

# CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**Worship 10 am**  
**Education Hour –11am**  
**TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, AND SERVICE**

*Pastor*  
**Rev. Daven Oskvig**

*Office Administrator*  
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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9am –2pm**  
**Office closed: 10/11, 11/11, 11/25-26**

***COVID Restriction Update!***  
**With changing guidance from the CDC, the Upper New York Conference has advised that masks be worn by all individuals for indoor gatherings.**

**December 2021—January 2022**

**Caller Deadline:**  
**Wednesday, November 13**  
 to  
**caller350@yahoo.com or**  
**bbmitch@verizon.net**

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



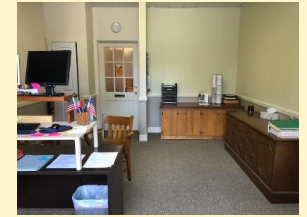
# The Caller

## Large Office Remodel



Before

After



*Photos by Peggy Bermudez*



Before

After



Before

Before



After



before

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## Small Office Remodel



# October/November 2021



Once a year we delight in God’s incredible spectrum of color through autumn’s display. This wonder remains something that has to be experienced personally, seemingly impossible to capture completely in paint or on film. The reds, yellows, oranges, greens, and browns; the smells of crisp air, dried leaves, and smoke from chimneys; the peace and tranquility all come together making this a holistic experience of sight, sound, smell, and feel. God, indeed, is an awesome God!

As I stare in wonder at this divine natural show, it makes me reflect on our life together as Christ’s Church. We are shown through our surroundings the deep beauty inherent in all things through this seasonal change. Is this Christ’s way of showing us the intrinsic beauty in all people and what the church should be a vision of in all times? Not only that, but is it also an expression of how God’s people should provide a holistic experience when they gather in Christian love—one of sight, sound, smell, and feel? I like to think that the church does hint at this divine natural spectacle in its life. As we are brought together in love and seek to live that love out with God and with neighbor, we work to establish a beautiful vision of God’s Kingdom. As we worship with voice, organ, and piano, we resound with the sweet music of grace. As we gather in fellowship around the table, the odor of joy fills the room. And as we join in prayer, the hands of compassion comfort and lift us up. This view can match, if not even exceed, the beauty of autumn’s natural show when we work together to be Christ’s body.

I pray that you will join me in love, in song, in fellowship, and in prayer that our church may reflect to all the incredible beauty of God’s grace in Christ Jesus inspired by the Holy Spirit. Let us be moved by the seasons. But let not our colors be seasonal, but rather permanent, that in *all* seasons through *all* days, *all* may know that this church is a place for God to be experienced personally in sight, sound, smell, and feel, as we ‘Make Connections and Offer Opportunities for Faith, Love, and Service.’”

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Daven*

## October Birthdays

Brad Loliger.....	2 *
Janelle Martin.....	3
Nicholas Darling.....	4
Susan Cautadella .....	9
Greg Maliken .....	11
Corrin Stier.....	12
Julie Wrisley.....	12
Aly Stier.....	19
Janet Hill .....	27



## October Anniversaries

Thomas Kossler & Kari Kibler .....	October 2, 2014
Ally & Corrin Stier.....	October 3, 2015
Thomas & Susan Cautadella.....	October 8, 1988
Matt & Amy Thormahlen .....	October 8, 1984

## November Anniversaries

Ian & Nicole Johnson.....	November 14, 2014
Geoff & Janet Hill .....	November 21, 1970
Jim & Laurie Hannon.....	November 22, 1980
Guy & Sharon Ferrelli.....	November 24, 1974
Al & Julie Wrisley.....	November 24, 1962
Jim & Sally Pollard .....	<b>40 years!</b> November 28, 1981

If you would like to add your birthday and/or anniversary to the list, please contact the church office at 839-2460 or Barb Mitchell at 839-2435



Thanks to John Miller for providing his lawn mowing services at Christ Church this summer.



**Daylight Savings Time ends November 7.**  
Turn your clock **BACK** 1 hour before you retire on **November 6.**



## Finance Update

Our income has remained quite stable over the summer months and we thank all of you very much for your support.

We have received special gifts for Seneca Street UMC and Durham MSF Zone. We have so far received \$600 to pay for the Shredding Truck for Make a Difference Day.

CUMC Finance Team

## Stewardship Team: *Journeying Toward the Future with Hope*



This past year has been filled with uncertainty, deep sorrow, and great joy. At Christ Church we remain hopeful about the future and ready to dream big as we discern what God is calling us to do and be. Participation in our giving is a collective decision to work together toward common goals that bring hope and healing to our congregation and our community. In early November, watch your mail for letters and pledge cards. Commitment Sunday will be celebrated on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Your giving is essential to accomplishing our ministry hopes for 2022. Thank you!

