

# 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*

**Sarah Wachowski**

*Minister of Music*

**TBD**

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9am–2pm**

*Office closed: 10/10, 11/11, 11/24-25*



# The Caller



**December 2022—January 2023**  
**Caller Deadline:**  
**Sunday, November 13**  
 to  
**caller350@yahoo.com or**  
**bbmitch@verizon.net**

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

## Uganda Mission Team

- Marie Miller
- Ashley Miller
- John Miller
- Kathy Weaver



Handcrafted chalice brought from Uganda for CUMC

# October/November 2022



As the weather begins to breathe its cool breath upon us, convincing the trees to dance with color before shedding their summer clothes for the barren winter display, we all settle into the pace of the fall. School and football have restarted, and many activities suspended for the summer are back up to full speed. But do we make room for our faith? Do we create space for growth within our faith that plays out in who we are, the choices we make, and the life we live?

The word 'contest' is based on a Latin root which means 'to witness or testify.' Interesting is the connection between these things . . . that when we witness or testify to something, it is a battle/contest against others. So, life is a contest played out in ways of being, opinions, choices, behaviors. What overriding truth do our lives testify to? What is the witness they make? How is that visible in the contest of daily living? Success, at least in relation to a person of faith, is discovering our authentic self as a child of God, the person we truly are in the eyes of God, and becoming that person, tapping all that untapped potential. In this way, we are the victors in the contest, testifying and witnessing in life to a truth concerning God's grace and love. Likewise, sin is the failure to reach this potential. It is letting ourselves and lives be defined in ways other than those of God, whether by occupation, material goods/wealth, or habits and hobbies. Guilt, then, is the unlived life.

Let us make sure that as we take part in the miraculous display of color again this fall, that we explore deeply our true colors, the authentic person each of us is in the eyes of God. And as we chip away all those things which have stood in the way of that, let us commit ourselves to the contest that's before us, to witness and testify to the truth of God in our lives and with our lives, through 'Making Connections and Offering Opportunities for Faith, Love, and Service!'

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Daven*

## October Birthdays



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



## November Birthdays

Ian Johnson.....	10
David Mitchell .....	10
Carol Corsaro.....	13
Grace Markello .....	14
Chris Sciolino .....	15
Audrey Johnson.....	16
Lynn Ramsey.....	16
Jim Beller .....	20
Diane Warmus Glenn .....	29
Alicia Bermudez.....	29
Sean Johnson.....	29
Amelia Oskvig.....	29
Sue Estee .....	30

## October Anniversaries



Matt & Amy Thormahlen.....	October 8, 1984
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## November Anniversaries

Ian & Nicole Johnson.....	November 14, 2014
Geoff & Janet Hill .....	November 21, 1970
Guy & Sharon Ferrelli.....	November 24, 1974
Al & Julie Wrisley.....	60 years! November 24, 1962
Jim & Sally Pollard.....	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

**We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Takac Family, Marty, Lori, and Nicole and their friends as they remember the life of Marty's mother and Nicole's grandmother, Irene Takac.**



### Requests for October & November

Food: tuna, canned chicken, canned beans

Non-food: paper towels, tissues, toilet paper

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

### Little Food Pantry

Canned Fruit

Canned vegetables

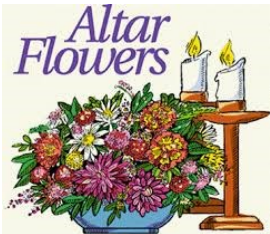
Canned protein: tuna, chicken

Rice

Peanut Butter

Oatmeal Canisters

Soup



*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 our 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.)*

### Spiritual Formation Team

#### AOL (Adult Opportunities for Learning)

Sundays, Beginning October 2nd

in the Wesley Room after worship

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

Facilitators: Beth Reilly Brown Peggy Bermudez



#### Exploring Sunday Scriptures: posted on YouTube and

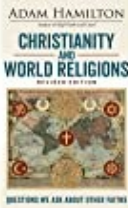
an in person opportunity on Tuesdays at Noon

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

#### Feasting on the Word

with Rev. Oskvig – posted Wednesdays on our website:

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



*Thirstaid*  
**Thursdays at 1:00 pm, October 6th—November 10th**  
 In person in the Wesley Room *and* via Zoom  
**Christianity and World Religions**  
 by Adam Hamilton  
 Facilitator: Diane Klenk




*Family Faith Journey*  
**CUMC Children's Ministry**  
 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month  
 Family Room 11AM - noon



Sunday, September 18, 2022

## Spiritual Formation Team



### NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NETWORK OF LEADERS

Saturday, November 5, 2022, 9:30 – Noon

Asbury United Methodist Church

850 Dodge Road  
Getzville, New York 14068



Speaker: **Valerie Clark**

United Women in Faith  
Board of Directors- National Office

In 2022, United Methodist Women became United Women in Faith! As we look to the future, this morning is an opportunity for all to learn what's new and to share ideas as we carry on the legacy of our founders to continue our mission of caring for women, children, and youth.

