

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"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

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NEW OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-5 Thursday 9-noon

Volunteers will be needed on Tuesdays 9-noon to greet guests, answer the telephone, sort mail, and do additional tasks as needed. Janelle will be arranging the schedule - please contact her if you would like to volunteer. Computer skills are not required.



October 2016



With Joy... From Sally

Good neighbors are a treasure. Our neighborhood is filled with a mix of ages and stages of life. I play with the neighbor dogs, I play with the neighbor kids, and rejoice as new children join the neighboring families. We enjoy front lawn chats and share our tables and chairs when our neighbors entertain. Then we borrow when we entertain. My husband, Jim, is famous in our neighborhood for his snowplowing skills, making sure everyone can move safely on driveways and sidewalks. Yes, good neighbors are a treasure.

God was the original good neighbor, creating a place for humankind to live with God. It started in the beginning. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." *Gen 1:1-2* God didn't just create for us a place to live, God created the best community possible. God gave life and breath and wanted to connect with humankind and walk with them. When disobedience happened, disconnection resulted. "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God in the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to them, "Where are you?"" *Gen 3:8-9*

Then the blame games started (we learned it early) and broke our relationship with God, but God has been looking to reconnect with us ever since, continually moving in closer and closer. God comes as restorer, redeemer, and "God with us," as Eugene Peterson puts it, "The Word made flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood." God moved in as close as possible. As Paul asks, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?" *1 Cor. 3:16* This is the way in which Jesus invites us to follow, the relational way of life, following the movement of God.

In his book, *Practicing the Way of Jesus*, Mark Scandrette writes, "Jesus didn't just communicate information or ideas, but declared, "I am the way" and invited his disciples into a new life that was fueled and inspired by his example, teachings, and sacrifice. *John 14:6* As a rabbi, he taught his disciples...by inviting them to make dramatic changes in their lives—to risk new ways of being and doing. Through surrender and practice, Jesus expected his apprentices to become like him." *Luke 6: 40*

The original design, the entire plan, and Word of God, is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbor. In John's writing he tells us that if we don't love the people that we can see around us, then we don't love God, whom we can't see. *1 John 4:20*

To God and Jesus, obeying the command to love God and our neighbor means to live the way we were created to live. Love should move us closer to others. Do you know your neighbors? Do you find ways to show them that you value them? Do you know the neighbors around Christ Church? How can we show that we value them?

Sally



A PERSONAL WORD FROM JIM POLLARD

Journey Toward the Future...

Several years ago Sally and I decided that after visiting our daughter in Edinburgh, Scotland, we would travel to Germany, from which each of us has ancestors. In anticipation of the journey we explored options, gathered information, and then made decisions about where we would go and how we would travel. As the journey approached we grew excited and anticipated fulfillment of our hopes.

Once we arrived, the planning added to our enjoyment, and enabled us to adjust our plans as needed, due to unanticipated events and opportunities. We anticipated an enjoyable experience, and it turned out better than we expected.

Christ Church is about to begin a journey, a journey toward the future. I am excited about the journey, because it has the possibility of taking us where we've never gone before in our ministry and mission. I want you to be excited, too, so we can participate in it with a sense of hope and enthusiasm, while also recognizing that in the midst of the journey we will encounter unanticipated challenges and opportunities.

I've recently been reading from a collection of stories about the Adirondacks. Many of the stories include the importance of experienced guides who know the mountains, lakes, and valleys intimately, who know how to proceed in a trackless wilderness, who can blaze a trail, find and prepare food, create a campsite, and create a sense of trust and confidence among the people they are guiding.

A guide will be important for us, too. His name is John Wimberly, Jr. He is an experienced pastor and guide who has enabled churches to find strength and vitality. He knows the questions to ask, and he will guide us to blazing a trail through the wilderness of our community and culture as we look toward the next several years with a sense of expectation.

John will be with us on October 28-30, and lead a leadership retreat on Saturday, Oct. 29. I look forward eagerly to his guidance and partnership with us on our journey toward the future.

In Christ's service,

Jim

OUTREACH MISSIONS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2016



Serving our Veterans

Our local Veterans Hospital serves many veterans in the area. They have various programs for veterans who are hospitalized, outpatients, or homeless. Since November 11 is Veterans Day, it would be nice if we could honor those Veterans in need in our area.

