

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*"Making connections and offering opportunities for
faith, love, and service"*

Worship 10am

Education Hour 11am

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, AND SERVICE

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Rev. Daven Oskvig

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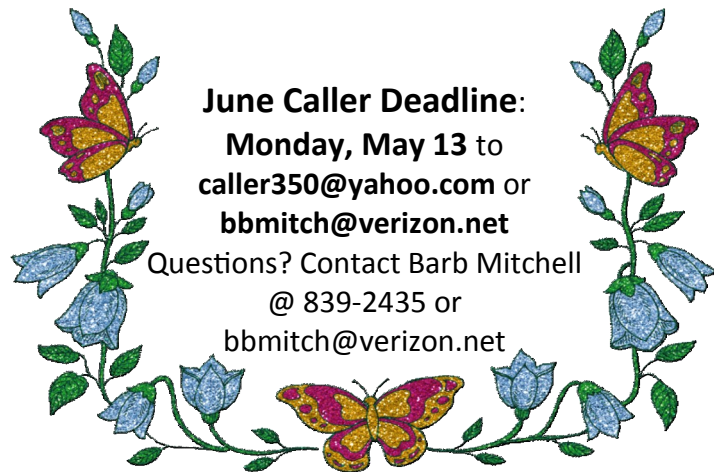
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



June Caller Deadline:

**Monday, May 13 to
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Photo by Ian Webber

MAY 2019



We spend May in the season of Easter. Throughout this month as we gather for worship, we will hear accounts of Jesus' resurrection appearances and the birth of the early church. An invitation is extended to us through them to experience the Risen Lord in our midst, to allow that faith to bind us and unify us together, and to discover new life rising among us as we respond to the call to share the Good News.

As we continue to sing the glorious songs of Easter and gather in the warmth and brightness of spring, however, the temptation can be to leave our faith at Easter. We stand outside the tomb and celebrate God's incredible act of love which forgives and the moments of grace where Christ is visible before us. We mark and celebrate the humble beginnings of the early church and even of this church's modest start, prosperous past. But then, perhaps by fear, we are paralyzed to move beyond, held up at these past milestones. The church is a living, growing community. It did not end in the upper room, the foot of the cross, outside the empty tomb, or even with Jesus' ascension. Rather through each, it was redefined. And in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the church continues to grow for the days ahead.

So through these weeks of the month of May, listen to God's word, be filled with holy breath, and be inspired to move forward. May we embark on the journey ahead by the Spirit's guidance, that we may ever more faithfully seek to 'Make Connections and Offer Opportunities for Faith, Love, and Service.'

God's peace to you all,

Pastor Daven

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY -- MAY 19, 2019

Kids' Project: Children will help with a lemonade stand to raise money for Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo.

Team Leader: Sally Pollard

Locations: Harlem/Saratoga Roads & Saratoga/Mt. Vernon Roads

Lunch Team: Team members will set-up and clean-up a taco bar 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 & Toni Neidel

Location: Christ Church

Items to Collect

<p>Victory Sports Mission: to offer the community top quality, name brand, new and used <i>clean</i> sports equipment at NO COST to those in need</p>	<p>Sports Equipment Donations: Hockey, soccer, football, basketball, bikes, lacrosse, golf, baseball/softball, fitness equip. Gift Cards: Dick's, Walmart, Target, etc.</p>
<p>Clara's Closet Items for refugee families</p>	<p>New & Gently-Used Clothing Household Goods</p>
<p>Tiger's Den Food Pantry A collaborative food pantry serving families in 14221 & 14226</p>	<p>Non-Perishable Food Items Children's Books Toiletries & Personal Care Items</p>
<p>Hearts for the Homeless Caring for the poor and homeless through a mobile soup kitchen on the street</p>	<p>New & Gently-Used Clothing Linens Blankets Shoes</p>
<p>Items to Be Shredded</p>	

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY — MAY 19, 2019

Make a Difference Day is **May 19, 2019!** Christ Church has many options for service projects. 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 **10 am** at Christ Church. Then teams will head out for their projects from **10:30 am to 12:30 pm**. There will be a potluck lunch to follow for all involved at **12:30 pm**.

Bloodmobile: Team members will assist with registration.

Donating Blood? *9:30 am—1:30pm

Contact Geoff Hill 316-1522 to reserve a time.

