

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“Making connections and offering opportunities for faith, love and service”

Summer Worship Schedule

Casual Praise Celebration 9 am Traditional Celebration 11 am

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, AND SERVICE

Senior Pastor

Rev. Daven W. Oskvig

Minister for Education & Community Enrichment

Sally J. Pollard

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Janelle Martin

Minister of Music

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Summer Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-3 Tuesday and Thursday 9-noon



SEPTEMBER CALLER DEADLINE: MONDAY, AUGUST 13 to

caller 350@yahoo.com or bbmitch@verizon.net

QUESTIONS? CONTACT Barbara Mitchell @ 839-2435 or bbmitch@verizon.net

OVER THE SUMMER, A REMINDER

Please save cancelled stamps (tear off the envelope corner from cards,) Campbell's labels, Box Tops for Education, and Dash's register tapes. Place them in the appropriate containers on top of the microwave in the kitchen.

They will be given to various charities. Thank you!



July-August 2018



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This past month we paused to review the purpose we adopted as a community of faith, strategies followed to begin to live into and up to this purpose. We have explored how the guidance of the Holy Spirit led us to that discernment as we have explored the variety of ways that we know and understand this living presence of God which we call Spirit. Through it we have held up for us collectively and individually the question of where we are being led. As we move into the summer months we can leave behind the discernment of these explorations. How quickly and tragically the spiritual winds of change leading us toward the faith adventure in reaching others through the languages of our times with the Good News of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world recede with the rising heat of summer.

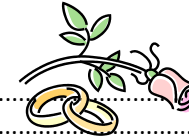
But ... but, that doesn't have to be. We can use this time as the stepping stone toward all that yet can be. We can use this time to reconnect and recover the fervor and spiritual intoxication of the early church, not only in our short-term planning for the next couple of months and our long-term planning for the year(s) ahead, but immediately. The rising heat of the summer can correspond to the fire of the Holy Spirit igniting God's truth in our lives! This spiritual fire can be not just an institutional reality of vitality, but a personal actuality of spirit. We can immediately begin to allow God's word to land within the fertile soil of our hearts and grow in our lives. We can immediately water that word through worship, prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. We can immediately allow the beauty of that word to be known in who we are - how we speak, how we act, what we commit to, what we abstain from, the choices we make. The smallest act may yet plant that same seed in others - from a smile and greeting, to an invitation to breakfast or to join us in worship— all communicating the radical hospitality of the gospel of Jesus Christ. "It only takes a spark"

We are being called by the Spirit to witness to our faith right now. Each of us can share in small and large ways God's love through the tiniest of efforts. Let the wind of the Spirit move, push, pull, and prod us to become the people God knows we are capable of being. Let the fire of the Spirit ignite our passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ "... and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing."

Yours In Christ,

Pastor Daven

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



Jim & Lynne Beller	August 06, 1977
Don & Barbara Critoph	August 08, 1981
Keith & Becky Suffoletto	August 08, 2014
Warren & Donna Hammond	August 09, 1969
Robert & Patricia Loesch (54 Years!)	August 15, 1964
Ross & Grace Markello (65 Years!)	August 15, 1953
Bim & Marion Rowlands (54 Years!)	August 15, 1964
Larry & Ann Burdette (60 Years!)	August 16, 1958
Tim Hamilton & Susan Schauer	August 16, 2013
Brad & Peggy Bermudez	August 22, 1981

FINANCE TEAM – JULY & AUGUST

The total amount of the offering for the Nabukondo School in Uganda is \$1,553.

We have received over \$10,900 for all of the recent Memorial accounts. The Fisher Family has decided that 20% of Ed's memorials will go to the Cohocton UM Church.

The Peace with Justice Offering was \$107 and the Golden Cross Offering was \$138.

The June 2nd Sunday offering was for a local needy family and we received \$447.

This is another reminder to please remember Christ Church during the summer months by keeping up with your offerings, as our financial commitments continue no matter what the season!

Thank you all for your support of CUMC.

The Finance Team

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

This past month we welcomed two new members to Christ Church, Carol Maltbie & Michael Farley.

