

# CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## Sunday Worship Schedule

Praise Celebration 9 am      All Ages Education Hour 10 am

Traditional Style Celebration 11 am

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

*Interim Pastor*

**Rev. James M. Pollard**

*Minister for Christian Education & Community Life*

**Sally J. Pollard**

*Office Manager/Ministry Assistant*

**Janelle Martin**

*Minister of Music*

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9-5

Tuesday & Thursday 9-Noon





## With Joy... From Sally

What matters most? Jesus was asked that question. His response..."Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Luke 10:27)

Love your neighbor as yourself. Could it be that simple? The Hebrew word for love, *ahavah*, means "to act lovingly toward" or "to be loyal to." It's an action rather than a feeling. Perhaps when we *act* lovingly toward our neighbor, loving *feelings* follow. But before loving our neighbor comes loving God with our lives—body, soul, strength, and mind. We should love God with everything we've got. We love our neighbors because God's love matters most. Dave Runyon in his book, The Art of Neighboring, writes, "Jesus is a genius! He is asked to pick one commandment that is more important than all the others. And he shares something that would change the world, if only every person who believes in Jesus would actually do it."

Like most churches we put a lot of time and effort into our gathering experiences, like worship, teaching/learning experiences, men's and women's gatherings, youth gatherings, etc. Gathering is meant to energize and deepen our love for God and to fuel our love for our neighbor after we leave the gathering. What if we put as much time, effort, and resources into our going out as our coming in? Getting involved with and getting to know the people around us, their stories, their hurts and hopes, and their dreams?

"My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can't know God if you don't love." (1 John 4:7-8 The Message)

Loving our neighbor is difficult. But it just might make the world a better place and keep us from being self-absorbed jerks! ;)

Sally



## A PERSONAL WORD FROM JIM POLLARD

### Becoming a Vital Church

About the time you read this page, Christ Church will have experienced the planning retreat that is the first step in looking to the future of the church's life and ministry. I am anticipating that the outcome of the retreat will enable further conversation and reflection as we look to the future. Watch for opportunities to get involved.

What makes for a vital church, a fruitful congregation? In a book titled *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase offers the following practices:

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- Extravagant Generosity

Bishop Schnase asks this question: "How would your church look if your congregation committed to performing these five practices with excellence?" It's a question worth answering.

In Christ's service,

Jim

**Notice: An Annual Church Conference will be convened on Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:00 am. The agenda for the meeting will include receiving reports from church teams: the Board of Trustees, Memorials Team, the Endowment Fund Team, the Church Council, Stewardship and Finance Team, Staff Parish Relations Team, Lay Member of Annual Conference, Lay Leader, church staff, and the Pastor. Also included will be the election of church leaders and team members, including church Trustees. All members of Christ Church are voting members of the Church Conference. Rev. Wayne Butler, District Superintendent, will preside. Please mark your calendars now.**

**DECEMBER-JANUARY CALLER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT BARBARA MITCHELL @ 839-2435 OR BBMITCH@VERIZON.NET**

## OUTREACH MISSIONS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2016



### The Giving Tree

The tradition of The Giving Tree continues and will be in Crafts Hall starting November 20. If you wish to participate, please take a tag and return your gift unwrapped by December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please attach the tag to your gift so we can be sure it gets to the right person.

This year's charities are Gateway-Longview, Haven House, Primera UMC, Habitat for Humanity, Family Justice Center, and Veterans.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Klenk at 651-0236.

Let us remember those who are less fortunate at this time of the year and make their lives more joyful!

We are so blessed; let's pass that on to others! Thank you for your help!

### Turkey Baskets

Christ Church is gathering food for Turkey Baskets, which provide Thanksgiving dinners to families in need.

Please place the following items in the baskets in Crafts Hall: stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, potatoes, canned fruit, and brownie mix. Turkeys can be given to a member of the Outreach Team to be stored in the freezer. Dash's register tapes will also be collected. Please bring items to church by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

The Turkey Basket Project is sponsored by North Presbyterian Church. Partners in this project include Congregation Shir Shalom, Temple Beth Zion, the Presbyterian Village, Amherst Presbyterian Church, Christ United Methodist Church, Williamsville East High School, local Girl Scout troops, Dash's Markets, Tops Markets, and Wegmans, who work together to supply 500 families with all the fixings for their own Thanksgiving dinners.

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

There will be a special Thanksgiving offering received on Sunday, November 20. There is a special envelope in your box of envelopes and also in the pews. This offering will be used to help with our general expenses and we pray you will be generous with your gifts.

November 20 will also be Commitment Sunday and we ask that you have your pledge cards into the office by this date so we can have your 2017 envelopes ready for pick up on December 4. We will also need the results of this pledge campaign for the 2017 church budget and ministerial decision.

## FAITH + PRESS

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

November – December

**Children! Youth! Adults!**

It's time to get ready for our Christmas pageant!

## Merry Christ-Mess

Only God Can Turn A Mess Into A Message!

Rehearsals

Sundays - 10 am

Saturdays, December 10 & 17 – 10 am

Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 18, 11 am

“Open The Door” Party follows...