*Team Leader: Geoff Hill

Location: Youth Hall

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, help unload their donated items, and direct traffic flow *10am—1pm

*Team Leader: Al Wrisley

Location: Parking Lot

Crafting for a Cause: Team members will work on crafting Boo Boo Bunnies for babies and flower pins.

*Team Leaders: Diane Klenk Location: Blue Room Downstairs

Frozen Assets: Team members will make & package meals that will be available to people in need at Seneca Street UMC.

*Team Leaders: Rosie Kochan

Location: Kitchen

Gardening Project: Team members will help plant seedlings and create fencing and posts for a community garden next to Christ Church.

*Team Leader: Dr. David Pliss Location: Outside Christ Church

Hallmark Note-Writing Team: Team members will write notes in greeting cards for those unable to come to church.

*Team Leader: Paula Kreib

Location: Christ Church



With Joy... From Sally

Without Easter, we wouldn't know about Jesus. If Jesus' story had ended with his life on Good Friday, he would have been just another Jew put to death by the Roman Empire. In fact there wouldn't be a "Good Friday." There would be no one to remember and give meaning to his life or his death. So here we are, post-Easter. Do we remember? Do our lives give meaning to his life and his death? From the moment Jesus hit the public scene, he never traveled alone. The first thing he did was to invite twelve companions to join him and that number grew and grew. Those followers represent us all . . . the ones who fail him and those who don't . . . those who are named and those whose names are never known. Jesus never acts alone. Following Jesus' death there are a variety of appearance stories. Some tell. Some don't tell. Some worship him and some doubt. Then the risen Jesus speaks what we have come to know as the Great Commission – "Go and make disciples of all nations . . . and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Disciples are not simply believers, but ones who follow the ways of Jesus . . . and not just Jews, but everyone. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, God's ongoing presence. That presence is known most especially in the breaking of bread. The risen Jesus journeys with us whether we know it or not. Then later Jesus breathes God's Spirit on them. So even though the details differ and calendar time doesn't seem to have meaning, one thing is sure. Easter isn't about happy endings, it's about the controlling systems of the world not having the final word. If Jesus is Lord, then the kingdom of God is already a reality on earth. Jesus never acts alone. The powers that killed Jesus are still active in our world. Things are not right, but changing is God's ongoing work. However, it won't happen without us. Are we waiting for God to transform the world from violence and injustice, or is God waiting for us to join in doing it together?

FAITH X PRESS

Sunday mornings, 11 am Lower Level

April/May

You Gotta Have Friends!

We'll be learning stories from the Bible about friends.

April 28 – David & Jonathan – Qualities of good friends

May 5 – Meshach, Shadrach, & Abednego – Courageous friends

May 12 – 4 Friends who help

May 19 – Make A Difference Day – Lemonade Stand for a Cause

We'll be on the street corner selling lemonade for donations to Children's Hospital.



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!



Food & Supplies needed for Local Families

Christ Church serves local families in need.

The following items are needed: **cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, deodorant, and soap.**

The Tigers Den

For **May** they are collecting **sugar, flour, and spaghetti sauce.**

Collecting bins are in the office hall and are marked for Tiger's Den and for local families.

Spiritual Formation Team and Stewardship Team

Our Stewardship theme for 2019 is, "What Weighs You Down?" An 11-week study will be offered in the Thirstaid Thursday time slot through May 9. We'll look at how life experiences challenge us and how God powerfully uses the gifts of prayer, presence, and witness to move us and others through these times to thrive again. "Hope When Your Heart Breaks" by Michael W. Newman will connect with adults of all ages.

Thirstaid Thursdays
1:00 – 2:30 in the Wesley Room

Hope When Your Heart Breaks Through May 9
(Navigating Grief and Loss)

**Facilitators: Rev. Daven Oskvig,
Peggy Bermudez,
Dr. David Pliss**

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Judy Radel. Judy died on April 23. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at Christ Church on May 4 at 11:30am with a reception to follow.

FINANCE TEAM — MAY

The Music & Meditation Offerings for Hearts for the Homeless totaled \$171.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering as of 4/12 is \$650.

Our 2nd Sunday offering in April for EmbraceWNY was \$305.

Our 2nd Sunday offering for May will go to help defray the expenses for Make a Difference Day.

