

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Worship 10 am
Education Hour –

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, AND SERVICE



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9 am –2 pm

Office Closed Monday, September 5

October/November 2022
 Caller Deadline!
 Tuesday, September 13
 to
caller350@yahoo.com or
bbmitch@verizon.net

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

The Caller



**IN LOVING MEMORY of our
 MINISTER OF MUSIC, PAUL STALEY**
September 2022



As I was reading in the evening the other night, I was suddenly struck by a great late summer symphony floating through the windows. This familiar annual tune announces the seasonal change about to take place. It is a lovely and serene sound, a symphony of wings that greets the ears and stirs the soul.

Sometimes it dawns with a single and lonely player, hardly audible, then rising through the night to an incredible crescendo of such numbers and volume that the imagination can hardly contain it. So it is with nature’s miraculous orchestration progressing through the seasons, crickets being the soloists of these transitional days.

We have been blessed through the summer and the past year in the time we have shared and the decisions we have made. It is as if those talented outdoor players active during our evenings have crept into our church, our actions, our lives, and our hearts—a low, almost inaudible sound arising from within us. If you listen you can barely make it out, but it is there proclaiming the Spirit’s movement within this Church and the coming days and events which begin in this month. Like those blessed insects of outdoors, we have tuned our strings through the summer months. And now in the coming month as we meet, worship, and share together the song of community that shall arise will be to the glory of God. It rises with our excitement as we approach the resumption of activities within and of Christ Church (and the addition of new ones!) Alongside, we reunite in Christ through worship, education, and a commitment to growth in discipleship. As we connect in prayer and praise, sermon, and song, so our symphony of service to the Lord takes shape.

So may we, through this time, tune our spiritual lives and prepare to connect with others in opportunities in faith, love, and service together. Let us gather together in worship and education committing ourselves to God’s cause. And let us share with all the joy of being part of something amazing-coming home to a place where faith, family, and fellowship connect as we work together as a Reconciling and Affirming faith community which ‘seeks to make connections and offer opportunities in faith, love, and service.’

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Daven*

September Birthdays



Jane Darling.....	3	Jonathan Miller.....	19
Pastor BJ.....	5	Sandra Paddock.....	20
Al Wrisley.....	6	Beth Reilly-Brown.....	20
Lianne Oskvig.....	7	Hildegard Webber.....	20
Bim Rowlands.....	9	Lisa Malpica.....	24
June Gilbert.....	10	Nora Townsend Wilber.....	24
Patti Bechtel.....	11	Danielle Keller.....	25
Kathy Brunner.....	11	Barbara Carier.....	26
Nancy Annunziata.....	16	Tom Swist.....	26
Jim Pollard.....	18	Jean Wood.....	27

September Anniversaries



Herb & Jane Darling.....	September 08, 1956
Tom & Kathy Weaver.....	September 08, 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, 1975

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 839-2435

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Brad Bermudez upon the death of his father, Tony, on June 21, 2022.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Paul Staley upon his death on July 25, 2022.



Open Positions:

Please keep the SPRT and Christ Church generally in your prayers as we conduct searches to fill our open positions.

Office Administrator - At the time of this writing, there are two open positions at Christ Church. Our Office Admin of the last year, Julie LoTempio, received an employment offer with benefits that she could not overlook. She is heartbroken to leave Christ Church, but this opportunity assists her family immensely.

We have advertised the position on Indeed, are actively vetting candidates, and scheduling interviews with qualified individuals. We hope to fill the position very soon.



Music Director - With the sudden loss of our Music Director Paul Staley, we have had to quickly discern where to post this opening to reach the caliber of musician we seek and the capacities we and the position demand. We have made the job known to many within the local organ community, posted on several organ specific job boards, and reached out to schools / conservatories.

In the interim, Jeff Crane is accompanying worship at the organ. As the date for the resumption of choir approaches, we will explore how to proceed if we have not yet found a suitable candidate.

CARDS! CARDS! CARDS!



New Greeting Cards have been placed in the card rack located in the café. Please come and share some JOY with a member of church, friends, or anyone!

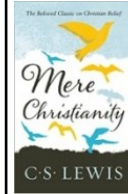


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SPIRITUAL INFORMATION TEAM

AOL

Sundays, September 11, 18, 25
in the Wesley Room after worship
Part II of Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis



Facilitators: Beth Reilly Brown & Peggy Bermudez

Coming in October: **The Screwtape Letters** by C.S. Lewis

Thirstaid

Thirstaid will return on Thursday, October 6th
with a hybrid opportunity in person and via Zoom.
Christianity and World Religions by Adam Hamilton

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

'Books We Have Loved' is back!!



