

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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Office Closed Monday, September 2





September launches us into a time of great hope. This is true on so many levels, whether it be in the start of a new school year, the beginning of another football season, the baseball playoffs, or a new hockey season. It is in September that we cross our fingers and say “maybe this is OUR year . . .” We anticipate, watch, and pray through this month as we see if this hope is well placed.

The church in many ways mirrors this surrounding reality as our full program year really swings into action in September. For those who have considered, planned, and enacted opportunities and themes for ways to explore our faith, this is the time when we anticipate, watch, and pray if that work, hope, and prayers were well placed. Will the spiral pass reach the intended receiver? Does our team come together to play well? Will our regular season play lead to an incredible post-season? Will the excitement and enthusiasm for the possibilities lead to the gathering before and after events just for more time to share with one another? Yes, all of these questions seem to reflect sensibilities that exist outside of our faith lives, but I have come to ask myself ‘why not at church/with church/in the church?’ The time has passed for the recreation and preparation; the time has come to play, to be God’s people, a team of faith in action.

So, let us rally together this year for all the hopes of what we can accomplish together. Let us not only anticipate great things ourselves, but *be* the hope for others. Faith in other places may falter, but faith in God will restore our hope over and over. Join with me this fall as a team of faith in action as we make connections and offer opportunities for faith, love, and service.

God’s peace to you all,

Pastor Daven

Safe Shred Console



Lincoln Archives, Inc. has provided Christ Church with a safe shred console, which is located in the main office. If you have items to be shredded, feel free to bring them in and drop them off in the console, which will soon be taken to Lincoln Archives, Inc. to be shredded safely and securely.

FAITH / LOVE / SERVICE

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.

FINANCE TEAM—JUNE-AUGUST

Thank you all for keeping up with your pledges over the summer months.

The 2nd Sunday offerings were as follows:

June 9 – \$324 for Amherst Meals on Wheels

July 14 - \$281 for topsoil for the Community Garden

August 11 - \$189 for the Pride Center of WNY

The Peace with Justice offering was \$166 and we have received \$4,665 toward the \$5,000 matching gift for painting Craft's Hall.

We have received a total of \$10,150 for the replacement of the Seneca Street UMC gym floor, thanks to the very large gift from a couple who are members of CUMC.

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

- CUMC Finance Team



Dear Christ Church Community

Thank you for a very special gathering on June 9 - one I will always remember. Your presence means the world to me and I will always feel grateful for the years we shared. Though things change, we remain connected and you're always in my prayers as we step into the future. Thank you for all you've taught me, shared with me, and all the ways you challenged me to become more. The "Gratitude" book you took the time to sign is a treasure.

For the party, presents, book, and mostly, for your presence in my life, I am grateful. You fill my heart and soul with joy!

Sally Pollard



FAITH X PRESS

Sunday mornings at 11am Lower Level
SEPTEMBER

Welcome Back to FaithXpress!

On **Sunday, September 8** we will have a meet and greet with parents and children in the Joyful Noise Music Room (Room 18) following worship. The Christian Education Team (CET) will introduce the curriculum and register the children. All children in PreK - 5th grade will register for FaithXpress while youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to the Community Youth Group. The CET is currently looking for college age volunteers to assist with the older youth during Sunday education time. Refreshments will be served.



Blessing of the Backpacks - Children may bring their school backpacks to church on **September 8** when Pastor Daven will give blessings to the children during Children's Moment.



Spiritual Growth and Practices Team

Thirstaid Thursdays

1:00 - 2:30 in the Wesley Room

PRAYER

September 12 - October 17

How should I pray? Does prayer make a difference? Are there different kinds of prayer? What can I do to improve my prayer life? Come and quench your thirst for a vibrant prayer life as we explore these topics and more. All are welcome!

Spiritual Formation for September 2019

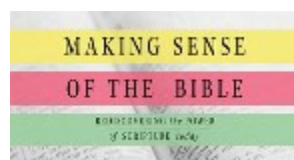
From Your Spiritual Formation Team:

**AOL (Adult Opportunities for Learning) Sundays following worship:
September 8th - October 13th**

In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible, exploring questions such as:

- How and when was the Bible written?
- Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why?
- Were Adam and Eve real people?
- Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"?
- Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the End Times?

In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these 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.



IT'S CHOIR TIME AGAIN!

