

# CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## Worship Schedule

- Worship 10 am
- Education Hour 11 am

## TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, AND SERVICE

*Senior Pastor*

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**Sally J. Pollard**

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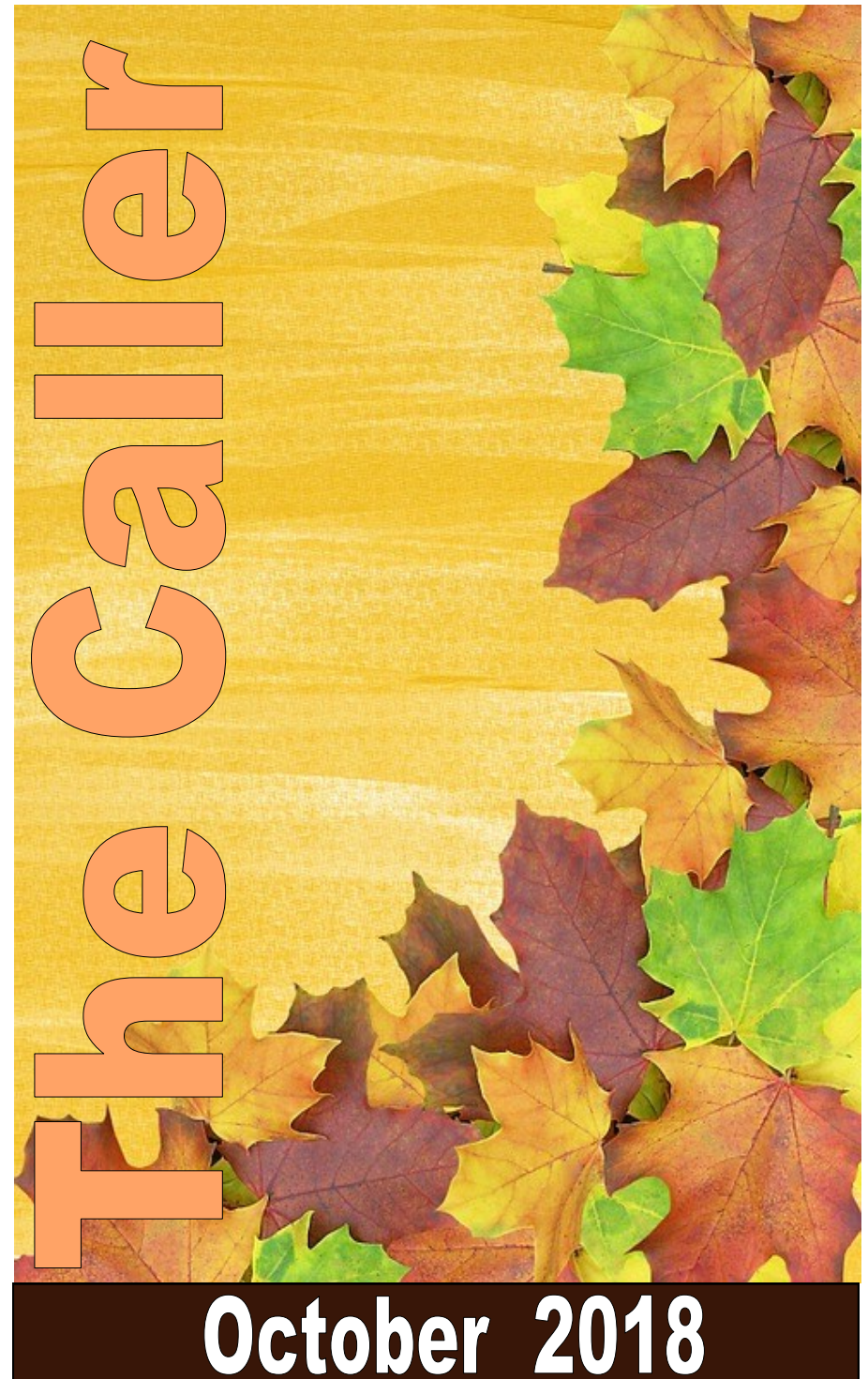
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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-5

Tuesday & Thursday 9-noon





## On Earth as In Heaven

Greetings and grace to you all,  
This wonderful month overflows with moments that recall the past, relish the present, and look towards the future. Whether it is through our football cheers, the abundance of harvest, or the crisp temperatures, memories of the past rush to our minds simultaneously as new ones are created, while the unknown of a winter looms on a gray horizon. The same is true in our life together as a community of Christ, recalling the celebrations of the past as we journey together through the present with the Spirit's guidance toward a future of God's creation.

