

UPDATE - August 18, 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

Summer Hours (Through September 4):** Janelle Martin, Office Manager, is available in the church office Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 3 pm., Fridays – 9am to **12 noon

****Please note change to Friday office hours.***

SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

9:00a.m. – Praise Celebration Worship & 11:00a.m. – Traditional Style Worship

Why not bring a Friend this week and share the Love and Grace of God?

Visit us on the World Wide Web at: www.Christchurchamherst.org

Or call us at: [716-839-2460](tel:716-839-2460)

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A word from Pastor Darryl

I shared with us last Sunday that:

- a. Jesus is our lifeline in our search for meaning for our lives. That this search for meaning and significance is the most important psychological issue of our time. Jesus offers living bread in connecting us to the divine and giving us an understanding of purpose in life in loving and serving others in a way that helps establish God’s reign in the here and now;
- b. Jesus is our lifeline in our need for support in facing obstacles and trials in our lives. People have been able to overcome all kinds of obstacles because of the faith they have in God through Jesus Christ. We can think of several examples of people in our own church community and in history that can be regarded as “overcomers.” Here are some books/resources I mentioned related to their life’s experiences: Andrew Young “Walk In My Shoes”; Bishop Desmond Tutu “The Rainbow People of God” and “No Future without Forgiveness”; Nelson Mandela “Conversations With Myself”; also look at the film “Invictus”; and Bethany Hamilton “Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and

Fighting to Get Back on the Board.” These are all people along with others we personally know whose faith in God has helped them become “overcomers.” Let us be in prayer for those who may be experiencing depression, the inability to find a job, family struggles – especially with young people. I spent last week at Camp Casowasco as one of five (5) key leaders with 29 participants between the ages of 14-18 attending a leadership camp called Director’s Invitational (DI). It was both exhilarating and sometimes troubling to encounter the personal stories of some these young people with their own struggles with issues of family relationships, peer pressure, a church that doesn’t listen to or address their needs around worship and authentic connections in a relevant way, and their desire and passion to be in mission with others in their local communities. In more ways than one Jesus is their lifeline. I was encouraged by their commitment to stay connected to United Methodist churches and to help create new and different avenues for being the church! 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 **Ron Corsaro** offered his gift of music as he played on the piano two selections; “Beware My Heart” (S. Coslow) and “All The Things You Are” (J. Fearn)

In our Prayers: Ed Maker at home recovering from surgery; **Guy Castellino & family; Wenner Family; Ann Burdette** at Brompton Heights; **Mary Jo Evans**, Blocher Home; **Elizabeth Brunner**, broke her arm; **Mitch Mooney** - Amberleigh; **Glenn Hurst** at home; **Tom Davis** at Elderwood Room 312-A, 200 Bassett Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221; **Sharon Ferrelli** beginning radiation treatment; **Dr. Robert Nachbar** ,Blocher Home; **Charles Terranova**, Hodgkins Lymphoma; **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) especially: **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 fruits & vegetables (low sodium)

Next Week – Cereal – (Hot, Cold, bars)

All non-perishable food items are always welcome and paper products are also needed - tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary products.

Please place items in the grocery carts at the church.

Café Connection – Hosts Needed

Each Sunday morning everyone is welcomed to our Café where food and beverages are available and a place to meet people, read or just take a break and “be.” People are needed to set up, top up and clean up. 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.

Choir

Start warming up those voices - choir season will soon be upon us! The first rehearsal will be held **Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30p.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 - A Date With Darryl

Clipboard sign- up sheets are available on the bulletin board at the back of the worship space. During August & September small group gatherings with Pastor Darryl will take place at various locations. You'll have the opportunity to get to know more about Pastor Darryl and your church friends. Contact Paula Kreib if you have questions.

Powerful Tools For Caregivers – Tuesdays, Sept 1 – Oct 6 4 – 6:30pm

Trinity Old Lutheran Church

3445 Sheridan Dr. Amherst

Cost - \$25 (covered for Ind. Health & Blue Cross/Shield members)

The program is designed to provide tools you need to take care of yourself, reduce stress, improve self-confidence, better communicate your feelings, balance your life, increase your ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. *Pre-registration is required.*

Call (716) 858-2177 or e-mail caregiver@erie.gov for more information about Powerful Tools for Caregivers Classes and to register.

Family Promise

We will be hosting a family who is homeless through Family Promise on Friday, August 28 at Crossroads Lutheran Church on Main Street at Burroughs Dr. Help is needed to set up and serve dinner from 4:45 – 7 pm. and to visit with the family from 7 – 9:45 pm. Contact **Lee Watson at 837-0589** to offer your help.

Coming up this week

Tuesday – August 18, 7 pm – Outreach Team (Library) & Trustees (Café)

Thursday – August 20 – 9:30 am “Caller” Collation Team (Wesley Rm)

Friday - August 21 – MYM Picnic in Clarence Town Park – 3-7 pm

Coming up this Sunday, August 23...

Series continues with: “Miracles & Multitudes – Too Hard to Swallow” John 6:55-69

Remember – There’s more in you than can you can imagine.

Build Confidence Expand Connections Improve Competence

Strengthen Character Increase Commitment

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