After taking July and August off, members of Christ Church book club are ready to gather again over a cup of coffee/tea to discuss the books we have read over the past summer. "Books We Have Loved" will resume on **Friday, September 9th at 11am in the Wesley Room** at church. The format is the same as last year: each person around the table gives a brief description of a favorite book they have recently read. We look forward to seeing everyone again, and hopefully, some new faces, too. Please join us for some conversation, some laughter, and sometimes even some cookies!



In Memory of Paul Staley

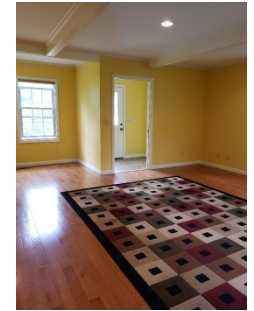
The sudden loss of our beloved Music Director Paul Staley affected this faith community deeply. While our hearts ache, words fail, and much of the music has fallen silent, we celebrate how blessed we were to have Paul's gifts and leadership in the time we did. As we continue to explore ways to honor Paul, we celebrate his life.

Paul Staley was born, raised, and spent his career in Buffalo, NY. A graduate of Kenmore, his early influences include his parents and teachers. At an early age felt inspired and called to sacred music, particularly the organ as he exposed himself to many of the prominent instruments of the region and local musicians. This led to his first organ recital, playing in his home church, subbing for Carl Coleman in addition to playing tuba and double bass at Kenmore High School. He also participated in Bach hours and hymn fest in those formative years.

He attended college at Oberlin Conservatory where he participated in the College Choir, worked at Christ Episcopal Church, and was greatly influenced by John Leek, the Curator of Pipe Organ at Oberlin Conservatory. Through Leek, Staley came to appreciate an integration of knowledge of the organ as an instrument and its influence on composition.

Following graduation, Paul found work first in an apprenticeship with Schlicker Organs in Buffalo, NY which soon became a permanent position leading to travel across the region and country, building, installing, and restoring organs. Eventually, Paul Staley began his own organ building, installation, restoration, and tuning company in 1998, Niagara Organ Works.

He remained connected to the world of sacred music through employment at Kenmore United Methodist Church as Organist & Choir Director, then Hamburg United Methodist Church in the same capacities, with the rest of his life and career spent at Christ United Methodist Church. He also provided organ and accompaniment at Congregation Shir Shalom (formerly Temple



1st row—living room /dining room under repair and finished

2nd row— kitchen under repair and finished and office/family room

3rd row—3 separate bathrooms after repairs



TRUSTEES UPDATE

PARSONAGE Projects Completed 2022

- Repair ceilings – dining room; upper hallway; master bath
- Paint ceilings
- Paint rooms
 - o Livingroom
 - o Dining room
 - o Front bedroom
 - o Kitchen (strip wallpaper)
 - o Bathrooms
 - o Family room ceiling/trim
- Restore insulation above family room
- Replace appliances
 - o Washer
 - o Dryer
 - o Refrigerator
- Repair dishwasher
- Replace hot water tank
- Re-do kitchen wiring
- Hook up bath exhaust fans to new roof vents
- Replace sink/faucet master bath
- Clean all light fixtures/replace bulbs
- Clean kitchen cabinets inside and out
- Clean inside window surfaces, lube jams
- Check/replace all smoke/CO detectors
- Duct cleaning
- Paint basement stair hallway
- Pre-move in clean up
 - o Vacuum / Swiffer all hardwood floors
 - o Vacuum / dust woodwork and baseboards
 - o Mop kitchen floor
 - o Clean stove, dishwasher, countertops
 - o Super clean all bathrooms

**Thank
you!**

A great big thank you from the Trustees to all the volunteers who put in so many hard working hours to bring the Parsonage around.

Beth Em) for over 20 years. In his career as an organist, he performed at Carnegie Hall, Kleinhan's Music hall, Chautauqua Music Institute, accompanied silent films at the Riviera on the Mighty Wurlitzer, played the opening music for touring Broadway productions at Shea's Theater, and even played a Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Through music, he met his wife Millie while at Oberlin Conservatory, leading to 45 years of marriage and 3 children (Andrew, Elizabeth, and Charles.) He was a devoted husband and father, doting grandfather, and friend to many. Paul was a great cook, a talented photographer, a teacher and influencer of many, a talented organ builder, and a visionary musician.



To all of Christ Church:

The outpouring of support and love from everyone at Christ Church was and is so appreciated by our family.

We thank you for your many cards and gifts of love, as well as the beautiful reception after his service. I know there were many hands putting together this celebration of Paul.

To the choir, you filled the room with your voices! Your music soared right up to Paul! It was exquisite. Paul loved Christ Church, his relationship with Daven, his choir, and the many friends he came to know. He cherished his time with you.

As our family processes through this, know that we also pray for you in your sadness. "God has given us memories, that we might have Roses in December."

