

Christ UMC Vision Statement
*"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*

Serving - the nature of stewardship

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With Joy... From Sally

November: Thanksgiving Day, harvest time for enjoying apples and squash, awareness of blessings, gratitude for gifts... Maybe your list is similar. It's meaningful and necessary for us to consider all that we've been given. If we reflect honestly we may find ourselves

overwhelmed by all that is ours.

When we're talking gifts, none of these things has been earned. By definition all gifts are given freely. God has been very generous. God is lavish in love, generous in goodness, even Jesus is a free gift to us. God's generosity draws us to look at our own generosity: How generous have we been? Are we people who give freely of our treasures? Do we long to follow God's example of giving freely? These are good questions, but here's a question that caused me to think about generosity in a new way...What is the point at which a person becomes generous?

After pondering and searching through books and articles, here's what I found. A list of ten ways to become a more generous person included considering the report that generous people are happier, healthier, and more satisfied with life than those who don't give. It went on to suggest making a list of things for which you are grateful, considering what passions move you, and becoming involved alongside someone that you admire in something they support. While these suggestions don't answer the question regarding the point at which one becomes generous, they demonstrate that while generosity is typically seen as the opposite of self-serving, considering the personal benefits can be an important step to becoming generous.

One thing seems clear. Generosity doesn't happen by chance. A "wait and see what's left over after we care for ourselves" approach doesn't make us generous. The problem is that most of the time there's nothing left over... no time, no energy, no money, no interest, etc. Generosity is the result of an intentional decision that we make in our lives. One blogger said it this way, "...generosity is the new decluttering. It's what happens next in a life that's so much more interesting than an average one." So, what is the point at which a person becomes generous? It's that moment when we decide we're capable of making a difference in the world and start addressing the needs of others around us. In doing so, we help shape our community into a healthier one.

Sally



FROM BJ'S DESK...

In November our ancestors marked with a great feast and celebration the end of harvest and the acknowledgement that enough food had been grown, preserved, and stored to last us until the first fruits of spring and the next harvest. This celebration is marked in most countries and

religions with great feasting. It was important to feast and celebrate because if we go back just a generation or two, our families survived from harvest to harvest. One bad growing season could spell a very lean winter and, perhaps, even starvation. Thus, the awareness that we would survive another winter had to be marked in this way. The celebration would involve copious amounts of food: huge birds, roasted meats, vegetables, and bakery items, both practical and frivolous. We call this event "Thanksgiving."

The focus of Thanksgiving was the awareness of God's generosity and bounty. We would pause in our great feasting, hold hands, and somberly give thanks to God for our lives and the means to survive. Then, let the party begin, because celebration is also a central Christian discipline. For the Christian, the word "Thanksgiving" in the Greek is "eucharista", which literally means "to give thanks." We call Communion "Eucharist" because at the heart of the sharing of the bread and the cup is a prayer thanking God for all that God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

For many years I have tried to combine these two events with a gathering on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (this year November 21) with a quiet service of communion and a time to express our thanks to God for the life and bounty we enjoy. **Join me on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 for a vespers service of thanksgiving here at Christ Church.**

Finally, on behalf of John Miller and Kathryn Weaver (and Esther Keeney and Clair Mosher,) we want to thank you for the prayers and encouragement on our recent Uganda mission. We were overwhelmed by your support and upheld by your prayers and we are thankful. We will take time as we move forward to share our stories and photos and experiences with all of you. Kathy and John (and Esther Keeney) served between 1200 and 1500 persons through various clinics over 6 events. I was overwhelmingly proud of our team and the hard and dedicated work they accomplished.

BJ Norrix,
lead servant

Outreach Opportunities



United Methodist Student Day- November 25 The United Methodist Student Day offering awards loans and scholarships to students who attend United Methodist and other accredited colleges and universities.

In addition, a portion of the United Methodist Student Day offering is returned to annual conferences for merit scholarship awards to students of their choosing. Ninety percent of the United Methodist Student Day offering helps support the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry scholarship programs, while 10 percent is for student loans. Each United Methodist-related college receives money from the offering for scholarships. Each annual conference gets 10 percent of its Student Day receipts to award to merit scholars

Giving Tree will arrive in Crafts Hall on Sunday, Nov. 18. This year's recipients will be from Gateway Longview, Haven House, and Habitat for Humanity. Please take a tag or more, fulfill the wish, and bring it back to church unwrapped with the tag by December 8. Thank you for making someone's Christmas brighter by sharing Christ's love with our community.



Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16



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

Middle School † Grades 6-8 † 10 am † Room 22 † Lower Level

Join in experiences that show how much we can accomplish when we allow God's strength and guidance to work through our lives.

Tell Me The Story of Christmas

Christmas Pageant

All children, youth, and adults are invited to share in this pageant filled with singing, storytelling and pantomime. Rehearsals will take place during November on Sunday mornings at 10 am. In December there will be additional Saturday rehearsals and the pageant will take place on Sunday, December 23 at the 11 am worship celebration.