## Trustees Update on Current Projects for Fall

- At the Parsonage, in anticipation of a new tenant pastor moving in later this year:
  - ◊ Repair ceilings in dining room, hallway, and master bath
  - ◊ Painting
  - ◊ New washer and dryer
- Installation of church-wide Wi-Fi system for members and guests use
- Replace collapsed gutter drainage sewer pipes

The Trustees meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30p. The team oversees the financial and physical care of the church buildings.



Tom Weaver (Chair)   John Miller   Cindy Cumming   Phyllis Maliken   Ed Gilbert   Scott Smith  
Missing: Karen Hoffmann, Tom Nye, Chris Sciolino

## Spiritual Formation Team

### AOL (Adult Opportunities for Learning)

#### **Finding Our Faith in the Midst of Chaos**

*(Where is God When \$#@% Happens)*

Keeping hope alive through personal, community, and global crises challenges our faith and belief systems. We'll consider current events, how they affect our faith, and where we see God at work in the midst of chaos. **Sundays at 11a in the Wesley Room.**

#### Exploring Sunday Scriptures

Join Rev. Oskvig in a conversation about the scripture which will be explored in the sermon on the following Sunday.

**Tuesdays at Noon** at Christ Church (safety protocols in place) and a recorded version will be offered on YouTube at CUMCAMherst.

#### Feasting on the Word

with Rev. Oskvig – posted Wednesdays on our website:

[www.christchurchamherst.org](http://www.christchurchamherst.org)

## *Thirstaid Thursdays* *from 1:00 – 2:30 at Christ Church*

### **How Happiness Happens:**

Finding Lasting Joy in a World of Comparison, Disappointment, and Unmet Expectations  
by Max Lucado

**September 23 – October 28**

Facilitator: **Diane Klenk**

*Books and Study Guides available through Christ Church*

### **Advent Study ~ Miracle on 31<sup>st</sup> Street: Grinch to Gratitude in 26 days!**

Stress, unforeseen crises, commitments, aging parents, kids, money worries . . . none of it goes away. But if you manage it right, you can recreate the joy of Christmas every day of the year no matter what the circumstances.

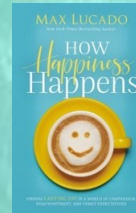
By Susan Sparks (Preacher, Lawyer, Standup Comedian)

*based on her 2019 Christmas in July series at Chautauqua Institution*

**November 18 - December 16 (no class on Thanksgiving!)**

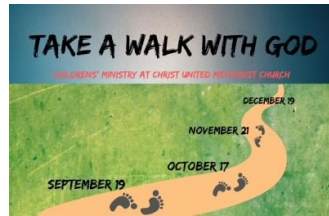
Facilitator: **Peggy Bermudez**

*Books available through Christ Church*





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**“Take a Walk with God.”**

We invite everyone, young and young at heart, to join us in Crafts Hall on **October 17 and November 21 at 11:00 after worship.**



**NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
Saturday, November 6, 10:00 – Noon on Zoom  
Network of Leaders**



Take some time to be encouraged, share ideas, and learn what women in our District are doing to bring help and hope to those in need in our communities during the pandemic.

*Watch your e-mail for a Zoom link*



**Sunday, October 24, 10:00 am  
UMW Sunday and Children’s Sabbath**

**“Where Does It Hurt? Listening to Heal Our Children”**

Guest Preacher: **Rev. Diann Holt**  
*Founder and Executive Director of  
Durham’s Maternal Stress-Free Zone*



**CIRCLE NEWS**

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, October 12 at 1p at Paula Kreib’s home, 10 Constance Lane, Cheektowaga (725-6067.)** We will plan for 2022 .

We will meet **Tuesday, November 9 at 1p in the Wesley Room** for our service project, providing **new** socks for the homeless (adult and children sizes.)

**Missions of the Month**

**Opportunities to share ourselves, our talents, and our resources with others**

**Make A Difference Day**

**A hearty thank you to all who participated to make the day meaningful for all!!**

**World Communion Sunday October 3**

World Communion Sunday offers us a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith. This offering supports a diverse mix of national and international ethnic college students to make a global impact for Christ.

**Hats for Roswell**

The Crafting for a Cause team would like to invite you to join them in making hats for Roswell. They can be sewn, crocheted, or knitted. Please contact Lee Watson for more information or if you would like a pattern.



**Turkey Baskets**



We will be collecting food for Turkey baskets at Thanksgiving for our families again this year. Items that are needed are canned vegetables and fruit, brownie mix, boxed mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, and gift cards for local supermarkets for turkeys. We will be delivering our gifts of food on November 14.

**Student Sunday November 28**

The United Methodist Church believes that every person has the right to education and that the responsibility of educating young people rests with the family, faith communities, and the government. On United Methodist Student Day, we have the opportunity to support scholarships and low-interest loans that help young leaders achieve their dreams.

***Thank you for your continued support of the many missions of our church.***