

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**Worship 10 am**

**Education Hour –TBD**

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



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**SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**(June 27 to September 6)**

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**

**9 am –Noon**

*Office Closed Monday, July 4*



# The Caller



**Soulfishing Ministries Mission Team**

**July 17-August 3**

**Kathy Weaver**

**Ashley Miller**

**Marie Miller**

**John Miller**



**September 2022  
Caller Deadline!**  
Saturday, August 13 to  
[caller350@yahoo.com](mailto:caller350@yahoo.com) or  
[bbmitch@verizon.net](mailto:bbmitch@verizon.net)

**Questions? Contact Barb Mitchell  
839-2435 or [bbmitch@verizon.net](mailto:bbmitch@verizon.net)**

# JUNE JULY AUGUST 2022



Summer is a time of rest and recreation. Days are long and warm lending themselves to lounging and lingering into twilight in the company of friends and family. It seems that alongside our educational counterparts, all professional schedules slow while recreational schedules expand. Many churches change their time of worship while many corresponding opportunities beyond worship slow or suspend for the summer. Certainly, some unique events are held, but many of the typical meetings and studies are disbanded through the summer for want of participation.

We have a jewel in our area which leaned into this slowed reality to foster, originally, an opportunity to gather and train teachers of Sunday School. This proved the perfect time for adults from the surrounding rural countryside to enrich their spiritual life and the Chautauqua Institute was born. Since that time Chautauqua has expanded to be a more general adult educational movement bringing speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers, and other specialists of the day together through the weeks of the summer. Unfortunately, to stay there and to participate in the events of the Chautauqua Institute have grown out-of-reach for many. Thankfully, however, over time this summer emphasis has also turned into a verb: to Chautauqua. So, to Chautauqua is not only a historical Methodist summer event of spiritual development, but something still available to all of us. Theodore Roosevelt called it “the most American thing in America” at one point. Woodrow Wilson during the depths of World War I saw it as “an integral part of the national defense.” And William Jennings Bryan deemed it a “potent human factor in molding the mind of the nation.”

Let us use this summer as a time to feed our hunger for education, spiritual development, culture, and entertainment. Let us not lay aside our need to grow during these months, but seize the opportunity in this time to discuss, read, and participate in ways we are simply unable to during the rest of the year. It is summer and so it is time to Chautauqua!

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Daven*

## June Birthdays



Richard Ball.....	4*
Diane Poe Schroeder .....	5
Carol Gundlach .....	6
Woody Rhinehart .....	6
Karen Hoffmann .....	7
John Lopez .....	8
Nicole Takac.....	8
Charlotte Davis .....	9
Lisa Lawson.....	9
Samantha Willauck.....	10
Patricia Zaleski.....	12
Samuel Suggs.....	13
Laura Smith.....	17
Richard Miller .....	18
Donna Hammond .....	22
Sean Brown.....	23
Julie Sciolino .....	25
Pat Loesch.....	27
Ruth Munson .....	27
Bob Varian .....	27
Anne Merritt.....	28
Barb Mitchell .....	28

## July Birthdays

Patty Keller .....	2
Pam Elberson .....	2
Leanne Paddock.....	3
Ann Burdette .....	4
Sharon Ferrelli .....	4
Jean Peterson .....	4
Katheen Cady.....	5
Peggy Nye .....	6
Frank Parette .....	11
Frank Willhauck .....	11
Tom Nye.....	14
Hannah Smith .....	16
Debbie Laberta .....	20
Kay Barber .....	21
Dede Johnson .....	26
Greg Ramsey.....	27
John Miller .....	28
Brandon Miller .....	29
Cindy Fisher .....	30
Alex Ladowski .....	30
Linda Ladowski.....	30



## August Birthdays



Valari Zanghi.....	1	Meagan Weaver .....	24
Erin Johnson .....	5	Chris Johnson.....	25
Phyllis Maliken.....	5	Dave Bechtel.....	27
James Juergens.....	6	Sandy Cumming .....	27
Helen Peacock .....	6	Mary Loliger.....	27
Jeremiah Cordero .....	15	Christopher Pollard.....	27
Nancy Hess .....	23	John Yungbluth .....	30

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

## June Anniversaries



Dave & Pat Bechtel .....	June 07, 1971
Woody & Jan Rhinehart .....	June 09, 1956
Scott & Viki Smith.....	June 15, 1985
Frank & Nancy Annunziata.....	June 19, 2009
Greg & Donna Yungbluth .....	June 20, 1981
Charles & Joanne Gilbert.....	June 22, 1968
Daven & Lianne Oskvig.....	June 28, 2002