Contact Sally Pollard for more information.

A.O.L. @ CUMC

Adult Opportunities for Learning at Christ Church

Sunday mornings † 10 am † Wesley Room

November 4 - November 25

View the film "The Line" on Sunday, Oct. 88; join discussion in November.

Justice For The Poor: Studying Poverty

Facilitators: Beth Sweet and Peggy Bermudez

"When the wealthy are dying from diseases of overabundance and the poor are dying from inadequate healthcare, poor diets, and stress-related illnesses, there is a spiritual disease in society." - Jim Wallis

How are Christians called to respond to material and spiritual poverty? How can we learn from the poor? What is our responsibility to care for the poor and to advocate for justice on their behalf? Come and explore these questions and take a look at some innovative approaches to raising people out of poverty

Going Deeper

Sundays † 6 pm † Wesley Room † Pastor BJ - facilitator

Practice the spiritual disciplines that lead us into the presence of God.

Contact Pastor BJ for more information

Weekday Bible Study - The Prophets

Thursdays † 10 am † Wesley Room † Pastor BJ - facilitator

All are welcome to join in this ongoing study and reflection on the minor prophets.

Balaam's Donkey

or *Heavens are Declaring But Are We Listening?*

A workshop on science, Christianity, and the worship, education, and mission of 21st century congregations

Saturday, November 10, 9 am - 4:30 pm

North Presbyterian Church

300 North Forest Road, Williamsville - 632-1330

Rev. James B. Miller - facilitator

General Missioner Presbyterian Assoc. on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith

To reserve call 632-1330 by Monday, November 6. Cost \$20, \$10 for students



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, November 17 10 am -12 noon at Christ Church

Breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children; includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, and beverage.

Children can visit with Santa and receive a complimentary photo.

Proceeds benefit both CUMC and the Amherst Players Community Theater

Coming in December: "Broadway Santa," an Amherst Players Production at the Harlem Rd. Community Center. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the North Pole gang make Broadway history!

WITH CHRISTMAS APPROACHING, A REMINDER

Please Save:

- Campbell's labels
- Boxtops for Education
- Cancelled stamps (tear off corner of envelope) from your cards!
- Dash's register tapes (New addition)

Put in the containers on top of the microwave in the kitchen. Thank you!



Mid-Years Ministry
Christmas in Italy

BUON NATALE



Friday, December 7, 2012 at 5:30 pm in Crafts Hall

Menu:

Appetizers and Punch • Meat Lasagna with Red or White Sauce
Salads and Breads • Variety of Italian Cookies • Coffee, Tea

Carol Sing with Ron Corsaro

Entertainment:

The Amherst Male Glee Club singing holiday classics, carols, and original songs

Tickets: \$18, on sale in Crafts Hall, November 18, 25, and December 2

Proceeds will benefit the CUMC Youth Group



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 7:30 pm, Thurs. November 1 in the Wesley Room at church for our Service Project, Gift Bags for the Women Veterans Program. Contact Barb Carier 839-0933 to let her know what you will provide; call hostess Donna Hammond 844-8091 to let her know that you will attend. Program Manager Jill LaMantia RN. MSN, NP will attend to talk about women VA patients.

Deborah Circle: Tuesday, November 27, in the Wesley Room at 12 noon.

Rachel Circle: 12 noon, Tuesday, November 20, in the Wesley Room.

UMW MEETING: KEEPING IN TOUCH

This month the UMW will meet at the church Saturday, November 3, at 10 am. Coordinators are Pat Zaleski & Grace Markello, and the hostesses are the Deborah Circle.

A \$5 continental breakfast will be served. The program will include a pledge service, World Thank Offering, Least Coin Offering, and election of officers.



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Fiscal Year from May 1 thru September 30, 2012:

Total Operating Income: \$107,271.00
 (including \$8,000 from the Endowment.)
 Total Expenses: \$130,975.00
 Deficit: \$ 23,704.00

(= the amount we are behind on our World Service (Apportionments) pledge)

We've been able to keep the church in business by paying our bills, but at this writing, there is \$2,926.00 in our account to meet current bills and payroll!

We've been able to pay the offerings designated monthly for World Service, but the Conference is on a calendar year and the remainder of our commitment is due December 31. To this end, we are receiving a Thanksgiving Offering on November 18, designated for World Service. There will be special Thanksgiving Offering envelopes in the pews and the Bulletin on that day.

Should you wish to make a separate offering, please put your cash or check in an envelope which is clearly marked "World Service."

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

4 Seneca Street 2p
 11 Rent-a-Youth 12:30p
 16-17 CCYM Gathering - Rochester



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

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE NOVEMBER 2

Rev. Jim Pollard will conduct an AARP Driver Safety class at CUMC on Friday, Nov. 2, beginning at 9 am and ending no later than 4 pm.

