

CHRIST UMC VISION STATEMENT

*"Living Christ's ways and
exploding with love and service"*

Sunday Worship Schedule

Praise Celebration 9 am
All Ages Education Hour 10 am
Traditional Style Celebration 11 am

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

Serving - the nature of stewardship

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With Joy... From Sally

Behold -

To see or observe; to perceive through sight or apprehension. This is the meaning of the word 'behold.' In the Bible, when one beholds, God is revealed. What have you seen or observed, discovered or experi-

enced lately that revealed God to you?

I traveled recently to Edinburgh, Scotland for a visit with family and friends, and to Paris, France to experience life in a new place. Armed with only a few polite French phrases I experienced the grace and the aid of people. I also observed the beauty of a city fashioned along a river, filled with gardens and architectural wonders. But it's the memory of people who welcomed, understood, and extended themselves that stands out. Encountering people from just about everywhere made me appreciate anew how much alike human beings are, how much can be communicated with a smile, and how senseless it is to fear the unknown. Grace...it meets us where we are, but doesn't leave us where it found us.

This month we have the privilege of celebrating a milestone in the lives of two young people. On Sunday, June 3, Leanne Paddock and Brandon Miller will confirm their faith as they continue on life's journey. On that Sunday the banners of previous Confirmation classes will hang around the worship space reminding us of all who have gone before us in faith. Maybe you'll capture the moment and the memory of how the seeds of faith planted in your life have been nurtured and have grown. Behold!

We'll also observe and celebrate the milestone of graduation with high school and college students. It reminds us of the movement of time and life, demonstrating a God in motion. God has been in relationship with humanity, God speaking and acting in and through us-- and at the heart of everything is love. "God so loved the world," says John. God loves who we truly are, is revealed to us through scripture and life, and risks everything to save humanity. What little 'g' god does that? Do we truly appreciate the love expressed by that show of confidence? Behold! Reflect on God's love, how it's been made known to you, & where that love has taken you.

Sally



FROM BJ'S DESK...

I've been thinking and praying about dreams lately. Not the kind of dreams we have in the night that look like our readings from the book of Revelation, but the kind of dreams that get us out of bed in the morning and motivate us through all kinds of situations. I've been dreaming about Christ Church. I've been pastor

here for nearly a year – it seems longer because I knew so early in the process that I was coming here. We have seen some new dreams emerging and I sense a renewed sense of hope and excitement in the body. How are your dreams?

Harry Chapin, who died tragically in a car accident over 25 years ago, was a singer and songwriter who told stories through his songs. My favorite album of his was a recording titled "Greatest Stories Live." There is a song on that album that asks the question "where do broken dreams go?" and then proclaims "you're supposed to dream when you are young." As emotionally moving as this song can be, I refuse to believe that is true. We often make it true with our disconnections and our acquiescence to the pressures and expectations of life, but I refuse to believe it. Acts 2 (the Pentecost story) has Peter quoting the Old Testament prophet Joel. Joel dreams of a time when the Holy Spirit will be poured out on everyone and the consequence is that both young AND old will see visions and dream dreams.

Dreams carry the power of change. Dreams move the lethargic and the apathetic to get moving and to reengage. Dreams move individuals, families, and communities to attempt the unlikely (dare I say impossible) in the hope, however faint, that a better thing is on the other side. Dreams are sometimes called visions in the night -- those pictures of a preferred future that inflame our souls and form our minds and drive our actions. Christ Church, what are your dreams?

I dream. I dream of serving a church that is profoundly and unashamedly in love with Jesus Christ. I dream of leading a church that understands that love of Jesus is shown and lived out in our love for others (inside as a faith community and outside in mission). I dream of a church that is rooted in the Tradition of the faithful who lived and died before us while simultaneously striving to connect with the real world as it exists in the here and now. I dream.

I should end this with some comment about "sweet dreams." But dreams are only sweet when they are realized. Instead my blessing is for us all to have big dreams that motivate and transform us.

BJ Norrix

dreamer, missionary, lead servant

June Outreach Opportunities



Peace with Justice Sunday-June 3 “Changing the world one life at a time” The 1980 General Conference created a church-wide Peace with Justice Program assigned to the General Board of Church and Society. By 1984, Peace with Justice ministries had sprung up throughout the church.