The greatest challenge is embodying a people of hope—not dwelling on past glories or present realities but being committed to work together to make this earth and our lives a reflection of heaven. This is what Jesus himself proclaimed through his words and ministry. He celebrated the past while journeying through the present in his public ministry that finally God's people and God could be united through grace and forgiveness to work for a future of love and hope. He personified not the way it had been or even the way it was, but the way it should be as he shared his life with those whom society had cast off and abandoned. Through the simple act of hospitality and inclusion, a completely systematic reevaluation and revision of what should be central in life was made. It would no longer be fear and anxiety over what could be, but the hope and love of what can be.

So, we have a choice—live in fear of what could be on that gray horizon and so do nothing, OR as a community of Christ seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as we journey together in what can be. Jesus taught us to pray for it. The prayer of our hearts must match the words of our mouths and the actions of our hands. Let us work together as a church toward that bright and glorious future of hope and love through **making connections and offering opportunities for faith, love, and service.**

In Christ,  
Pastor Daven

## 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.



## REMINDER

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



Our Worship Strategy Team will continue to meet throughout the fall for continued conversation and recommendations concerning the single Sunday morning worship service, as well as the potential for additional worship experiences. Please see any team member with ideas, concerns, or comments you'd like to share relating to worship at Christ Church.

**Worship Strategy Team members:** Beth Reilly Brown, Sue Estee, Paula Kreib, Brad Loliger, Greg Maliken, David Pliss, and Laura Smith.



### Food & Supplies Needed for Local Families

In addition to the food that goes to local food pantries, 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 Tiger's Den is collecting **broth** (chicken, beef & vegetable) and **rice or pasta side dishes** (ex. Rice-A-Roni, Knorr packets).

Collecting carts at Christ Church are marked for Tiger's Den Food Pantry and for local families.



#### November Caller Deadline

**Saturday, October 13**

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

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



### *With Joy... From Sally*

Although I've never been to Disney World, family and friends have traveled there so I've seen many photos and heard many stories. It has a Magic Kingdom where it doesn't matter who you are, what you do, or where you came from. You are welcome. In fact, you aren't even stuck being who you are unless you want to be. You can put some ears on your head, or don your favorite princess gown or Jedi robe, and let your imagination go. Fears and inhibitions are not allowed to cut in front of you in this kingdom.

There's a castle in this kingdom. Castles are impressive, and we admire them. But there's a big difference between castles and kingdoms. Castles have moats to keep strange or scary people out, but kingdoms have bridges to let everyone in. Castles have dungeons for people who mess up, but kingdoms have grace and compassion. Castles and kingdoms both have all kinds of people. If we want to build a kingdom, we start with people, not plans, and draw a circle around everyone. I'm sure you understand that I'm talking about the kind of kingdom Jesus built and invited us to help continue building. Jesus didn't see people the way we do - good, bad, difficult, hard to be around. Jesus saw God's sons and daughters, the essence of God in each and every one. Every person has good days and challenging days and sometimes they intersect with our lives. Sometimes we're the person having the difficult time and other times we're the one who happens to come along. God wants us to see them the way God does, cherished sons and daughters, and as neighbors, even if we live in totally different places. If we've been drawn into God's circle of love and are becoming love, we want to build kingdoms instead of castles. We want to connect with people who don't look like us or act like us or see things in the same way we do. We treat them with love and respect, and learn from them as we share ourselves.

I'm told that there's a Disney tradition that the windows in the second-story shops are dedicated to people who helped build the kingdom there. The dedications aren't for people who gave millions of dollars or to construction companies, but to people who did things like giving banjo lessons. However, it's not really the banjo lessons for which they are remembered, but because they helped build a kingdom there.

What part will you play in building the kingdom Jesus invites us to build?

# Faith Xpress! Sundays 11 am

## Never Too Young (or old)

Jeremiah was a young man who spoke for God. The Bible calls that being a prophet. God uses people of all ages and all kinds to speak up and to stand up for God's ways and never give up.

### October 7 & 14 – Mosaic project

Jeremiah smashed a pot to make a point. We'll be making beautiful things from some broken pieces.

### October 21 – Game Day

### October 28 – Christmas Pageant Sign Up!!

# Faith Xpress – Youth!

Middle and High School youth will follow the same themes, but with different activities.

# Community Youth Group



Watch the bulletin and online updates for upcoming events!

## Halloween Night at Christ Church



Stop by the firepit for s'mores and more! Greet our neighbors on this night of fun.