Carol, a widow who lives in Elma, is retired from banking. She is a mother of two and grandmother of four, all of whom also live locally. She volunteers for Meals on Wheels and FISH of East Aurora.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Leanne Paddock	03
Ann Burdette	04
Sharon Ferrelli	04
Kathleen Cady	05
Robert Munley	06
Jim Hannon	07
Thomas Cataudella	10
Peggy Nye	10
Garrett Lesswing	11
Frank Parete	11
Trevor Smith	11
Frank Willhauck	11
Courtney Cataudella	13
Tom Nye	14
Hannah Smith	16
Lynne Beller	17
Debbie Laberta	20
Kay Barber	21
Shirley Downey	26
Dede Johnson	26
Greg Ramsey	27
Ryan Carier	28
John Miller	28
Brandon Miller	29
Cindy Fisher	30
Alex Ladowski	30
Linda Ladowski	30



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Alison Scaringi	01
Andrew Painton	02
Erin Johnson	05
Phyllis Maliken	05
James Juergens	06
Helen Peacock	06
Rev. Darryl Barrow	07
Steven Kraatz	07
Rubin Malpica	10
Jamie Hannon Rapini	11
Jeremiah Cordero	15
Beverley Hurst	18
Nancy Hess	23
Robert Nachbar	23
Michelle Panasiewicz	24
Megan Weaver	24
Chris Johnson	25
Jeffrey Gelormini	26
Marcia Miller	26
Dave Bechtel	27
Sandy Cumming	27
Christopher Pollard	27
Shaun Carier	28
Heather Loliger	29
John Yungbluth	30



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

David & Barbara Mitchell (54 Years!)	July 03, 1964
Tom & Darcie Beyer	July 08, 1978
James & Lisa Juergens	July 12, 2003
Chris & Laura Smith	July 15, 2006
Rubin & Lisa Malpica	July 16, 1988
John & Marie Miller	July 16, 1994
Richard & Mary Ball	July 17, 1993
Tom & Peggy Nye	July 20, 1974
Darren & Sandra Paddock	July 20, 1996
Chris & Michele Sciolino	July 24, 1993



With Joy... From Sally

“The fear and respect of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” Prov. 1:7 “Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Prov. 22:6 “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do comes from it.” Prov. 24:3. These are

wisdom sayings from the Bible; common sense examples of what a wise person will think or do. They’re practical and applicable in any number of situations.

For two years we have been on a learning journey. In their wisdom and leadership roles, Bob Snyder and Ed Fisher invited us to join them on the journey of discovering how Christ Church would move into the future. Admittedly skeptical, cautiously hopeful, and relentlessly determined to see the church they loved flourish, Bob and Ed led the way as an outside consultant was secured to guide us. Together we honored our past, gave voice to our concerns and hopes for the future, and acknowledged our need to clarify the path forward. We took the first steps in learning how to do something new. No longer skeptical, but ever hopeful and determined, Bob and Ed affirmed and celebrated the clear purpose of Christ Church, “Making connections and offering opportunities for faith, love and service.” They enthusiastically welcomed Pastor Daven Oskvig who would shepherd the people of Christ Church on this ongoing learning journey and be their companion to the end of life’s journey.

In the last year, teams of people have been at work gathering information, leading them to clear strategic plans in the areas of technology, spiritual formation, family-friendly spaces, engaging our neighbors, creating a hub of service, hospitality, and worship. Again, we were invited to come together to hear, participate, question, and discuss these next steps on our journey. In the coming year we will continue to define our challenges, explore ways for responding to the challenges, and discover principles and practices that will make faith relevant in the current culture. We’ll also develop and refine, letting go of those ways that are not possible. We’ll continue to ask questions, “Does this hold meaning for people who have no connection to Christ Church’s past? Are we still making connections between what we believe and how we live? Are we creating environments in which people will feel welcomed and accepted so that connections may be made, new opportunities offered, and new learning take place?

This is our journey and our challenge. This is what it means to be the living body of Christ, the kingdom of God in this time and place. This is the “Sny-Fish” effect - alive and well, ever our companions on the journey.



Join us at
Vacation Bible School
 July 9 - 13 9 am - 12 noon
Rolling River Rampage

Experience the ride of a lifetime with God!

We need your help to make VBS a success!

Vacation Bible School Needs:

- Your prayers
- Your help during VBS week: July 9-13

Donations:

- Real juices (Apple, Lemonade, etc.)
- Goldfish Crackers (multi-colored & pretzel)
 - Pretzel rods, Pretzel Sticks
 - Pull & Peel Twizzlers - 1 pack
 - Gummy fish
- Regular Graham Crackers - 3 boxes
- Cheese sticks
- 1 batch sugar cookies (home baked or store-bought)

To loan for display:

- Kayaks, paddles, life-jackets, camp chairs
- Monetary donations also help!*
Contact Sally Pollard if you can help.