## July Anniversaries



Dave & Barb Mitchell .....	July 03, 1964
Tom & Darcie Beyer .....	July 08, 1978
James & Lisa Juergens.....	July 12, 2003
Chris & Laura Smith.....	July 15, 2006
John & Marie Miller .....	July 16, 1994
Richard & Mary Ball .....	July 17, 1993
Tom & Peggy Nye.....	July 20, 1974
Darren & Sandra Paddock.....	July 20, 1996
Paul & Millie Staley .....	July 23, 1977
Chris & Michele Sciolino .....	July 24, 1993

## August Anniversaries



Don & Barb Critoph .....	August 08, 1981
Warren & Donna Hammond.....	August 09, 1969
Steven & Theresa Sahlem.....	August 11, 2019
David & Lisa Lawson .....	August 15, 1987
Robert & Patricia Loesch .....	August 15, 1964
Bim & Marian Rowlands .....	August 15, 1964
Larry & Ann Burdette.....	August 16, 1958
Harley & Sue Estee .....	August 21, 1993
Brad & Peggy Bermudez .....	August 22, 1981



United  
Women  
in Faith



**Breakfast Gathering**  
**Saturday, June 18, 10:00 am in the Café**  
**History of the SPCA Serving Erie County**  
**& Ways to Get Involved**

**ALL are welcome! Please invite your family and friends.**

**A furry friend will be there, too!**

**We will be gathering collars, treats (unopened), and toys for cats and dogs.**

Cost: \$5

Hosts: UWF Leadership Team

Contact Peggy Bermudez at 626-4897 or  
[bradbermudez@hotmail.com](mailto:bradbermudez@hotmail.com) to RSVP.



United Women in Faith of Christ Church  
invite you to a Church-wide Picnic  
**Sunday, July 24, after Worship**  
(Rain Date: Sunday, July 31)  
Watch the Weekly Update for details!



### CIRCLE NEWS

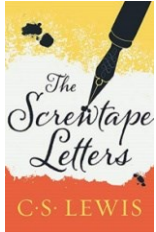
[Elizabeth Circle](#) will meet on Tuesday June 11 at 1p for our BYO lunch. Donna Hammond will host at her home 82 Huntleigh Circle, Amherst NY. Water and wine provided by Donna.

[Circle of Joy](#) will meet Thursday, June 2 at 7p in the Wesley Room to assemble Birthing Kits for the Soulfishing Ministries mission team to take to Uganda in July.

## Spiritual Formation Team

### AOL

Sundays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 in the Wesley Room after worship.



### The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

This classic masterpiece of religious satire entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles. Comic, serious, and original, it is an engaging account of temptation and triumph over it.

Facilitator: Beth Reilly Brown

### Thirstaid

Through 6 different studies, we've learned and grown together this year.

Thanks to our participants and facilitators!

Thirstaid will return in September with new learning opportunities!

Enjoy your summer!

Exploring Sunday Scriptures: posted on YouTube and an in person opportunity on Tuesdays at Noon - Join Rev. Oskvig in a conversation about the scriptures which will be explored in the sermon on the following Sunday. (Summer schedule for in person gatherings may vary – please check the Weekly Update.)

Feasting on the Word with Rev. Oskvig – posted Wednesdays on our website: [www.christchurchamherst.org](http://www.christchurchamherst.org)



**MADD (Make a Difference Day)**  
Scheduled for September 24th!



Our Covid-delayed

## Famous Used Book Sale



June 1 to June 5, 2022

Wed. to Sat. 9 am-8 pm,  
Sun. 11 am-5 pm

### Entrance Fees

WED. 9-11 **\$25**, 11-1 **\$15**, 1-9 **\$10**  
THURS., FRI., & SAT. ALL DAY **\$1**  
SUNDAY **FREE**—BAG DAY **\$5/BAG**

480 Evans St., Williamsville  
(former BAC for Women)  
**BRING YOUR OWN BAG!**

American Association of  
University Women



Buffalo Branch



## Books We Have Loved

We will meet Friday, June 3rd at 11am in the Wesley Room. This will be our final meeting before taking a break in July and August. We look forward to resuming our monthly meetings on September 9th.

Have a great summer, everyone!



**Jack Fisher**, son of John and Liz Fisher and **grandson of Cindy Fisher**, received his Eagle Scout Award in Chantilly, VA on April 30, 2022. His project involved repairing benches and improving a hiking trail in a nearby park.