The 1984 General Conference voted to support the program with an annual offering on World Order Sunday, established half a century ago to build recognition and support for the work of the United Nations. The 1988 General Conference established Peace with Justice Sunday as the first Sunday after Pentecost to give churches a single, more convenient date for the offering and a name that clearly identifies the ministries it supports. Your generous contributions support the annual conference with 50 percent of the receipts for Peace with Justice Ministries within the conference. The conference board of church and society or an equivalent structure administers these funds. The remaining 50 percent is used for Peace with Justice Ministries related to the General Board of Church and Society.

Seneca Street United Methodist Church:

Summer Fun Theme Weeks

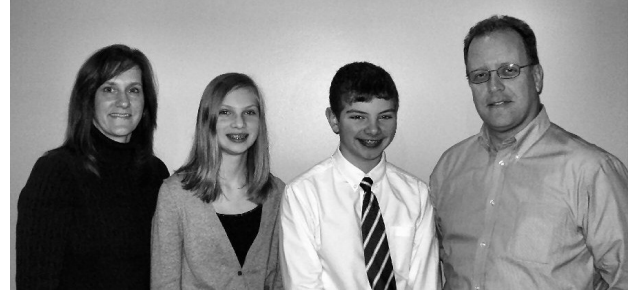
This program runs for five weeks during the summer. Each week has its own theme, and all activities relate to it throughout that week. Students entering grades 1-9 may sign up for any combination of weeks. Between 40 and 50 youth participate each week divided by age into four groups. These groups rotate between four different stations each day, include recreation/reading, Gym/playground, a workshop, and either science, crafts, or waterslide. Each day, lunch is served before the program starts, and a snack is served at the end of each day.



Summer Fun Weeks begin in July and volunteers are needed. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00-1:00. The first week, July 1-5 is Physical Fitness, followed by Grossology July 9-12. Reading camp is July 16-19 and 23-26. The church also needs fresh fruit and vegetables for each week, and new and used computers. TOPS, Wegmans, or gift cards would also be appreciated.

Thank you for sharing God's love and hope with the world and with our community by supporting the many Outreach ministries of our church

CONFIRMATION DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 3



Join us in marking a milestone of faith as Leanne Paddock and Brandon Miller are confirmed in faith. Michele Sciolino and Tom Weaver have served as mentors for our Confirmation students.

The Christian Education Team invites you to the 11 am worship celebration followed by a reception in honor of Leanne and Brandon.

Vacation Bible School

July 16-20
9am-noon
Pre-K - 6



Operation Overboard

Aquarium Field Trip
On Friday

Christ Church invites all children to dive into fun at

Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep With God!

Explore and experience God's underwater universe at VBS! The adventures include deep sea voyages into Bible fun and creative arts, great music, games, and daily visits with "Ocho" the Octopus.

To be part of the adventure visit the church's website at www.christchurchamherst.org or call us at 839-2460.

VBS is free and open to the public.



As seen on *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*

Community Family Picnic

June 19, 6:00 pm, at Christ UMC

Sponsored by the Harlem-Kensington-Cleveland Community Association

Families are invited to join our neighbors for food, fun, and a visit with some interesting creatures brought by Nickel City Reptiles.

Visit the church website for details

COMING THIS FALL...

Talk To The Expert

Workshops will focus on topics related to Parenting



Bill Bauz Photo



Jim Pollard photo



Jim Pollard photo

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Upper New York Conference Cooperative School of Christian Mission will be held at the Camp Asbury Retreat Center in Silver Lake, NY on July 26-28. See Beth Sweet or Peggy Bermudez for more information. Deadline is July 1.



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will enjoy our annual dinner out at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 7th at Mr. Bill's, 1500 Cleveland Dr. Cheektowaga. If attending, contact Mary Jane Shanley - 839-2502 - by Monday, June 4th

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday, June 19, at Linda ReKate's home, 52 Hampton Hill Dr., Williamsville at Noon. RSVP by June 11 to Linda at 632-2321.