We have opened Memorial Accounts for Ian Webber and Ruth Swenson.

Again, we thank you all for your support of Christ Church.

CUMC Finance Team

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Tom McCray	1	Scott Smith.....	21
Roger Johnson.....	2	Lisa Juergens.....	22
Margaret Mugel.....	3	Sally Pollard	22
Mary Ball.....	13	Ed Gilbert.....	23
Herb Darling.....	13	Pastor Theva.....	24
Jordan Lawson	14	Annette Smith.....	27
Rosemary Kochan.....	16	Christopher Maliken.....	27
Kristen Darling.....	18	Jacob Rhinehart.....	28
Mary Landel.....	20	Richard Radel.....	30
Rebecca Lopez.....	21	Adam Schroeder.....	30
Ryan Lopez.....	21	Alexander Jeurgens.....	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
Bruce & Barbara Burr.....	May 28, 1955
Wayne & Molly Butler.....	May 29, 1982

Thanks to all of you at Christ Methodist who remembered me in prayer, sent cards and messages of hope and healing during my knee replacement in CO. My family there was most supportive and it was the right decision to have it done there. It is good to be home and am continuing rehab and making good progress! I count my blessings for my extended church family.

In Christian love,
Cindy Fisher



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Ian Webber upon his death on March 15. A memorial service celebrating his life was held on Saturday, March 30.

Our sympathy and prayers are also extended to the family of Ruth Swenson upon her death on March 25.



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet at church on Thursday, May 2 at 12:15pm to carpool to Graycliff for a tour. Coordinator is Kay Barber (634-6987.)

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday, May 28 at 12:15pm in Wesley Room. Grace Markello will share some of her family's faith journey.

UMW for May 2019

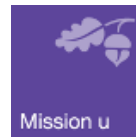
Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am – Breakfast Gathering

Durham Baby Café with Rev. Diann Holt
Hosts: Executive Board
Cost: \$5.00



Uber Gift Cards will be gathered

Rev. Diann Holt is an ordained elder of the AME Zion Church, a social worker, and a member of the New York State Taskforce on Maternal Mortality and Disparate Racial Outcomes. She opened the very first Baby Café of any kind for pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers in New York State on April 4, 2013. Durham Baby Café's humble beginnings started in Central City Cafe when a young mother was attempting to feed her 3-month-old infant from a tray of food in the soup kitchen. ALL are welcome to come and learn more about this ministry! For reservations, please contact Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897 or bradbermudez@hotmail.com.



Save the date – Mission u at Camp Asbury July 25th – 27th

We'll celebrate 150 Years of United Methodist Women! Two studies will be offered: *Practicing Resurrection: Gospel of Mark and Discipleship* and *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*. Registration forms are available on the UMW bulletin board in Crafts Hall. Christ Church UMW has scholarships available!

NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Saturday May 4 - 9:30am



Batavia First UMC

8221 Lewiston Rd.

Batavia, NY 14020

"Health with a Twist"



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir 7p	2 Thirstaid Thursdays 1p Elizabeth Circle 12:15p Tour of Graycliff	3 Books We Have Loved 11a	4 Niagara Frontier District UMW 9:30a "Health with a Twist" Memorial Service 11:30a Judy Radel
5 Worship 10a Education Hour 11a Community Connection Team 11a	6 Library Team 10:30a	7 Exploring Sunday Scriptures-Noon Church Council 7p	8 Choir 7p	9 Thirstaid Thursdays 1p	10	11 UMW Breakfast Gathering 10a Durham Baby Café
12 Worship 10a Education Hour 11a Happy <i>Mother's</i> Day	13 June Caller Deadline	14 Exploring Sunday Scriptures-Noon Finance Team 7p	15 Choir 7p	16 SPR Team 7p	17	18
19 Worship 10a Service Projects 10:30a-12:30p Potluck Lunch-12:30p make a difference day	20	21 Exploring Sunday Scriptures-Noon Outreach Team 7p Trustees 7:30p	22 Choir 7p	23 Hospitality Team 7p	24	25
26 Worship 10a Education Hour 11a	 Office Closed	28 Exploring Sunday Scriptures-Noon Rachel Circle 12:15p	29 Choir 7p	30	31 Game Night 7p	 Keith Schottman at "How to Get Organized" workshop.