**Needed items:**

sugar, oil, salad dressing, juice, tomato products (paste, whole, crushed, sauce), laundry detergent

**Christ Church Little Free Food Pantry**

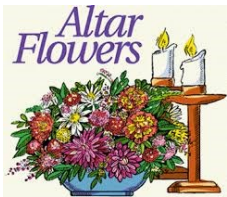
**Small Non-perishable Food items:**

canned fruit/vegetables, macaroni & cheese cups, rice packets (e.g. Knorr), peanut butter, oatmeal canisters (no individual packets)



**No beans (kidney, black, etc.) no spaghetti sauce or spaghetti pasta please**

**Donation bins are located in the office hallway.  
Thank you for your support.**



***A 2022 flower chart is located in the Family Room for those wishing to provide flowers for the Lord's Table on a given Sunday. If you are interested in beautifying the worship space with a floral arrangement in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion, please sign up on the chart. A member of the Worship Team will be in touch. If you are not coming to worship in person at this time but would still like to provide flowers, please contact the church office (839-2460.)***



**Updates from Trustees:**

- Contractor working at the Parsonage – ceiling and plaster repairs; remodeling first floor bath. Our Christ Church volunteer paint team will be tackling painting several of the rooms.
- We'll also be replacing the Parsonage washer, dryer, and the refrigerator. We are hoping to find some special funding for those purchases. Contact Church office if you can help.
- Pastor Dee Finch has agreed to return to the Parsonage as our tenant beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The monthly rent will be \$1,000.
- Work on the chimney at the back of the church - attempting to locate and fix leak(s) that are allowing water to run down walls in basement classroom.

Tom Weaver

**Major Repair Work Update:**



You may have noticed mounds of dirt along the Saratoga side of Crafts Hall and the sanctuary and the Harlem side of the sanctuary. Due to collapse and debris in the underground pipes that carry rain water from the Crafts Hall, Narthex, and Sanctuary roofs, rain water was leaking into the building and pooling on the floor in Youth Hall. During the week between Christmas and New Years 2021 a plumbing contractor dug trenches along the buildings and laid new drainage pipes. The dirt mounds will be left to settle until next Spring when the areas will be scraped of rocks, leveled, and seeded. Overgrown shrubbery and pine trees will be removed and replaced by new plantings. This summer, landscaping mulch will not be spread in the areas where the new drainage was laid.

Scott Smith

## FINANCE TEAM *THANK YOU*

The Finance Team recently recognized the **tremendous leadership provided by Sue Estee and Donna Yungbluth**. They, together, co-chaired the Finance Committee for the last decade. They worked to lead the church through periods when the finances were difficult and enough cash was hard to find. Thankfully for the past few years the finances of the church have been healthy.

Throughout the Covid period when worship, face to face, was not possible, our congregation continued to support the church very well. Consequently our balance sheet is strong and our budget is in balance.

**The Finance Team would like to express its appreciation to all members of the congregation who have continued to give and support the church in every way, including through your regular giving.**

Bob Lovell, Chairman

## FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

To date, we have received the following for Special Offerings:

Easter Sunday	\$1041
UMCOR	\$ 830
UMCOR Ukraine	\$1500
Music and Meditation	\$ 157

Again, our thanks for your continued support of Christ Church!

Finance Team



Bill Watson would like to thank the members of the congregation for its recent support and prayers after the death of his mother on February 22, 2022.

## Missions of the Month



### Family Promise

**Help us stock their shelter with all the essentials their families need!**

**All items must be new.**

“Bed in a Bag” (twin/Queen)

Pillows

Body Wash (Men and women)

Women’s deodorant

Menstrual pads (overnight)

Hand soap

Paper towels

Tissues

Grocery gift cards (Tops)

Look for collection bins in Crafts Hall to place your donations.

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

We wish to extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Lois Lewis upon her death at the age of 99 on April 29, 2022.

We wish to extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Weaver upon her death on May 12, 2022.

## Missions of the Month

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

### ***Family Justice Center*** **Voices Ending Violence Breakfast**

June 9 at 8:00 am Doors Open: 7:30 am

Join the Family Justice Center as we reflect on the new reality of providing services through and after the Covid-19 pandemic, and our plans to add more services in 2022. We will hear from a survivor of relationship abuse and learn how the FJC will continue to adapt on the other side of the pandemic.