Deborah Circle meets at noon, Tuesday, June 26, in the Wesley Room.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE TEAM

Thanks to those who've turned in Pledge cards. To date we've received 116 Pledges: \$238,865.00 for General Operations, \$2,872.00 for Shared Ministries, and \$1,372.00 for Missions.

If you're not pledging but would like envelopes, please sign up on an envelope request sheet on the table in the Parlor or call the office. It is never too late to make a pledge; pledge cards are also on the table.

If you've pledged for either Missions or Shared Ministries, please note the amount you are giving for that special pledge on your envelope.

We started our new Church year on May 1, and it will end on April 30, 2013. The following is the Finance report for the non-pledge period from January 1, 2012 thru April 30, 2012:

Total General Operations Income:	\$88,193.00
Total Expenses for this period:	\$87,771.00

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

June 3	Meeting 12n,	Seneca St. UMC	2 p
June 10	Rent-A-Youth		1-4p
June 17	Rent-A-Youth		1-4p
June 23	Car Wash		10a-2p
June 24	No meeting		
June 30	Car Wash		10a-2p



More Information? Call Tim Reed, 838-4230 or Viki Smith, 839-1989

THE MISSIONAL CHURCH: THOUGHTS FROM DR. BJ

In our ever changing world there is much discussion about the nature and purpose of the Christian Church. The focus, style, and approach of the Christian church for the past 1600 years have been a station approach. The Church was a place you came to. The Church was a location in the community where we received religious goods and services. The Church was one of the key institutions in society that provided support and stability and produced good citizens. This style of church is called by historians the "Christendom" church. It is rooted in a theological understanding that church and state are working toward a common goal and a common purpose.

Christendom, which was born in the Constantine era (AD 300's), died in Europe and the United States sometime around World War II. The past 70 years have seen the Christian Church struggle to deal with the changing world views and the changing sociological understandings that once held it up and helped keep it going. In fact, the world we live in today is more like the world of the 1st Christian Century than any time since. We live in a society that looks more and more like the society of the Apostles. It is a society where many gods are worshipped openly. It is a society where the church and state have an uneasy truce but the privileges the Christian church enjoyed under Christendom are slowly eroding away. Churches around the world that understand this are moving forward with new and deeper understandings. At the heart of this is an understanding of the Church as Mission.

The Missional Church is deeply concerned about two (and only two) things. First, how do we fulfill the great commission to go and make disciples? The Mission Church is not interested in making members (except as a step toward becoming a disciple.) The Mission Church is not interested in running programs – it is interested in engaging ministries. Second, how do we extend the Kingdom of God? The Mission Church is always looking to fulfill its prophetic role by working to make our community a better place -- a place where "justice rolls like a river." A place where hungry are fed, naked are clothed, and opportunities are created for people to provide for themselves.

Making the transition from seeing the church as a place where people came to us, to a place where we go to where the people are, has not been easy. But those who have figured it out are remaking their ministries and living out their biblical purpose in the world as it exists today.

LET'S GO TO THE BALL GAME!!

The United Methodist Men of Christ UMC invite you to join them at a Bisons game. All members and friends of the church are invited, so bring the kids and invite the neighbors!!



BUFFALO BISONS
vs.
NORFOLK TIDES



Saturday, June 9, 6:05 pm
Coca-Cola Field in Downtown Buffalo



Star Wars Night

featuring on-field entertainment and fireworks after the game
GOOD FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

The group ticket price for "Special Reserved" seats is \$10.00 per person. Sign up early to guarantee we reach 20 participants and receive the group price!!

Optional: For an additional \$5.50 per person you'll get a hot dog and a Coke.
Group members also receive a 25 % discount coupon for the Bisons store.

While we expect you will want to travel to the stadium on your own, those needing rides are invited to call the church office and arrangements will be made to transport you to and from the game.

Please call the church office (839-2460) to order tickets or fill out the order form and turn it in with payment, at the Café following the morning worship service, no later than Sunday, June 3. Tickets will be mailed to you on Monday, June 4.