## Visitation Team

On behalf of the **Visitation Team**, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who has the gift of gab, loves sharing gossip, or just feels moved to do something new/different this year, to join our team. For those who aren't familiar with us, we are a small group who each month visit our Shut-Ins; some take Communion, some just visit with our "gang members," some are even treated to a meal! No matter how we choose to connect with these folks, we always come away with a feeling of joy that we could share the news of the church, extend the Lord's Table, or perhaps share in an activity happening at the Shut-in's Facility. Ruth Malone, Shirley Downey, and Lois Lewis receive few visitors; they in particular might enjoy seeing someone else's face besides mine from time to time. If you think you might be interested in this Ministry, please fill out one of the yellow Connection Cards or contact the church office. You might be surprised at how much fun you have!

Sandy Cumming

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Carolyn Day ..... 02
- Bradley Loliger ..... 02
- Janelle Martin ..... 03
- Nicholas Darling ..... 04
- Daryl Bennett ..... 09
- Susan Cataudella ..... 09
- Bill Bauza ..... 10
- Rachel James ..... 10
- Greg Mailken ..... 11



- Julie Wrisley ..... 12
- Fraser Mooney ..... 16
- Wayne Pruski ..... 26
- Debbie Fiebelkorn ..... 27
- Janet Hill ..... 27



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Susan & Thomas Cataudella ..... October 08, 1988

## Thank You

A big thank you to everyone for all your love, hugs, cards, and wonderful support while Bob was ill. He is gone now, but you continue to support me and for that I am grateful.

In Christian love, Marcia Snyder



As part of CUMC ministries, we would like to make sure lots of people hear the BLESSED WISHES that GOD brings to us at CHRISTMAS.

Join us on  
Sunday, November 18, 2018  
At 12 pm

We will be making cards to spread  
Good Tidings of Great Joy!  
The cards will be given to those at the  
WEST SENECA PSYCHIATRIC CENTER

A light lunch will be shared.  
Supplies will be provided.  
You are welcome to bring stickers and Christmas decorations to share.  
Just bring your creative holiday ideas!

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**



## CIRCLE NEWS

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet Thursday, October 5 at 7 pm at Marilyn Welker's home, 104 Wedgewood (689-7477.) Hostess is Julie Wrisley (839-3395.) We will be planning for 2019. Contact Marilyn or Julie if you plan to attend.

**Rachel Circle** will meet Tuesday October 23 at 12:15 pm.

**Circle of Joy** October meeting TBD

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Women's Weekend at Chautauqua  
Friday to Sunday, October 5 - 7, 2018  
*Vita Abbondante!*



*John 10:10* Caring for our bodies, mind, and spirits!



Facilitator: Chaplain Daryl Bennett



United Methodist Women's Sunday  
and Children's Sabbath  
Sunday, October 28, 10:00 am

"Opening Doors to Hope, Love, and Justice for Every Child"



## Keeping in Touch Meeting in November Request

**Beginning October 28**, sign up to visit members of our church family who are unable to attend worship. Gift bags to take on your visits will be provided. Share the story of your visit on November 10.

## Spiritual Growth and Practices Team

### *Thirstaid Thursdays*

*1:00 - 2:30 pm in the Wesley Room*

October 4 - "Bad Girls of the Bible"  
Facilitator: Diane Klenk

October 11 - November 1 "Immersed in Worship"  
Facilitators: Rev. Daven Oskvig  
Peggy Bermudez

"Immersed in Worship" will also be offered on Sunday evenings, Oct. 14 - Nov. 4 from 6:30 - 8pm.

## Commission on a Way Forward

The United Methodist Council of Bishops has released the final report of the Commission on a Way Forward, which will be presented at the 2019 special session of the General Conference. Bishop Webb will be present at Clarence UMC on October 14, from 4-6 pm. This gathering will include a presentation of the plan and process of General Conference, a time to remember our mission, and worship and prayer.

## Mind Health Ministry

Question:

**WHY IS THE CHURCH THE PERFECT CONNECTION FOR MIND HEALTH MINISTRY?**

Explore the Answer:

**Bridges of Hope**

**Sunday, October 21st at 11 am Connection Café**

If you have any questions, please contact  
Daryl Bennett at (716) 380-6706.

## A Message from your Stewardship Team



Is life weighing you down?  
What prevents you from soaring?  
CONNECT with Christ Church and  
lose some weight!  
Watch for more details from your  
Stewardship Team in October!

## FINANCE TEAM

We wish to thank all of you for your wonderful support over the summer months. It was the best summer, financially, that we have had in years. For that reason we did not have to take our annual Endowment distribution of \$25,000. However, we will be taking these funds between now and the end of the year.

As of August 31, our income from all sources was \$194,322 and our expenses were \$209,031.

We are also up to date with our Shared Ministries (Apportionments) commitment.

