

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday Worship Schedule

Casual Praise Celebration - 9 am Education Hour - 10 am
Traditional Style Celebration - 11 am

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, AND SERVICE

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Rev. Daven W. Oskvig

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-5 Tuesday & Thursday 9-noon



Photo of Easter 2018 by Dave Mitchell



Christ is Risen! As we celebrated this past month, we were challenged to explore how far from the morning of resurrection we get before we return to 'normal.' Is it just a couple of miles down the road following worship, a few days later, maybe a little more than a week? Jesus, following that holy morning when the tomb was found empty, points toward a time of waiting (Luke

24:49). But this instruction is not to give time for safety to come, or the celebrations to be past, or for the pain and mourning to ease. In other words, this was not to give time to return to normal. Rather, this was a time of discernment. As the apostles met, prayed, and stayed together trying to figure out what life would be like now, they needed time to explore what ministry would be like, what form it would take as they waited for the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was to get past what it had been like growing up or even when Jesus walked with them. Now would be unique to the present and future as Jesus was unique then. How would they help others hear the word of God in their lives and be open to it in their hearts for the transformation of their world?

Yet we often, in fear of the change that will come by following the Spirit and how that will be different than it has been, either turn away or simply get stuck in this waiting phase of our journey. This time of waiting, a time between times, is essential as we prepare for what lies ahead. But the Biblical narrative, and especially the account of the events following Christ's resurrection and the beginning of the church, is one of change. Think of how many people's lives are transformed and changed in the Bible; a history of a people changed by faith written down. This is our story. We are the authors of the next chapter. This is not a static and past determined reality. Our chapter should not repeat what has come before, but be something entirely new as Jesus is embodied in us for our present. We must use this time to consider how we are being challenged to proclaim God's word in new and different ways, and while difficult, leave old ones behind. This will mean that things might sound different or look different, which is uncomfortable. But if this is how we reach others with this Good News, then let us pray for the Spirit to give us confidence to undertake the change.

The gift of the Spirit will come. What will we do with it? Share it? Proclaim it? Reach others with it? Or walk away from it? Now is the time to prepare for the great awakening to God's love, made possible by opening ourselves to where, how, and to whom we are being called. We stay, but as followers of the Risen Lord, we do not remain.

Yours In Christ,

Pastor Daven

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Photo by Tom Nye

The UMM (and women) toured the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine on February 13, 2018 (*photo*). Also included in the tour were the John R. Oshei Children's Hospital and the Conventus Center for Collaborative Medicine. The facilities were quite impressive.



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet Thursday, May 3 at 7pm at Carol Corsaro's home, 2784 Stenzel Ave. (694-0368). Hostess is Paula Kreib (725-6067). We will discuss the book *The Little Old Lady that Broke All the Rules*. Contact Carol or Paula if you plan to attend.

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday, May 22 at 12:15pm in the Wesley Room for book reviews of 4 books.

Circle of Joy will meet Thursday, May 3 for a Movie Night—Theater and time TBD



Sugar and Spice Paint Night February 2018

Photos by Peg Bermudez



Joanne Kay Paula



FINANCE TEAM—MAY

As of this printing, the total amount collected for the Nabukondo School in Uganda is \$578.

UMCOR Sunday offering was \$667 and Easter Sunday offering to date was \$1,113.

The April 8nd Sunday offering was \$297 for Make A Difference Day.

PLEASE NOTE: The colored envelopes in your envelope boxes are for Special Offerings; please do not use them for your regular offerings. There are 2 special envelopes for May: May 13th the Golden Cross envelope is yellow. This offering supports chaplaincy programs for our Upper NY Conference facilities, including Beechwood. The second offering envelope, May 27th, is pink and is marked for Peace With Justice Sunday.

Thank you all for your support of CUMC.

The Finance Team

Exploring Sunday's Scriptures

Every Tuesday @ Noon, Pastor Daven will lead a time exploring the upcoming Sunday's Scripture. This will provide context to the Scripture(s) being explored and ultimately enrich the experience of worship itself.

All are welcome anytime!

Wednesday Morning Prayer

It was a discipline of Lent that will be continued weekly every Wednesday @ 10 am. Pastor Daven will lead a brief time of morning prayer which employs a ritual of plain chant, Scripture readings, and prayers specific to the day.