Bisons Baseball, June 9, 6:05 pm. Bisons vs Norfolk Tides

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Number of tickets _____ @ \$10.00/person = \$ _____

Optional Hot dog & Coke Number _____ @ \$ 5.50/person = \$ _____

Total amount due and enclosed \$ _____



BLOODMOBILE FRIDAY, JUNE 22

We'll again host the bloodmobile, from **2 - 6 pm** on **Friday, June 22** in Youth Hall (basement). Note the time change from past drives. Everyone 18 and over is encouraged to donate and to get a friend to do so as well. Contact Geoff Hill at 316-1522 to sign up for a time slot. You may also sign up between services in June; see the bulletin for dates.

DEAR MEMBERS OF CHRIST CHURCH

With sincere appreciation, I offer a warm thank you for your thoughts, cards, and prayers, before and after my surgery. I am looking forward to worshipping with you all, very soon. God Bless,

Helen Peacock



THANK YOU,

dear CUMC friends, for your prayers and good wishes when I had my recent hip surgery. Your kind support was greatly appreciated. God bless!

Carol Gundlach



Bill Bauza Photo



THANKS, CUMC FRIENDS

For recognizing my efforts as Church Photographer and Caller Editor at the recent Western New York Laity banquet. It's a pleasure to record and showcase our activities each month. Just remember to *smile* when you see me coming!



Sally Pollard photo

PRAYING FOR CHRIST CHURCH MISSIONARIES:

Join us in praying for our Missionaries here and around the world:

1. Courtney Cataudella and Jessica Lawson in Nicaragua May 18 through June 3
2. Habitat for Humanity WOMEN BUILD – Lynn Ramsey, Marg Bauza, Kathy Weaver, Dede Johnson, Lisa Lawson, Joanne Gilbert, Patty Keller, Pat Noyes, Inger Darling, and Peggy Bermudez
3. Christ Church UMYF going to Confrontation Point Kentucky in July
4. Dr. B.J. Norrix, Kathy Weaver, John Miller and three others are going to Uganda October 1-17 (watch for fund raising opportunities!)
5. Over 100 of us were out and around the Buffalo area on May 20 to "Make a Difference – Be the Church!"

JULY-AUGUST 2012 CALLER DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

E-MAIL TO CALLER350@YAHOO.COM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY WEAVER @ 839-5918 OR KDWEAVER23@VERIZON.NET

OUR MISSING SHEEP

The Membership Team is auditing the church records. Listed below are those we cannot locate. If you have any information about anyone listed, please contact Diane Klenk, Jan Rhinehart, Ed Fisher, or Donna Hammond.

Christine & Robert Aulet	Elizabeth & Gerald Mowry
Janet Bailey	Thomas Murdock
Joan & William Balcom	Linda & Michael Notery
Bernice & Don Charvat	Jeffrey & Kristin Ortman
Truman Curthoys	Patricia Pearce
The Gelormini Family	The Pease Family
The George Family	David & Jennifer Priebe
Elizabeth & William Giese	The Randolph Family
The Gorman Family	The Rash Family
Judith & Roger Greenwald	The Reggie Family
The Groh Family	The Remson Family
Diane & John Guarnieri	Andrew & Nicholas Reynolds
Lisa Guarnieri	Angela & Daniel Riordan
Andrew & Jean Hadsell	Russell Ritter
Christine Heggland	Ann Marie & James Robertson
Deborah & James Heisler	The Rybak Family
Janet & Robert Hider	Gerard Schmidt
The Hughes Family	The Schuetze Family
Craig & Pamela Incontro	Kathleen & Gary Spunt
Bruce & Wanda Jones	Gerald Stevens
Sharon & Thomas Kerr	Blanche Streng
Esther & Rashad Kirdani	Christopher Streng
Kathryn & Kevin Kirsch	Jean Swanson
William Kossler	Christopher Tackett
Keith & Loree Kuehlewind	The Takac Family
Glen & Stephanie Laplaca	Mark Thomasson
Greg & Sarah Leifer	Amy Toale
The Lesswing Family	Bonnie & William Tresselt
James & Kathleen Liemberger	David & Gladys Trumpfheller
Kathleen Lindell	Mark Warmus
The Lodinsky Family	Michelle Warmus
The McGarvey Family	The Wastchak Family
Michael McQueen	Joanna & Neil Weisbeck
David & Ryan Meegan	Ryan Weisz
Mary Mengle	The Wilczek Family
Patricia Moren	The Wroblewski Family
Colleen & Philip Morey	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Laura Curthoys.	...01
Richard Ball	.....04
Barbara Clinton	.....05
Diane Poe Schroeder	.....05
Nina Shanley	.....05
Carol Gundlach	.....06
Forrest (Woody) Rhinehart	.....06
June Traquair	.....06
Karen Hoffmann	.....07
Ross Markello	.....07
John Lopez	.....08
Nicole Takac	.....08
Charlotte Davis	.....09
Samantha Willhauck	.....10
Patricia Zaleski	.....12
Nathan Gowen	.....13
Samuel Suggs	.....13
Richard Mestler	.....14
Laura Smith	.....17
Vincent Malpica	.....18
Andrew Rapini	.....18
Taylor Ramsey	.....19
Jean DiDomenico	.....21
Kristen Webb	.....21
Louise Barber	.....22
Donna Hammond	.....22
Emily Nye	.....22
Laura Nye Hagley	.....22
Sean Brown	.....23

