

Christ United Methodist Church

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

Worship Service-10 am

Education Hour-11 am

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, AND SERVICE



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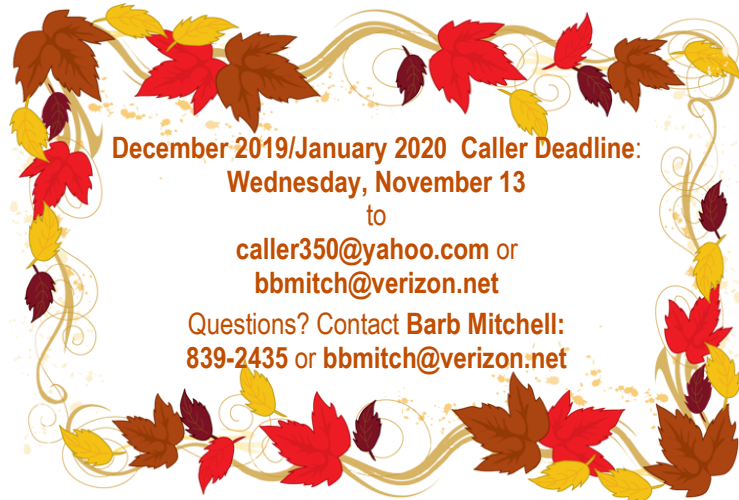
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-5 Thursday 9-noon

Office Closed November 11, 28, & 29



Community Youth Group
Photo By: John Miller

The Caller November 2019



As Lianne, Amelia, & I walked through one of our favorite local parks, Lianne remarked on the sound and smell of leaves in the fall. As we rustled on with that papery crunch beneath our feet, our conversation on the differences between autumn and spring continued with Amelia throwing in her comments from time to time with a giggle of laughter and scream of joy in my ear. Two seasons so similar and yet so different. One which concludes and one which begins.

Interestingly, the fall has displaced the early summer months as THE wedding season. And maybe this fits . . . hopes ride high at this colorful time of year with our local sports teams, in the harvest that is being received from the earth, in the possibilities that a new school year offer. Why not make a new covenant in such a season of hope and expectation? Yet when this month arrives and the last leaves fall, so often do these hopes. What happens to our cheers, our excitement, and our energy? Do we chalk it up to the looming winter and seasonal depression? Are we resolved to simply let it be, knowing that our outlook will once again improve come spring? Let us not lose heart in this month. Look around, listen to the sounds, smell the air. These are still green Sundays of growth and white Sundays of celebration in the church. Rustle your feet through those leaves as you walk and breathe in that rich air reminding yourself of life and living. Each leaf we walk upon and each breath we take are filled with the hopes of yesterday that shall become the dreams and reality of tomorrow. Give thanks for all that has been and all that is yet to be.

Let us join together through this month walking by faith through those leaves of hope and breathing in that crisp air of the Holy Spirit. Let us find within each day an opportunity to celebrate with a giggle of laughter and a scream of joy. For this is our time of growth and celebration, of hopes that await us as we **“Make Connections and Offer Opportunities in Faith, Love and Service.”**

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Daven*

**UMW at Chautauqua “Unplugged”
October 2019**



November Birthdays

Joyce Moser	8	Jim Beller	20
Tammy Mugel	8	Anne Reed	27
Ian Johnson	10	Barbara Weaver.....	28
David Mitchell.....	10	Alicia Bermudez.....	29
Carol Corsaro	13	Sean Johnson.....	29
Chris Sciolino	15	Amelia Oskvig	29
Audrey Johnson	16	Sue Estee	30



November Anniversaries

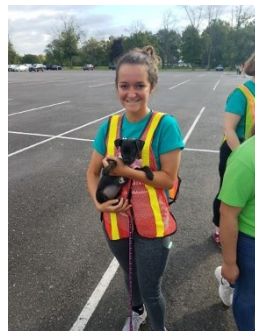


Frasier & Lucille Mooney.....	November 14, 1984
Ian & Nicole Johnson	November 15, 2014
Geoff & Janet Hill	November 21, 1970
Al & Julie Wrisley.....	November 21, 1962
Jim & Laurie Hannon.....	November 22, 1980
Guy & Sharon Ferrelli.....	November 24, 1974
Jim & Sally Pollard.....	November 28, 1981