The September 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday offering for The Teacher's Desk was \$422.

Again, thank you all so much for your support!

The Finance Team

**We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Robert Nachbar, who died on September 18. A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Church on Saturday, September 29 at 11 am.**

**Offering an Opportunity to Grow in Faith... through...**

**THE WESLEY CHALLENGE...**

When John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, was an instructor (fellow) of Lincoln College of Oxford University, he gathered a group of students to study Scripture, pray, discuss what it means to live a Christian life, and to encourage one another in Christian living.

To guide the group gatherings, he asked a series of 21 questions designed to lead his students to grow in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Between November 4 and November 25, you are invited to engage the 21 questions with others in both personal and group settings, using a resource titled **“The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith.”**

On Sundays, November 11, 18 & 25, Pastor Daven Oskvig’s sermons will explore three themes of the questions:

- *Relationship with God: an Upward Focus*
- *Relationship with Self: an Inward Focus*
- *Relationship with Others: an Outward Focus*

**The Spiritual Formation Team invites adults and youth to participate in “The Wesley Challenge” by reading the book daily (one question for each day), attending worship each Sunday, and joining with others in group reflection and conversation during the three-week period.**

So we will know how many books to order, we invite you to complete the following form and return it to the church, or submit it on Sundays in the Café, or indicate your interest on the yellow “Connection Card.” If you wish to make a donation toward the cost of the book (\$11), checks payable to “Christ UMC” should have “Wesley Challenge” on the check memo line.

**Please turn in your response by Wednesday, Oct. 17**

The Wesley Challenge

\_\_\_ Yes, I want \_\_\_ book(s)

Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Donation attached/enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Christ UMC, 350 Saratoga Rd, Amherst, NY 14226  
or submit to church office.

**OUTREACH MISSIONS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2018**

**Winter Outerwear Drive**

**We are currently collecting gently used coats with working zippers and buttons, as well as hats, mittens, scarves and boots for Clara’s Closet and will continue doing so until the end of October. Please place your donations in the black totes labeled Clara’s Closet in Crafts Hall. Clara’s Closet provides clothing for refugees and for low income individuals living in the Buffalo area. Clara’s Closet is located in Central Park UMC. Thank you for your help in keeping someone warm this winter.**





**Turkey Baskets**

Beginning October 13, we will begin the annual gathering of ingredients for the Thanksgiving baskets for the less fortunate. Stuffing mix, canned vegetables, canned fruit, brownie mix, instant mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce are included in each basket. Frozen turkeys and gift cards are also greatly appreciated. The supplies will be assembled to be delivered the week of November 12.



**The Outreach Team will not be holding an International Dinner on October 19. A fundraising event is being planned for early next year. Watch for details in future issues of The Caller.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	<b>1</b> Library Team 10:30a	<b>2</b> Exploring Sunday Scriptures - Noon  Church Council 7p	<b>3</b>  Choir 7p	<b>4</b> Thirstaid Thursdays 1-2:30p  Elizabeth Circle 7p	<b>5</b> Books We Have Loved 11a  UMW Weekend at Chautauqua	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> World Communion Sunday  Worship 10a Education Hour 11a  UMW Weekend at Chautauqua	<b>8</b>  <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b> Exploring Sunday Scriptures - Noon Children's Sabbath Meeting 1:30p Leadership Development 7p	<b>10</b>  Choir 7p	<b>11</b> Thirstaid Thursdays 1-2:30p  Staff-Parish Relations Team 7p	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>NOVEMBER CALLER DEADLINE</b>	
<b>14</b> Worship 10a Education Hour 11a  Bishops' Gathering 4p Worship Study 6:30p	<b>15</b> Mental Health Team 10a	<b>16</b> Exploring Sunday Scriptures - Noon  Outreach Team 7p Trustees 7:30p	<b>17</b>  Choir 7p	<b>18</b> Thirstaid Thursdays 1-2:30p	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> Worship 10a Education Hour 11a Mind Health Ministry: Bridges of Hope 11a  Worship Study 6:30p	<b>22</b> Spiritual Growth Team 10a	<b>23</b> Exploring Sunday Scriptures - Noon  Rachel Circle 12:15p Christian Ed. Team 7p	<b>24</b>  Choir 7p	<b>25</b> Thirstaid Thursdays 1-2:30p  Hospitality Team 7p	<b>26</b>  GAME NIGHT 7p	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> Worship 10a Education Hour 11a UMW Sunday   Children's Sabbath  Worship Study 6:30p	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Exploring Sunday Scriptures - Noon	<b>31</b>  <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>  <b>Halloween Night at Christ Church</b>  Choir 7p				<b>2018</b>