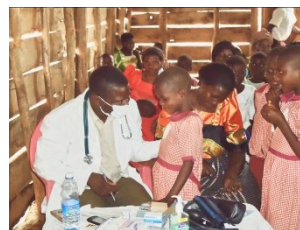
A light complimentary breakfast will be served during the program. To sign up as a table captain, or register to attend, please email Marcey Bryant at mbryant@fjcsafe.org.

### **Save the Date** **Make a Difference Day** **September 24, 2022**

Please mark your calendars for this very important date. We will need your hands to make it a success!



“Hearts” is again expanding its reach to the underserved. This time they will be running a mobile food pantry to serve the needs of the Cleveland Hill and Kenmore neighborhoods as these two communities are underserved in the availability of food pantries. We will keep you updated on their new developments.



**Uganda Missions Trip**  
with Soulfishing Ministries July 17-August 3  
John, Marie, & Ashley Miller along  
with Kathy Weaver will be going to Uganda  
this summer!  
(See The Caller cover)

*The first thing we would like from the congregation is prayers for our travel and the work we will be doing. We will be having 4-5 medical clinics, teaching at schools, and attending a Nexus Seminary graduation.*

*As the team prepares for the trip, there is great need for the following items:*

- \*\* Monetary donations for purchase of medications and needed medical supplies. Donations can be made out to the church with Uganda Mission in the memo section.
- \*\* Acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin
- \*\* Bargain reading glasses from the Dollar Store or similar (script 1.0, 1.5, 2.0)
- \*\* Toothbrushes
- \*\* Fun stickers to give to the children
- \*\* Pencils

Items can be dropped off to the Main Office or given to Kathy Weaver on Sunday mornings. **Thank you for your support!!**



**Drive through only!**



**Spaghetti Dinner**  
to benefit the Uganda missions team  
**Friday, June 10 5-7pm \$12**  
Dinner includes homemade sauce and  
meatballs by Michele Sciolino,  
garlic bread and salad



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June</h1>			<b>1</b> Feasting on the Word (on website)  <i>NCWC 10a</i> UWF Team 11:30a  <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 6p</i> Choir 7p	<b>2</b>   <i>Bel Canto 4p</i>  Circle of Joy 7p	<b>3</b> Books We Have Loved 11a	<b>4</b>   <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 9a</i>
<b>5</b> Worship 10a <b>AOL 11a</b>  <i>Student Pizza Party</i> <i>Bel Canto 4p</i>	<b>6</b>   <i>Dance/Theater Group 5:30p</i>	<b>7</b> Exploring the Scriptures-Noon (in person or on YouTube)  <i>NAMI Board Meeting 7p</i>	<b>8</b> Feasting on the Word (on website)  <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 6p</i>  Choir 7p	<b>9</b>     	<b>10</b> Spaghetti Dinner Takeout 5-7p to benefit Uganda missions team 	<b>11</b>   <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 8:45a</i>  <i>GBYO auditions 10a</i>
<b>12</b> Worship 10a <b>AOL 11a</b>	<b>13</b>   <i>Dance/Theater Group 5:30p</i>  <i>GBYO Board meeting 7p</i>	<b>14</b> Exploring the Scriptures-Noon (in person or on YouTube)  Elizabeth Circle 1p  Finance Team 7p	<b>15</b> Feasting on the Word (on website)  <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 6p</i>  Choir 7p	<b>16</b>   <i>Roswell Grief Support            Group 6p</i>  SPR Team 7p	<b>17</b>   <i>GBYO Auditions 4:30p</i>	<b>18</b>   <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 8:45a</i>  <b>UWF General Meeting</b> <b>SPCA program 10a</b>  <i>GBYO Auditions 10a</i>
<b>19</b> Worship 10a <b>AOL 11a</b>   <i>Encore Recital 1p</i>	<b>20</b>   <i>Dance/Theater Group 5:30p</i>	<b>21</b> Exploring the Scriptures-Noon (online only)  Outreach Team 7p Trustees 7:30p	<b>22</b> Feasting on the Word (on website)  <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 6p</i>	<b>23</b>     	<b>24</b>     	<b>25</b>   <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 9a</i>
<b>26</b> Worship 10a <b>AOL 11a</b>	<b>27</b>   <i>Dance/Theater Group 5:30p</i>  Hospitality Team 7p	<b>28</b> Exploring the Scriptures-Noon (online only)	<b>29</b> Feasting on the Word (on website)  <i>Zumba &amp; Barre 6p</i>	<b>30</b>     	<h1>2022</h1>	