AARP members: \$17, others \$19, due at the beginning of class.

Enrollment is limited to 30. Contact the Christ UMC office, 839-2460 to see if there is any remaining space. Registrants should bring NY State Driver's license and AARP membership card on the day of the class.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Our October 13 outing to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum was a great success, with 15 men attending.



On Saturday, November 17, we'll meet at the church at 10 am for a trip to the Niagara Power Project, followed by lunch at an area restaurant.

DECEMBER-JANUARY CALLER DEADLINE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY WEAVER @ 839-5918 OR KDWEAVER23@VERIZON.NET

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Read a single chapter each weekday and read through the complete New Testament in 2012.

1.....	Hebrews 12
2.....	Hebrews 13
5.....	2 Corinthians 1
6.....	2 Corinthians 2
7.....	2 Corinthians 3
8.....	2 Corinthians 4
9.....	2 Corinthians 5
12.....	2 Corinthians 6
13.....	2 Corinthians 7
14.....	2 Corinthians 8
15.....	2 Corinthians 9
16.....	2 Corinthians 10
19.....	2 Corinthians 11
20.....	2 Corinthians 12
21.....	2 Corinthians 13
22.....	2John
23.....	3John
26.....	Luke 3
27.....	Luke 4
28.....	Luke 5
29.....	Luke 6
30.....	Luke




NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Geoff & Janet Hill.....	November 21, 1970
Jim & Laurie Hannon.....	November 22, 1980
Guy & Sharon Ferrelli.....	November 24, 1974
Al & Julie Wrisley 50 Years!	November 24, 1962
Jim & Sally Pollard.....	November 28, 1981

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

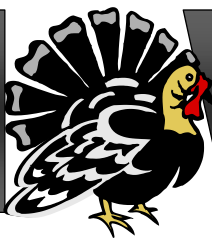



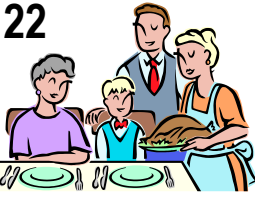

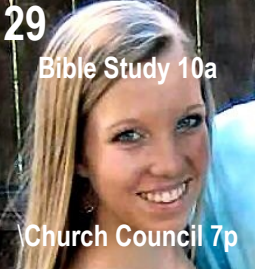

Ruth Anderson.....	01
Carl Ericson.....	03
Nancy Vastola.....	07
Joyce Moser.....	08
Tammy Mugel.....	08
Ian Johnson.....	10
David Mitchell.....	10
Jeanette Tackett.....	11
Grace Markello.....	12
Carol Corsaro.....	13
Ian Webber.....	13
Justin Kennedy.....	14
Leah Groh.....	15
Lynn Ramsey.....	16
Ashley George.....	19
Jim Beller.....	20
Evelyn Cole.....	21
Reid Lesswing.....	22
Andrea Kearney.....	22
Jean Kayser.....	23
George Voskerchian.....	23
Wyatt Hannon.....	24
Peter Johnston.....	26
Anne Reed.....	27
Mary Jo Evans.....	28
Elaine Fuller.....	28
Barbara Weaver.....	28
Alicia Bermudez.....	29
Sean Johnson.....	29





CARMEN TICCONI

Our love, prayers, and sympathy go out to Alicia Ticconi, Carlina Horley, and their family. Carmen Ticconi, dear friend and former Christ Church receptionist, passed away on Monday, October 8. Carmen joined Christ Church on April 14, 1977.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>NOVEMBER</h1> 				1 Bible Study 10a Elizabeth Circle 7:30p	2 Books We Have Loved 10a  9a-4p	3 UMW 9a
4  Standard Time Begins 2a Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Youth - Seneca St 2p	5 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6p SPR Team 7p	6 Library Team 9:30a  ELECTION DAY	7 Dance 6:15p Choir 7:30p	8 Bible Study 10a Stewardship/Finance 7p	9	10 Men's Club 10a
11 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Rent-a-Youth 12:30p	12 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6p	13 CALLER DEADLINE	14 Dance 6:15p Choir 7:30p	15 Bible Study 10a Outreach Book Study 6:30p Outreach Team 7p Trustees 7:30p	16 Books We Have Loved 10a Youth - CCYM Gathering - Rochester	17 Breakfast with Santa Amherst Players Performance 10a-12n Dance 7p
18 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a World Service Thanksgiving Offering	19 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6p	20 Rachel Circle 12n Christian Ed. Team 7p	21 Dance 6:15p The Great Thanksgiving Gathering 7p	22  Thanksgiving Day	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 
25 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a	26 Zumba 6p Praise Team 7p	27 Deborah Circle 12n	28 Dance 6:15p Choir 7:30p	29 Bible Study 10a  Church Council 7p	30 MYM Executive Board Meeting 12n  Game night 7:30p	