Acts of the Apostles

Recently it was shared with me that Acts of the Apostles was a book of the New Testament that had never elicited a sermon. Perhaps I saw this as the guidance of the Holy Spirit or heard it as a challenge, but in either case it gave rise to what will now mark our focus through summer worship. As I have plunged into exploring this book, it fits nicely as an extension to our recently concluded series on the Holy Spirit, as a key focus of the book is showing the activity of the Holy Spirit on the founding, development, and growing of the church. Some have concluded that the book should more appropriately be called 'Acts of the Holy Spirit.' With this history book serving as a virtual travel log in relation to the spread of Christianity, it is a nice focus through the summer as we all travel near and far, enjoying times of rest and recreation. Let us all pray that in all we do, as we will call this series, they may be deemed 'Acts of the Holy Spirit.'

Pastor Daven



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Photos by Janelle Martin, Dave & Barb Mitchell, & Ian Webber

From area clean-up, to the Bloodmobile, Tiger's Den Food Pantry, pj's & book collections, making cards, shredding documents, crafting, sorting donations, preparing frozen meals for people in need, and preparing lunch for the volunteers, it was a successful and rewarding day!

Remembering Your Church

For many people, the ability to make a gift to their church in their will is a source of comfort and great satisfaction. They know that long after they are gone, the ministries of their beloved faith community will still thrive and grow, in part because of their generosity.

Making your church a beneficiary of your will isn't difficult. You'll want to talk to your attorney, of course, and work with him or her to draft a legal document that is well-written and complete. Your gift may be in the form of cash, or you may make the church a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, thus allowing your gift to be far more significant in size than what you might otherwise be able to give. You may also gift the church with appreciated securities, real estate, charitable gift annuities or charitable annuity trusts, or IRA distributions.

As you prepare to set up your will, talk to your loved ones so that they understand your wishes regarding your bequest to your church and the rest of your estate. And, of course, spend time in prayer and contemplation to help you discern how best to use your financial assets.



Make a Difference Day 2018



The Health and Wellness Team will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive from **2 to 6 pm on Friday, July 20** in Youth Hall (downstairs below Crafts Hall.) Summer is a particularly difficult time for blood banks, as donations often barely meet needs, so we urge everyone to please consider donating.

Contact Geoff Hill (316-1522) to reserve a time.



Pictorial Directory

The time has come for us to update our pictorial directory! We know that this process discourages many from participating due to sales pressure or times when we are not typically at church. To simplify and encourage the broadest participation, we will be producing this new directory in-house! We will be taking photos ourselves on Sundays during the months of July and August, compiling with hopes of having distribution in the early fall. No sales involved, no times beyond when we are typically present. If you are unable to be in church during those months, please call the church office. We will look for a time for you to come and have a picture taken, or arrange a time to come to you and take a picture. We want this new directory to capture as many as possible of the people who make up this community of faith.

Christ UMC Ice Cream Sundae??

Our local ice cream shop in Snyder, Scoops, has many sundaes named for local businesses, schools, clubs, etc. What it lacks is one that reflects this community of faith. During a recent staff lunch, we discussed what might comprise the Christ UMC Sundae. We concluded that the base needed to be coffee ice cream and we thought there should likely be some nuts on it, maybe peanuts. But we were at a loss to come to a full conclusion. We are looking for your help - with coffee ice cream as a base, what else should make up a sundae that reflects our community of faith? Once we have our ingredients, we will share it with Scoops and perhaps meet there during the summer to enjoy it!





High School Graduates

Jonathan Miller

Graduating from Sweet Home High School. Jonathan plans to attend Gannon University to become a Physician's Assistant.

Robert Paddock

Graduating from Amherst High School. Robert plans to attend the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam to study Music Education.

Nicole Takac

Graduating from Williamsville South High School. Nicole plans to attend Canisius College to study Math Education.

College Graduates

Courtney Cataudella

Graduated from American University Washington Law School with a Law Degree and will be working as an Immigration Lawyer in NYC.

Danielle Keller

Graduated from Medaille College with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She will be pursuing her Master's Degree at Medaille in Special Education.

Andrew Lopez

Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Case Western Reserve University. Andrew received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry & Business Management. He will be working as a Management Consulting Analyst at Accenture in Philadelphia.

Alexia Malpica

Graduated from Canisius College with a degree in Animal Behavior Ecology & Conservation. Future Plans – Park Ranger & Law Enforcement

Vincent Malpica

Graduated from SUNY Buffalo with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He is a volunteer firefighter. Future Plans – EMT training & Law Enforcement

Taylor Ramsey

Taylor received her Master's of Education Degree in Literacy. She is teaching kindergarten in Penfield, NY.

Nicole Sciolino

Graduated Cum Laude from University at Buffalo. Nicole received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Sociology. She will be working full time at Tax Technologies, Inc.



UNITED METHODIST MEN—JULY

TAKE TIME TO SMELL THE FLOWERS

The Men's Group is planning to visit **Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion State Historic Park** in Canandaigua, NY on **July 11, 2018**. The Victorian Mansion, gardens, and greenhouse complex will be a wonderful place for us to tour. For more specific details you can visit www.sonnenberg.org.