**Training will be available for local unit officers.**

\*\*\* This is a **FREE** event \*\*\*

RSVP to **Peggy Bermudez** by **October 29th**  
[bradbermudez@hotmail.com](mailto:bradbermudez@hotmail.com) (716) 626-4897

### Christ Church UWF Sunday and Children's Sabbath Sunday, October 23, during worship

Guest Speaker:

**Rene Petties-Jones**

President, National Federation  
for Just Communities of WNY



### CIRCLE NEWS



Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 12** at **1 pm** in the **Wesley Room** to plan our programs for 2023. Bring ideas.

We will meet **Tuesday, November 8** at **1 pm** in the **Wesley Room** for our service project, led by Donna Hammond.

## UWF BYO PICNIC— July 21, 2022



Photos by Peg Bermudez

### Finance Team Update

There was an appeal from Hearts for the Homeless for help with their bus repair and we have collected \$238 for that purpose.

To date we have received \$250 to help with the Make A Difference Day expenses.

We have been made aware by both Office Max and our offering envelope company that there is still a problem with envelope shipments; therefore, an order was placed in August for our offering envelopes in hopes we will have them by December.

We thank you again for your support of CUMC.

~CUMC Finance Team

### Crafting for a Cause--New Hours

Starting October 8<sup>th</sup> Crafting for a Cause will meet in the Wesley Room from 9 am to 11 am on the second Saturday of each month. Our current project is sewing Fidget Quilts for folks with Dementia. A fidget blanket is a lap-size quilt that provides sensory and tactile stimulation for the restless hands of someone with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.

Our past projects have included curtains for Journeys End, cooling scarves for the troops, teddy bears for 3 Kings Day, walker bags for the elderly, potholders for Seneca Street UMC, flower arrangements for people who are homebound, blankets, crate mats for the SPCA, fleece blankets for Gateway Longview, pillowcases for Ronald McDonald House and Enchanted makeovers.

All are welcome. Please contact Lee Watson or Diane Klenk for more information.



**Daylight Savings Time ends  
November 6. Turn your clock BACK  
1 hour before you retire on  
November 5.**



### WELCOME, SARAH!

Our new office administrator is here! Sarah Wachowski joined our Christ Church staff on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Sarah grew up in Lockport and Barker, NY. She graduated from Bryant and Stratton College in 2006 with an AOS (Associate of Occupational Science) in Business Administration. Sarah has created her own brand of handcrafted items, S.J. Handbags and Accessories. Sarah lives in Cheektowaga with her husband Christopher and children Charlotte (11) and Noah (8). The next time you're at church during the week, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome Sarah! Office hours are MWF 9-2.



Julie

Sarah

**Thank you!  
Julie LoTempio**

**Welcome!  
Sarah Wachowski**

Our mayor Mongo Welcomes Sarah too and seems to enjoy the attention she is giving to him.



## Missions of the Month

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

### World Communion Sunday—October 2

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.

### Student Sunday—November 27

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.

### The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is returning on **November 19**. Please take a tag from the tree and return it with an **unwrapped pair of socks or mittens** by the date on the tag and share God's love with others.



### MADD (Make a Difference Day)

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

## More Missions of the Month

### Turkey Basket Project



Once again, Christ Church will be supporting the efforts of North Presbyterian Church by gathering items for Thanksgiving Dinner for families and individuals in need.

We will be gathering:

**Boxes or bags of stuffing mix**

**Canned cranberry sauce**

**Canned vegetables**

**Canned fruit**

**Cake mix with frosting, dessert mix, or brownies**

**Potatoes**

**Frozen Turkeys** *(Please label and place in freezer)*

***Please bring food to Christ Church Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.***

**Thank you!**

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

### Stewardship Team



The Stewardship Team thanks you for your generous support of the ministries of Christ Church in 2022! We will be meeting soon to create our 2023 campaign. In early November, watch your mail for letters and pledge cards. Your giving is essential to accomplishing our ministry's hopes for 2023 and makes it possible for Christ Church to make connections and offer opportunities in faith, love, and service.