Make A Difference Day—Part 2



Paws in the Park



Habitat for Humanity



Compass House



Seneca Street UMC



A Report on Leadership Institute 2019



From September 25-27, 2019, I attended Leadership Institute 2019 at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. This gathering of over 2,000 United Methodists from around the country was specifically called to address the issues facing our denomination following the Special Session of General Conference in 2019 which specifically addressed LGBTQ issues. The event began with an exploration of race, gender, and sexual orientation exclusion in the church, with a longing for inclusion of all these groups. We discussed that there are new petitions and plans coming to be heard before the next session of General Conference, taking place May 5-15, 2020. One of these plans includes keeping the legal framework of the United Methodist Church intact, others separate the current Church into four separate Methodist Denominations, while another puts a stop to what was enacted in 2019 and envisions a years-long process of discernment to understand where we want to be as Methodists in this century. Also of note was the news that the Wesleyan Covenant Association will be breaking off to form a new denomination.

I also attended a talk by New York Times Columnist David Brooks, and learned about how Christ Church could become a reconciling congregation and affirm LGBTQ persons.

I intend to prepare a written report with more details for church members, as well as hold a session after church on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 so that I can deliver further information and details.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend Leadership Institute 2019. Please keep me and our church in your prayers. Feel free to contact me at bradloliger@gmail.com or at 829-9418 if you would like to talk about this matter.

Brad Loliger, Church Council Chair

United Methodist Women

Saturday, November 2 — Breakfast Gathering

10 am in the Café

Elder Law with Brad Loliger, JD, MSW

Hosts: Circle of Joy

Cost \$5



Keeping in Touch, Pledge Service, World Thank Offering, Least Coin

Sunday, November 24—UMW Sunday and Children's Sabbath

10 am



"Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty"

Guest Preacher : Rev. Dee Finch



Celebrating 150 years of United Methodist Women!

Friday, December 6—Sugar & Spice Evening

7 pm

Beading with Millie Staley

Cost: \$15



NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Saturday, November 9—9:30 to Noon—Network of Leaders

New Hope United Methodist Church

2846 Seneca St. West Seneca, NY



As we look to the future, this morning is an opportunity for all current and new officers to sharpen their skills. It also is for all who are interested to share ideas as we carry the legacy of our founders to continue our mission of caring for women, children, and youth in 2020 and beyond.

Please call Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897 if you plan to attend.

CIRCLE NEWS



Elizabeth Circle will meet Thursday, November 7 at 7pm at the home of Paula Kreib, (10 Constance Lane, 725-6067) for our service project. Hostess is Valari Zanghi. Bring your items for Tiger's Den Food Pantry.

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday, November 26 at 12:15pm at church for a book review with Barbara Burr and Carolyn Showers.

Circle of Joy will meet Thursday, November 7 at 7pm in the Library to view the movie, *Breakthrough*.

FINANCE TEAM—NOVEMBER

We are happy to report that we are on track with our Shared Ministries (Apportionments) payments and should be able to finish the year with 100% paid.

The Stewardship Campaign which began in October will culminate on November 10, our **Commitment Sunday**. The results of this campaign will enable us to ascertain just which ministries we will be able to support in 2020.

The World Communion offering was \$215 and we have received \$400 for UMCOR hurricane relief.

Second Sunday, Second Helping for October was \$189 for the Family Justice Center.

The November Second Sunday, Second Helping will go toward the Turkey Baskets for Thanksgiving.

Thank you all so very much for your support of Christ Church and its ministries.

CUMC Finance Team



Music and Meditation



Fridays during Advent
November 30, December 6, 13, and 20
at 5:30 pm

30 minutes of meditative songs, scripture reading, and prayer in a quiet, candlelit setting.

Give yourself the gift of quiet reflection in the midst of the Advent-Christmas season.



Christmas Play
at CVMC

Stay tuned.....

Christian Education Team is now the "Children's Ministry Team"

The title designates programming just for children and youth. We have **FaithXpress** for children from PreK - Grade 5 and **Community Youth** for Grade 6 - HS. Families can check the Christ Church website for general information. We will have some upcoming programming for November and December so check it out.

FAITH X PRESS

Sunday mornings
11 am Lower Level



Community Youth Group



All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to meet downstairs following worship every other Sunday for fun activities and events!