We will meet at church at 10am and carpool to Canandaigua, approx. 1.5 hours. We will enjoy a light lunch in the High Noon Café on the Sonnenberg grounds before starting the tour, which lasts approximately 2 hours. The discounted group rate for entry to the park is \$12 per person; lunch choices run \$12-15. An approximate number of those attending the tour is needed, so, if interested, please contact either Ed Gilbert 716-835-4976 (edwingilbert@verizon.net) or Bob Lovell 716-462-3733 (rlovellthg@cs.com) **by July 4th**.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



UMW Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2 pm

Mission U Event at Camp Asbury

Friday, July 20 – Saturday, July 21

Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living
Study Leader: Martie Fischer

Brochures can be found in the Café or by contacting Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897.

Mark Your Calendars

Women's Weekend at Chautauqua

Friday - Sunday, October 5,6,7

Details will be announced this summer!



CIRCLE NEWS

Circle of Joy will enjoy an evening of Shakespeare in Delaware Park this summer! *Time and date TBD*

OUTREACH MISSIONS: JULY-AUGUST 2018
Mission of the Month-Crafting for a Cause

Crafting for a Cause (CFAC) will be starting its third year in September. Its purpose is to share God's love in the world through the creation of handmade, useful items for people in need. To date, we have donated Teddy Bears to the Three Kings Day celebration, made walker bags for the elderly, made potholders for Central City Café, blankets for the veterans at Veterans Hospital, flower arrangements for people who can't make it to church, pillowcases for women in need, blankets for the SPCA, mittens for the homeless, scarves for Seneca Street, and more. We meet one Saturday each month in the Wesley Room. We have plenty of fabric and fleece. In the fall, we will begin work on Christmas gifts for children in our community. If you would like to get involved with this ministry, please see Diane Klenk or Lee Watson. You are always welcome to join us!

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

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!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



I am so grateful for the prayers and support received for our May Mental Health Awareness month. Although individual names are too numerous to mention, those teams that put hands and feet to prayers need to be acknowledged. Kudos to the Church Council in agreeing to support mental health ministries together with the formation of a Mental Health Ministry Team at Christ Church. Much appreciation to Christ Church staff, including our lay leaders, for all their communication skills and ideas in promoting these events. Thanks to all who volunteered to provide delicious and healthy food for each event. Gratitude for all those creative persons who contributed in making 91 cards for those in psychiatric care. To God be the glory!

Blessings for the Journey - Daryl J. Bennett

SAVE THE DATE

How Christ Church Can Connect With Our Community

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

Lunch with Bridges of Hope Learning Opportunity for Everyone



Friends of Christ Church
High School Graduates

Nathan Shanley

Graduating from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. He is the grandson of Mary Jane and the late Peter Shanley. Nathan plans to attend the University of Binghamton.

Friends of Christ Church College Graduates

Katie James

Graduated Summa Cum Laude from High Point University in North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Marion & Bim Rowlands. Katie received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Psychology. She will attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for her Master's in the fall.

Eric Lipa

Graduated from Erie Community College with an Associate's Degree. He is the grandson of Mary Jane and the late Peter Shanley. Eric will attend Buffalo State College.

Katherine Sandle

Graduated from Niagara University with a Master's of Business Degree in International Business with a concentration in Marketing. Katherine will begin working this summer at Chudy Paper Company as a Sales Associate.



Left to right: Jonathan Miller, Robert Paddock, Andrew Lopez, and Nicole Sciolino

Photo by John Miller



July-August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	2 VBS Decorating 10a Praise Team 5p	3 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon	4 Happy 4th of July OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7
8 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	9 Praise Team 5p	10 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon UMW Executive Board 2p	11 UMM Sommerberg Gardens 10a	12	13	14
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9AM-NOON						
15 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	16 Praise Team 5p	17 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon Trustees 7:30p	18	19	20 Blood Drive 2-6p UMW Mission U Event	21
22 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	23 Praise Team 5p	24 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon	25	26	27 Game Night 7p	28
29 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	30 Praise Team 5p	31 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon	1	2	3	4
5 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	6 Praise Team 5p	7 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon Church Council 7p	8	9 Stewardship Team 10:30a Hospitality Team 7p	10	11
12 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	13 SEPTEMBER CALLER DEADLINE Praise Team 5p	14 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon Finance Team 7p	15	16	17	18
19 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	20 Praise Team 5p	21 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon	22	23	24	25
26 Casual Praise 9a Traditional Worship 11a	27 Mental Health Team 10a Praise Team 5p	28 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon	29	30	31 Game Night 7p	