All are welcome anytime!



With Joy... From Sally

It's a very human characteristic to return to "normal." "We now return you to your regular programming," so says the television. Though Easter was a few short weeks ago, it feels like an eternity ago! We have moved on to paying our taxes, the last push to the end of the school year, graduations.... The same is true of our church community having moved on with a wedding, planning for a visiting College Choir, Make A Difference Day, Bible Study, worship, hospital visits, strategy & ministry teams—*life goes on!*

Resurrection seems to be overlooked or denied. Why is that? Because it's more comfortable to keep resurrection in the past, or in the future? So it doesn't make demands on us? So we don't have to change? Because we're afraid? Because life here and now is difficult? It seems as if there are too many reminders of death and not enough reminders of life! The promise of death seems more tangible than the promise of life. We don't have to look far to see people facing cancer & chemo, aging parents, downsizing of homes & lifestyles, ailments, broken relationships, loss of jobs, the list goes on. Why do we look for the living among the dead?

Perhaps we have trouble believing the good news of new life because, if we do, there goes life as we know it! What can we count on? Being resurrection people is hard! Thankfully Jesus left us with reminders. Do this and remember me. Jesus reminds us who we are right now, in this life, our everyday life. And we need every one of those reminders.

We're not alone—Jesus is alive!

We're not alone—We are surrounded with a community of believers.

We're not alone – God's Spirit lives within us!

Let's live as those who believe in the reality of new life!



FAITH X PRESS

Sunday mornings, 10 am Lower Level

MAY

Dig into the Bible

We're learning the names of the books of the Bible and where to find them. These stories were alive for hundreds of years before they were written down. Today, they help us to live faithfully. Each time we visit a Bible book and learn more about it, we get a stamp in our Bible passports!

May 6 – It's in the book. Let's take a look!

May 13 – Bring your Mom to FaithXpress (Grandmas too!)

Share *your* favorite Bible story.

May 20 – Make A Difference Day – Collecting, sorting, and packaging new pajamas and new books to go to Home Space and to Child & Family Services. Collecting bins available at church now through May 20.

Making a difference with new pajamas and children's books!

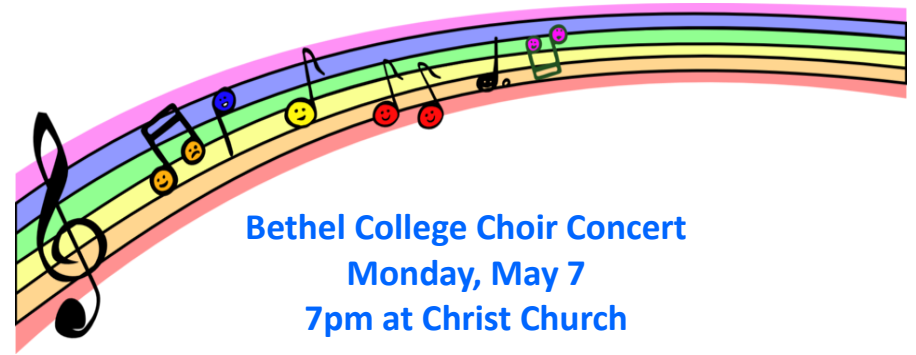


We are collecting new pajamas and books for children through teens until May 20. Children who have clean pajamas and a good book to read or have read to them are more likely to have good days. Pajamas of all sizes must be new and have both a top and bottom. Books must also be new. Following **Make A Difference Day on Sunday, May 20**, the pajamas and books will go to Homespace and to Child & Family Services. These agencies provide services that create safe and healthy environments for children/youth and families living at or below the poverty line in local homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Homespace provides a safe environment where young women/parents (age 14-21) can learn skills to enhance themselves and their families and break the cycle of public welfare dependency. Residents receive training in job readiness, budgeting, household management, nutrition, and parenting, as well as comprehensive clinical services.

"All children regardless of their circumstances have an inherent right to a loving bedtime, a peaceful good night, and a positive good day.