Julie Sciolino	.....25
Ruth Munson	.....27
Mildred Anderson	.....28
Barbara Mitchell	.....28

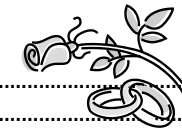
READ THE NEW TESTAMENT

Read a single chapter each weekday and read through the complete New Testament in 2012.

1	.....Acts 6
4	.....Acts 7
5	.....Acts 8
6	.....Acts 9
7	.....Acts 10
8	.....Acts 11
11	.....Acts 12
12	.....Acts 13
13	.....Acts 14
14	.....Acts 15
15	.....Acts 16
18	.....Acts 17
19	.....Acts 18
20	.....Acts 19
21	.....Acts 20
22	.....Acts 21
25	.....Acts 22
26	.....Acts 23
27	.....Acts 24
28	.....Acts 25
29	.....Acts 26

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Gene and Jayne Kremzier	..... June 08, 1974
Woody and Jan Rhinehart 56 Years	..... June 09, 1956
Barry and Jean Wood	..... June 13, 1964
Scott and Viki Smith	..... June 15, 1985
James and Linnea George	..... June 18, 1988
Bill and Gail LaVigne	..... June 19, 1982
Allen and Joan Lesswing 59 Years	..... June 20, 1953
Charles and Marion Wenner 64 Years!	..... June 20, 1948
Greg and Donna Yungbluth	..... June 20, 1981
Charles and Joanne Gilbert	..... June 22, 1968
Peter and Wendy Johnston	..... June 23, 1984



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUNE 2012					1 <i>Chiavetta's Barbeque</i> 4-7p <i>To benefit CUMC Youth</i>	2 Confirmation Dinner and Rehearsal 5p
3 <i>Praise Service 9a</i> <i>Traditional Service 11a</i> CONFIRMATION Youth Meeting - noon Youth - Seneca St. 2p RON CORSARO CONCERT 7p	4 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6:30p SPR 7p	5 Library Team 9:30a Dance 6:15p Outreach Team 7p	6	7 Bible Study 10a Zumba 6p Elizabeth Circle 6:30p	8	9 Men's Club Invites You to Bison Game 6p
10 <i>Praise Service 9a</i> <i>Traditional Service 11a</i> Rent-A-Youth 1-4p	11 Zumba 6p Praise Team 6:30p	12 Dance 6:15p Christian Ed. Team 7p Dance 6:15	13 CALLER DEADLINE	14 Bible Study 10a Zumba 6p	15	16 Dance 7p
17 <i>Praise Service 9a</i> <i>Traditional Service 11a</i> Rent-A-Youth 1-4p	18  Zumba 6p Praise Team 6p	19 Rachel Circle 12p Dance 6:15p Christian Ed Team 7p	20	21 Caller Collation 9:30a Bible Study 10a Zumba 6p Trustees 7:30p	22 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2-6p	23 Youth Car Wash 10a-2p
24 <i>Praise Service 9a</i> <i>Traditional Service 11a</i>	25  Zumba 6p Praise Team 6p	26 Deborah Circle 12p Dance 6:15p	27	28 Bible Study 10a Zumba 6p Church Council 7p	29  Game Night 7:30p	30 Youth Car Wash 10a-2p