## IN MEMORIAM

We offer our prayers and condolences to the families and friends of these members and friends who passed away in October:

**Dr. Harold R. Ortman**

Retired Dentist and UB Professor, 98

**Dr. Glenn F. Hurst**

Retired Buffalo State Professor, 81, survived by his wife Beverley

**Jack L. Getman**

Former member, 83, resided in Florida, survived by his wife Hazel

**Claudia E. Swenson**

Daughter of Bill and Ruth Swenson, 66, resided in Florida

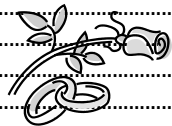
## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Moser .....	08
Tammy Mugel.....	08
Ian Johnson .....	10
David Mitchell .....	10
Grace Markello .....	12
Carol Corsaro .....	13
Ian Webber .....	13
Chris Sciolino.....	15
Lynn Ramsey .....	16
Jim Beller .....	20
Evelyn Cole .....	21
Reid Lesswing.....	22
George Voskerchian.....	23
Wyatt Hannon .....	24
Anne Reed.....	27
Mary Jo Evans.....	28
Barbara Weaver.....	28
Alicia Bermudez .....	29
Sean Johnson.....	29



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Geoff & Janet Hill .....	November 21, 1970
Jim & Laurie Hannon .....	November 22, 1980
Guy & Sharon Ferrelli.....	November 24, 1974
Fraser & Lucile Mooney .....	November 14, 1984
Ian & Nicole Johnson .....	November 15, 2014
Al & Julie Wrisley (54 years!) .....	November 24, 1962
Jim & Sally Pollard .....	November 28, 1981



### PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

On Sunday, November 6th at noon, the Staff-Parish Relations Team will host a potluck luncheon to celebrate Rev. Jim Pollard's ministry among us. Please bring a dish to share and a card or note of appreciation for Jim. We are thankful for all Jim is doing as our pastor and as our partner in mission and ministry at Christ Church!

## MYM Christmas Dinner



Sunday, December 11 at 1:00 PM

Sean Patrick's Restaurant  
3480 Millersport Hwy  
Getzville NY 14068



### Dinner Selections:

Prime Rib	\$28	Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$21
Potato Encrusted Haddock	\$23	Vegetarian Lasagna	\$20

**Dinner includes: Chef Salad and Dressings, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Rolls, Butter, Ice Cream with Caramel Sauce, Coffee and Tea**

Entertainment to be announced.

Please purchase your tickets in Crafts Hall on Sunday,  
November 20, 27 and December 4 after the 9:00 or  
11:00 service

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DEADLINE NOV. 7



We invite you to share God's love with children around the world in a tangible way! Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected and delivered more than 113 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 150 countries through Operation Christmas Child.

Shoeboxes are available to fill with toys, school supplies, gift items, and notes of friendship and encouragement. Filled boxes should be returned to the church by **Monday, November 7**, to be taken to the drop-off site.

Boxes and "How To Pack A Shoebox" brochures, including gift suggestions, box labels, and packing instructions, will be available in October. Donation envelopes will be included; a donation of \$7/box covers shipping costs. If you care to make a cash donation only, it will go to cover these shipping costs. Those donating online have the option of tracking their shoebox to its delivery point. Members of the Uganda Mission Team spotted OCC boxes in Uganda last year, so we know they really bring joy to kids around the world!

Contact Janelle (cumc350@gmail.com) for further information, or visit:  
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



All are welcome at our **Keeping in Touch Breakfast Gathering** on **Saturday, November 12**, from 10:00 – 11:30am. Circle of Joy will host the event and the cost is \$5. Beginning October 23<sup>rd</sup>, sign up to visit members of our church family who are unable to attend worship. Circle of Joy will provide gift bags to take on your visits. Share the story of your visit at the November 12<sup>th</sup> breakfast gathering. Least Coin, World Thank Offering, and Pledges for 2017 will be received at this gathering. Please call Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897 for reservations.

**Children's Sabbath will be celebrated at both worship services on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.** The theme for this year is "Children of Promise." Sandy Cumming will be our speaker and members of United Methodist Women will be leading the worship services.



## CIRCLE NEWS

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet Thursday, November 3, at 7 pm at the home of Paula Kreib, 10 Constance Lane, Cheektowaga (725-6067) for an evening of fellowship. Hostess is Kay Barber (634-6987.) Providing supplies for the Flood Buckets is our service project. You may bring your donations to the church office during office hours.

**Rachel Circle** will meet Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the Wesley Room at noon.

**Circle of Joy** will meet on Thursday, November 3, at 7:00 pm at Dede Johnson's home. We will be gathering items for women veterans and planning activities for 2017.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN



### "Cruisin' the St. Lawrence River and Eastern Seaboard"

Barb & Bruce Burr and Marcia & Bob Snyder recently completed a Viking Cruise and would like to share photos and commentary with you. The trip began in Montreal and continued to Quebec City, Sanguenay, Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Boston, and finally New York City with many excursions.

The bodies of water included the St. Lawrence River, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Atlantic Ocean, Cape Cod Canal, and New York Harbor.

We'll meet Saturday, November 12 at 10:30 am in the Wesley Room. Lunch will follow at a restaurant TBA!



## UGANDA WELL CHALLENGE SPAGHETTI DINNER

Come one, come all, come hungry!

Spaghetti with homemade sauce and meatballs

Garlic bread and salad





Desserts available for \$1.00

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 5-7 PM**

Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 children under 12 years

Clean water improves the health and productivity of a whole community!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Stewardship & Finance 7p	2 Choir 7:30p	3 MYM 12:15p Praise Team 6:30p Circle of Joy 7p Elizabeth Circle 7p	4 Books We Have Loved 10a <b>Uganda Well Challenge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7p</b>	5
6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Pastor Appreciation Luncheon 12n	7 Library Team 10:30a Leadership Development Team 7p <b>Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due!</b>	8 Staff-Parish Relations Team 7p	9 Choir 7:30p	10 Praise Team 6:30p	11 OFFICE CLOSED Veterans Day	12 UMW Breakfast 10a UM Men "Cruisin'..." 10:30a
13 <i>Children's Sabbath</i> Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a  DECEMBER-JANUARY CALLER DEADLINE	14	15 Rachel Circle 12n  Christian Ed. 7p Trustees 7:30p	16 Choir 7:30p	17 Visitation Team 11a  Praise Team 6:30p Outreach Team 7p	18	19
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