Peace to you,
Millie, Liz, Andrew, and Charles





CUMC Children's Ministry
2nd and 3rd Sundays each month
Family Room 11AM - 12PM



Niagara Frontier District United Women in Faith



Annual Meeting
Turn It Up: Healing, Renewal, Rebirth

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14209

Saturday, September 17, 2022

9:30 Doors Open, Registration, Book Giveaway, Resource Table
10:00 Worship, Business Meeting, Keynote Speaker
(Offering is designated for Mission Giving)


12:00 Lunch Cost: \$15



Speaker: **Rev. George Nicholas**,  **Buffalo Center for Health Equity**
Pastor of Lincoln Memorial UMC
Chairman, Buffalo Center for Health Equity
"Health Equity in Our Community"

Live-stream also available on
Facebook: **Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church-Buffalo, NY**

If attending in person, RSVP to Peggy Bermudez by September 5th
bradbermudez@hotmail.com (716)626-4897



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet at church to carpool to Niawanda Park for a walk down by the river on Tuesday, September 13 at 1pm (weather permitting.)

FINANCE TEAM

We want to say thank you to all who have been so faithful in keeping up with your pledges during the summer months. You have kept those who count the offerings quite busy!

CUMC Finance Team



Little Food Pantry
Canned Fruit
Canned vegetables
Canned protein: tuna, chicken
Rice
Peanut Butter
Oatmeal Canisters



Request for September

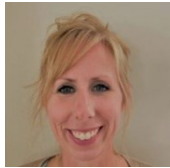
Cereal (No Cheerios please)
Granola Bars
Paper Towels

Drop your items off in the bins in Church Office Hallway.



Buy a Brick—Celebration Garden Walkway
If you are interested in ordering a brick for the walkway, please fill out the form (located in the back of the sanctuary) and **return it to the Office by October 1st.** Costs and sizes are listed on the order form.





Our office administrator, Julie LoTempio, joined our staff in July of 2021 and instantly became a beloved member of the Christ Church family. A welcoming presence in the church office for congregants and visitors, she met her responsibilities (and a few challenges) with determination, grace, humor, and most of all, love. All too soon we find ourselves saying good-bye. Julie has accepted an opportunity that will be better for her family.

Thank you, Julie, for giving yourself so fully to the ministry of Christ Church. All of us will miss you, but we're sure Mongo will miss you just as much!



Thank you from the Bermudez Family

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy, love, and support following the death of Brad's father, Tony Bermudez. Your presence, kind words, cards, and generosity meant more to us than words can express.

In Christ,
Brad and Peggy



Missions of the Month

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



The Cleveland Hill and Kenmore School Districts are underserved by area Food Pantries. It is for this reason that Hearts for the Homeless will be utilizing a mobile Food Truck to help serve these communities. Christ Church has agreed to let them use our parking lot on Mondays from 12:30-4:30. A start date is still to be determined. We will keep you informed.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:00 am – noon

We will be gathering items for:



**Christ Church Little Free Food Pantry
Non-Perishable Food Items**



Clothing, Shoes, Blankets



"Coats 4 Kids"

**Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, and Boots
for Children**

(gently used with working snaps and zippers)

Team Activities:
Go To Seneca Street Church
to prepare a meal for the neighborhood

Crafting for a Cause
Make fidget quilts for local facilities



PROSHRED SECURITY
Document Shredding
Safely destroy documents containing sensitive information.

Volunteer Sign-ups will be posted by September 4th.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Zumba 9a
4 Worship 10a	5  Office Closed	6 Exploring Sunday Scriptures-Noon (in person and on line) Church Council 7p NAMI Board Meeting 7p	7 Feasting on the Word (on website) NCWC 10a Zumba 6p AAUW 6:15p	8 ANS Parents Meeting 6p Roswell Grief Support 6p	9 Books We Have Loved 11a	10 Zumba 9a
11 Worship 10a AOL 11a Family Faith Journey 11a GBYO 2:30p	12 UWF Leadership Team 11a GBYO 6p GBYO Board Meeting 7p	13 Exploring Sunday Scriptures-Noon (in person and on line) Elizabeth Circle 1p Finance Team 7p Deadline for Oct/Nov Caller	14 Feasting on the Word (on website) Zumba 6p	15 Roswell Grief Support 6p SPR Team 7p	16 PEO 10a	17 Zumba 9a Niagara Frontier District UWF Annual Meeting 9:30a
18 Worship 10a AOL 11a Family Faith Journey 11a GBYO 2:30p	19 GBYO 2:30p	20 Exploring Sunday Scriptures-Noon (in person and on line) Outreach Team 7p Trustees 7:30p	21 Feasting on the Word (on website) Northtowns CWC 9a Zumba 6p	22 	23	24 Zumba 9a MADD (Make a Difference Day) 9-noon
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