~Pajama Program



Bethel College Choir Concert
Monday, May 7
7pm at Christ Church

The Bethel College Choir from Mishawaka, Indiana, under the direction of Dr. Jeshua Franklin, will perform a concert of choral music as part of their 2018 concert tour at Christ Church, May 7th at 7pm. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to host this fine collegiate choral institution of 40 voices. We will provide a potluck supper at the church on May 7th and also offer housing for the students on that Monday night. If you are willing to contribute to the supper and/or host 2 or more students for the night, please contact Paul Staley (536-5370) or sign up on the Connection Card.

Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS!

We celebrate with Ian Johnson, son of Roger & Dede Johnson, who graduated from Navy Officer Candidate School. He has earned his commission as an officer in the United States Navy!

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Tom McCray.....1	Scott Smith.....21
Roger Johnson.....2	Rachel Adam.....21
Margaret Mugel.....3	Lisa Juergens.....22
Ruth Swenson.....4	Sally Pollard.....22
Mary Ball.....13	Pastor Theva.....24
Charles Terranova.....13	Marg Bauza.....26
Jordan Lawson.....14	Annette Smith.....27
Linnea George.....16	Christopher Maliken.....27
Kristen Darling.....18	Jacob Rhinehart.....28
Mary Landel.....20	Megan Noyes.....30
Rebecca Lopez.....21	Adam Schroeder.....30
Ryan Lopez.....21	Alexander Juergens.....31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES



Greg & Lynn Ramsey.....	May 04, 1984
Roger & Dede Johnson.....	May 10, 1986
Chris & Diane Klenk.....	May 19, 2007
John & Pam Lopez.....	May 21, 1994
BJ & Karen Bellimer Norrix.....	May 26, 1979
Wayne & Molly Butler.....	May 29, 1982



PICTURES PLEASE!

If you have any pictures of functions at Christ Church and you would like to share them in the Caller, please send them to:

bbmitch@verizon.net or **caller350@yahoo.com.**

Thanks!
Barb Mitchell

A REMINDER

Remember to save your cancelled postage stamps, Campbell's Labels for Education, and General Mills Box Tops for Education as well as Dash's register tapes. Place them in the labeled boxes on top of the microwave in the kitchen. Thank you!



Prayer Blocks



During Lent the children spent time with Jesus, learning how he faced difficult times with prayer. We shared some of Jesus' prayers and learned the Lord's Prayer so we can join our church community in prayer each Sunday in worship. We also shared some of the mealtime and bedtime prayers we say at home. Thank you to Al Wrisley who made wood blocks, and helped us sand them, and attach the prayers that we learned so we can use them at home. Thank you to Dick Radel who supplied some of the wood.



Photos by Al Wrisley

Community Youth Group

(Middle and High School friends of Christ Church)



Check out our new CYG room on the lower level & watch for coming information on our next adventure!

Buckets of Fun

Wednesday, May 16 7 - 8:30 pm

Harris Hill UMC

(Corner of Main St. & Harris Hill Rd.)

Assembling Flood Buckets for
UMCOR Disaster Use &
Game Night



Wednesday Workshops at Christ Church



Christ Church is hosting the following opportunities:

May 9th 6:30– 8:00 pm

Keith O’Neil

“Under My Helmet”

Former NFL Player and Mental Health Advocate speaks about his struggle with bipolar disorder

May 16th & 23rd 5:30 – 7:00 pm

“Bridges of Hope”

Chaplain Daryl Bennet offers information and resources to faith groups about mental illness and the role of faith communities.

A soup and bread supper will be served. Assistance is needed with set-up, clean-up, providing soups, and donating bread.

If you are interested in participating in any of these ministry opportunities, please call Daryl Bennett at 716-380-6706 or sign up to help on the yellow Connection Card at church.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Identity Theft & Data Security Workshop - Wednesday, May 2 2pm

Topics Addressed: Protecting Your Identity, Recovering from ID Theft, and Combating Spyware and Malware (FTC Information)

Workshop leader: Keith Schottman; V. President/Financial Planner - Allaire Financial Strategies

Workshop is free and open to the public. Invite your friends to take advantage of this valuable information.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY — MAY 20, 2018

Kid’s Project: Children will help receive, sort, and package items donated to the Pajama Project (new children’s pajamas & books.)

*Team Leaders: Chris & Erin Johnson Location: Christ Church

Lunch Team: Team members will set-up and clean-up a potluck lunch for Make a Difference Day volunteers.