As the summer season nears an end, I hope this finds you refreshed and eager to begin a new year in the ministry of Christ Church! There are few gifts of time and talent that are as personally rewarding, and as present in the worship experience than singing in the choir. Yes, it is a significant commitment, but the gift you give through that commitment is beyond comprehension. Perhaps Leonardo DaVinci said it best when he described music as "the shape and form of the invisible." Your gift of time, talent, and effort brings form to the love and grace of God. What a ministry it is! AND the choir enjoys great camaraderie, and we have a lot of fun to boot!

So, if you are even slightly inclined to join us, or if you're simply curious as to what we're all about, speak to me, or just show up at our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary. I guarantee you'll be warmly welcomed!



Paul Staley, Minister of Music

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Ross Markello upon his death July 18. A memorial service celebrating his life was held on Sunday, August 4.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Jane Darling.....	3	Nancy Annunziata	16
Ryan James.....	4	Jim Pollard.....	18
Pastor B. J. Norrix.....	5	Jonathan Miller	19
Al Wrisley	6	Sandra Paddock.....	20
Lianne Oskvig	7	Beth Reilly-Brown.....	20
Bim Rowlands.....	9	Hildegard Webber.....	20
June Gilbert.....	10	Lisa Malpica.....	24
Patti Bechtel.....	11	Nora Townsend Wilber	24
Darcie Beyer	11	Danielle Keller	25
Kathy Brunner	11	Barbara Carier	26
Barbara Brayman	14	Jean Wood.....	27
Marion Chalmers.....	15		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Herb & Jane Darling.....	September 8, 1956
Tom & Kathy Weaver	September 8, 1984
Jeremiah & Michelle Cordero.....	September 12, 2014
Herb & Nora Townsend Wilber	September 21, 1990
Greg & Phyllis Maliken	September 22, 1979
Frank & Linda Parete.....	September 27, 1956

Searching the Scriptures

Tuesdays at Noon in the Wesley Room

Join Pastor Daven in a conversation about the Scriptures which will be explored in the sermon on the following Sunday.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Saturday, September 7, 10 am
150 Years of UMW
with Peggy Bermudez
Hostess: Rachel Circle Cost: \$5



Who are the women who have led the way for United Methodist Women for the past 150 years? Some of the answers may surprise you. Come and hear about these courageous and innovative women whose lives continue to influence and inspire us today.

All are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD



Saturday, October 5, 2019
Niagara Frontier District UMW
Annual Meeting



Eden UMC, 2820 E Church St., Eden, NY 14057
 9:15 am – 2:00 pm

“The Next 150 Years”

Speaker: **Carmen Vianese**, Upper New York UMW President
 Carmen will lead the delegates from UNY Annual Conference at General Conference 2020.

Cost: \$10 by September 30th
(includes coffee hour and lunch)

Unplugged Women’s Weekend
October 11-13, 2019
United Methodist House at Chautauqua



All activities are optional—do what’s best for your soul as we explore the importance of laughter, play, and creativity, including movies, games, puzzles, devotions, long walks, side trips—whatever helps you to relax and recharge! Look for the sign up and more details coming soon!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - PART 2
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Project List

Join us for Make a Difference Day - Part 2 on **Saturday, September 28!**

We will be participating in several service projects beyond the church walls and out in our community. Look for sign-up sheets in the back of the Sanctuary in September. We will be sharing about our experiences both during worship on **Sunday, September 29** and following the service in the Café.

Compass House - Compass House is a nonprofit which seeks to provide runaway, homeless, and street youth with safe shelter and services, through a voluntary and mutually agreed-upon process, in an environment that supports dignity, respect, and self-reliance. It runs an emergency shelter on Linwood Ave and a Resource Center on Main Street in Buffalo.

We will be volunteering on clean up and improvement in the morning, concluding with making lunch and eating with the residents. **(9am - 1pm)**

Leader: *Pastor Daven*

Compass House Emergency Shelter
370 Linwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209

Paws in the Park – As the SPCA’s longest-running fundraiser, Paws in the Park invites people to come with (or without) their dog for a scenic two-mile walk at Beaver Island State Park.

We will need a group of volunteers to direct traffic and park cars. This would start around 9 am and go for about 2-2.5 hours. Then we will volunteer at the finish line to help cheer on participants as they cross the finish line. Breakfast and lunch are provided. **(9am – 12:30/1pm)**

Leader: *Julie Krieger*

Beaver Island State Park
2136 Oakfield Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet Thursday, September 5 at 7pm at the Vincroft Community Center, coordinated by Mary Ball (741-3301). Paul Staley, our Minister of Music, will provide the program.

