education Hour 10a</i> <i>Traditional Worship 11a</i></p>	<p>19 Staff Meeting 10a Pastor's Bible Conversations 7p</p> 	<p>20 Rachel Circle 12n Dance 6:15p</p> 	<p>21 Choir 7:30p</p>	<p>22 CALLER Collating Church Council 7p</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Angel Food Pick Up 12n-1p</p>
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