November 3 @ 11 am: Planning Meeting for Winter Activities & Room Set-Up

Contact John Miller (jptmiller29@msn.com) with any questions or to sign up!



Daylight Savings Time ends November 3rd.
Turn your clocks BACK 1 hour.

OUTREACH MISSIONS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

VETERANS

Our local Veterans Hospital serves many veterans in the local area. They have various programs that serve the veterans who are hospitalized, those who are homeless, and those who are outpatients. Since Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, it would be good if we could honor those Veterans in need in the local area.

Their need is great. Listed below are the items that they need. A box will be in the back of the Sanctuary for your donations. Your donations are appreciated by the Veterans that sacrificed a lot for this country to preserve our liberties and freedoms. Unfortunately after they serve this country, they are sometimes forgotten. Some come back from war suffering from PTSD, maimed in battle, and in the case of our Vietnam vets, unappreciated for their service. Many of our Veterans from WWII and the Korean Conflict are passing away and we can honor their memory by taking care of the Vets that remain.

The items that are needed are:



Socks

Underwear

Towels

T-Shirts – white, L-XXXL – v-neck

Toiletries such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors, mouthwash, nail clippers, body wash, combs, shaving cream, pocket mirrors, chap stick, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: MOUTHWASH OR OTHER PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN ALCOHOL ARE NOT PERMITTED.

Gift cards to McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Tops Market (Please give these to Diane Klenk or the Church Office. Do not put them in the box.)

Patriotic throws or lap blankets Audio Books DVD's
Questions? Contact Diane Klenk @ 651-0236.

"I think we owe them more than just our gratitude. They were willing to sign a blank check for America, with the cost right up to their life. If they were willing to do that, why shouldn't we be taking care of them?"

(Chris Kyle, "American Sniper")

Turkey Baskets -see page 6



Food & Supplies Needed for Local Families

Christ Church serves local families in distress. The following items are needed: **cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, deodorant, and soap.**

The Tigers Den Food Pantry

For **November** they are collecting **juice, canned soups (no chicken noodle,) and shampoo.**

They also are in need of paper bags and reusable cloth bags.

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



Outreach for November—Turkey Baskets

We have the opportunity to share our blessings through helping to fill turkey baskets. We will continue to collect: **Stuffing mix, canned vegetables, canned fruit, brownie mix, instant mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce until November 17th.** They are all included in each basket. Frozen turkeys and gift cards are also greatly appreciated. Place your donations in the Harvest baskets in Crafts Hall.



The **Worship Team** will be selling poinsettias after worship **November 24th - December 8th.** Orders should be returned, with payment, **by December 8th.** Make checks **payable to CUMC** and mail to **Christ Church or bring to Janelle in the church office.**

Cost \$9 per plant

Include: Your name and phone number

Number of red _____ Number of white _____
 In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____



Blood Mobile—Friday, November 30 from 12-4p
 Contact Geoff Hill at 316-1522 to reserve a time for your donation.

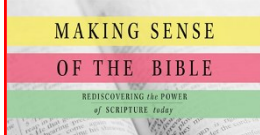
Spiritual Formation Team and Stewardship Team

Thirstaid Thursdays
 1:00 - 2:30 in the Wesley Room
WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY? A Faith Response
 Through November 14

November 21, December 5, 12, 19
Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem
 A study by Adam Hamilton

WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY—This eye-opening study focuses on our relationship with money which shapes our relationship with God and God’s people. We’ll use some creative and thought-provoking activities to explore how our attitude toward money affects us and others every day. The answers we find may surprise us. All are welcome as we continue to be a faith community *making connections and offering opportunities for faith, love, and service.*

AOL (Adult Opportunities for Learning)
Sundays following worship



In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible. In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses often misunderstood biblical themes, leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving. This study will continue through November.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES—Tuesdays at Noon in Wesley Room
 Join Rev. Oskvig in a conversation about the scriptures which will be explored in the sermon on the following Sunday.

Our Stewardship Pledge Campaign, Vision 2020, will run through **November 10.** It is through generous giving that much progress has been made to bring our revitalization vision into focus. Each Sunday we’ll hear from a member of our faith family about the difference Christ Church makes for them and our community. Letters with pledge cards were mailed at the end of October. Pledge cards should be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plates by November 10th.