Hostess is Donna Hammond (844-8091). Contact Mary or Donna if you plan to attend.

Circle of Joy will meet at the home of Diane Klenk on Thursday, September 5th at 7pm and will discuss one of the books featured on the UMW Reading List, *Hiding in the Light* by Rifqa Bary.

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday, September 24 at 12:15p for a program planning meeting.



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 **flour, sugar, cooking oil, salt, and healthy snacks (crackers, granola bars)** They also request **paper bags** and **reusable shopping bags (NOT plastic bags)** to pack groceries.

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

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!

Missions of the Month

Family Promise



Their mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. To date they have an 88% success rate in helping people find sustainable housing. They cannot do it without a vast volunteer network which is church-based. Our congregation helps out several evenings a year by providing a meal and visitation with the families in the program. Recently there has been an increased need for volunteers. **If you would like more information, or better yet, could help prepare a meal and visit, please see Lee Watson.** We would love to have your help!

Journey's End Film Festival

Journey's End's 2nd Annual Film Festival is set to begin in September. Show your support for refugee resettlement in Buffalo and our newest neighbors! Attend the WNY Refugee Film Festival to benefit the programs of Journey's End Refugee Services. JERS is proud to host the only film festival of its kind in the US! Seven award-winning films, including a Buffalo Slow-Roll Grand Finale featuring films on the Syrian refugee crisis; a special screening at Shea's Performing Arts Center with a director-led talkback; a Global VIP Reception with international food, libations, and entertainment; food-themed door prizes; a free WNYRFF T-shirt for all film pass holders; and more! Yummy concessions for sale at each screening, including pizza for Thursday early screenings! *Buffalo Spree Magazine* calls it a "Be There" event and we hope you'll be there, too! For film passes, trailers, and schedule, visit www.wnyrff.org.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - PART 2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



ReStore (Habitat for Humanity) – Habitat Buffalo's ReStore is a socially-conscious retail outlet, selling gently-used furniture, household appliances, building materials, and home accessories. ReStore inventory changes daily, and items are sold at a fraction of retail price. Thousands of items are kept out of landfills, and every purchase helps Habitat build homes for families in need. Volunteers will be sanding, drilling, gluing, and assembling wood from pallets to repurpose them into wine racks, which are a top seller in the ReStore, helping to raise funds for Habitat homes. No specific skills are required; someone will be teaching the group step-by-step how to prepare and assemble the materials to create the finished product. The minimum age is 16 years old, and 6 would be the ideal group size, but can accommodate more if necessary. **(10am - 3pm)**

Leader: Bob Lovell

Habitat ReStore

1675 South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY 14220



Seneca Street UMC – Seneca Street's goal is to reach out to individuals in the Seneca-Babcock area with the love of God. They do this with worship, programs, personal support, and direct help for the "gaps" in what our neighbors can provide for themselves. We will be working at the church on various projects indoors & outdoors, such as fall trimming & putting gardens to bed, cleaning kitchen & pantry cupboards, painting in stairwells and (maybe) bathrooms. **(9am-1pm)**

Team Leader: Peggy Bermudez





Seneca Street UMC

1218 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210

We are looking for one more project for September 28! If you know of any possibilities, please contact Janelle in the church office at cumc350@gmail.com.

September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10a Education Hour 11a	2  Office Closed	3 Church Council 7p	4 Choir 7p	5 Visitation 11:30a Elizabeth Circle 7p Circle of Joy 7p	6 Books We Have Loved 11a	7 UMW Breakfast Gathering 10a
8 Worship 10a Backpack blessing 10a Faith Xpress Meet & Greet 11a	9	10 Searching the Scriptures 12p UMW Executive Board 1p Finance 7p ?	11 Spiritual Growth Team 11a Choir 7p	12 Thirstaid Thursdays 1p	13 Caller Deadline	14
15 Worship 10a Education Hour 11a	16	17 Searching the Scriptures 12p Christian Ed. 7p Outreach Team 7p Trustees 7:30p	18 Choir 7p	19 Thirstaid Thursdays 1p SPR Team 7p	20	21
22 Worship 10a Education Hour 11a	23  Fall begins	24 Searching the Scriptures 12p Rachel Circle 12:15p	25 Choir 7p	26 Thirstaid Thursdays 1p Hospitality Team 7p	27	28 Make a Difference Day - Part 2
29 Worship 10a Education Hour 11a	30			Confirmands and Families Ashley Miller and Nicole Takac June 9, 2019	