*Team Leader: Donna Hammond Location: Christ Church

Sorting Crew: Team members will sort and pack donated items for receiving agencies.

*Team Leaders: Barb Critoph & Julie Kreiger

Location: Christ Church

Tiger’s Den Food Pantry: Team members will sort donated items, stock shelves, and clean the Tiger’s Den Food Pantry.

*Team Leader: Michele Sciolino

Location: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

Visitation: Team members will visit members of our congregation that are unable to make it to church.

*Team Leader: Julie Wisley

Location: Various Homes/Assisted Living Facilities

Collection List

Children’s Items

- New** Children’s Books
- New** Children’s Pajamas

Clothing

- New or Gently used
- New** pajamas (all sizes)

Documents to be Shredded

Home Goods

- New or gently-used

Food Collection

- Canned & Non-perishable

June Caller Deadline: **Sunday, May 13** to caller350@yahoo.com or bbmitch@verizon.net

Questions? Contact Barb Mitchell @ 839-2435 or bbmitch@verizon.net

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY -- MAY 20, 2018

Make a Difference Day is **May 20, 2018!** Christ Church has many options for service projects, both at the church and at various locations in our community. Please sign up for a team by signing the clipboards in the Family Room or by contacting the church office.

We will begin the morning with a worship and commissioning service at **9:18 am** at Christ Church. Then teams will head out for their projects from **10 am to 1 pm**. There will be a potluck lunch to follow for all involved at **1 pm**

Bloodmobile: Team members will assist with signing in.

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

*Team Leader: Geoff Hill Location: Christ Church

Clean-Up Crew: Team members will clean up areas around the church building and the surrounding neighborhood.

*Team Leader: Pastor Daven Oskvig

Location: Local Neighborhood

Collection Trucks & Shredding Truck: Team members will greet community members, direct traffic flow, and help unload their donated items.

*Team Leader: Chris Sciolino Location: Christ Church

Crafting for a Cause: Team members will work on a craft project to give to church members and friends who receive visits from our Visitation Team.

*Team Leaders: Diane Klenk & Lee Watson

Location: Christ Church

Frozen Assets: Team members will make & package meals that will be available to people in need, homebound, and service agencies.

*Team Leaders: Pat Noyes & Beth Reilly Brown

Location: Christ Church

Hallmark Team: Team members will make greeting cards for people receiving help at the Psychiatric Center.

*Team Leaders: Kathy Brunner & Paula Kreib

Location: Christ Church



United Methodist Women of Christ Church invite you to **Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Fashions**

Fashions by **T.J.maxx**

Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon

Saturday, May 5, 2018

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

Christ United Methodist Church

350 Saratoga Rd. (corner of Harlem)

Snyder, NY 14226

\$15 on sale after worship on Sundays

**Please call the church office at
839-2460 for reservations and tickets.**

*Proceeds will be used for
United Methodist Women's Missions*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon Church Council 7p	2 Morning Prayer 10a Community Workshop "Identity Theft" 2p Choir 7p	3 Elizabeth Circle 7p Circle of Joy 7p	4 Books We Have Loved 11a Fashion Show setup	5  UMW Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Fashions 12 Noon—2p
6 Casual Praise 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a	7 Library Team 10:30a Praise Team 5p Bethel College Choir Concert 7p	8 Finance Team 7p	9 Presentation: "Under My Helmet" 6:30-8p Choir 7p	10 Visitation Team 10a Hospitality Team 7p	11	12
13 Casual Praise 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a  Mothers Day June Caller Deadline	14 Praise Team 5p	15 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon Christian Ed. Team 7p Trustees 7:30p	16 Morning Prayer 10a "Bridges of Hope" Supper & Conversation 5:30-7p Choir 7p	17 SPR Team 7p	18	19
20 Make a Difference Day 9:18a Service Projects 10a-1p Bloodmobile Potluck Lunch 1p	21 Praise Team 5p	22 Exploring Sunday Scriptures Noon Rachel Circle 12:15p Outreach Team 7p	23 Morning Prayer 10a "Bridges of Hope" Supper & Conversation 5:30-7p Choir 7p	24	25  Game Night 7p	26
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