The need is great. Listed below are the items that they need. A box will be in the back of the Sanctuary for your donations. Your donations are appreciated by the Veterans that sacrificed a lot for this country to preserve our liberties and freedoms. Unfortunately after they serve this country, they are sometimes forgotten. Some come back from war suffering from PTSD, maimed in battle and in the case of our Vietnam vets, unappreciated for their service. Many veterans of WWII and the Korean Conflict are passing away, and we can honor their memory by taking care of those that remain. Items needed are:

- Socks
- Underwear
- T-Shirts – white, L-XXXL – V-neck
- Towels
- Toiletries such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, disposable razors, mouthwash, nail clippers, body wash, combs, shaving cream, pocket mirrors, chap stick, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: MOUTHWASH OR OTHER PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL ARE NOT PERMITTED.

- Gift cards to McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Tops Market (please give these to Diane Klenk or the Church Office; do not put them in the box.)
- Patriotic throws or lap blankets
- Audio Books
- DVDs

Questions? Contact Diane Klenk @ 651-0236.

"I think we owe them more than just our gratitude. They were willing to sign a blank check for America, with the cost right up to their life. If they were willing to do that, why shouldn't we be taking care of them?" (Chris Kyle, "American Sniper")

World Communion Sunday — October 2

The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One-half of the proceeds from the offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one-half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Please give generously.

**NOVEMBER CALLER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 TO CALLER350@YAHOO.COM
QUESTIONS? CONTACT BARBARA MITCHELL @ 839-2435 OR BBMITCH@VERIZON.NET**



Faith Xpress
10 am Sunday mornings Lower Level

CREATION

Children will discover that God created the world and provides for all of creation.

Oct. 2 – Sun, Moon, & Stars

Oct. 9 – Fish & Birds Oct. 16 – Animals & People

Oct. 23 – God holds the whole world

October 30 – Christmas Pageant preparations begin!!!



COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP

Check out the wildly artistic hovercraft made by the Community Youth Group! Led by Mark Swihart, Professor of Biological & Chemical Engineering at SUNY Buffalo, and Al Wrisley, skilled and supportive neighbor, teens and tweens from Christ Church and the neighborhood learned how to use tools while building a hovercraft! They celebrated their success by floating across the floor!



Becca Lopez Photo



Al Wrisley Photo



PINKTOBER - Community Youth Group

Sunday, October 2 1 pm

Candy Making w/ Michele Sciolino

Candy will be available for sale at church on Sunday, October 9.
Proceeds will go to: **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**

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Sunday, October 23 1 pm

Visit to the Pumpkin Farm

Parent drivers needed!





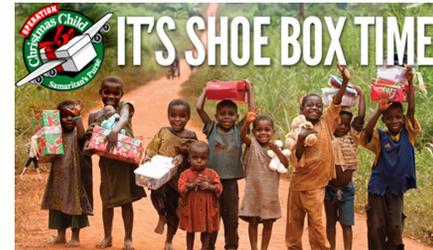
UGANDA WELLS OF LOVE



We have a wonderful opportunity to raise \$10,000 for fresh water wells in rural Uganda. All funds raised, up to \$5,000, will be matched by an anonymous donor. If you feel called to help with this mission, please make checks payable to Erwin First United Methodist Church and mark Uganda Well Challenge in the memo section. Send to Erwin First UMC, 920 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We invite you to share God's love with children around the world in a tangible way! Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected and delivered more than 113 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 150 countries through Operation Christmas Child.

Beginning in October, shoeboxes will be available for you to fill with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and notes of friendship and encouragement. Filled boxes should be returned to the church by Sunday, November 7, to be taken to the drop-off site.

Boxes and "How To Pack A Shoebox" brochures, including gift suggestions, box labels, and packing instructions, will be available in October. Donation envelopes will be included - a donation of \$7/box covers shipping costs. If you care to make a cash donation only it will go to cover these shipping costs. Those donating online have the option of tracking their shoebox to its delivery point. Members of the Uganda Mission Team spotted OCC boxes in Uganda last year, so we know they really bring joy to kids around the world!

Contact Janelle (cumc350@gmail.com) for further information, or visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Day	02
Bradley Loliger	02
Janelle Martin.....	03
Nicholas Darling	04
Susan Cataudella	09
Bill Bauza	10
Rachel James	10
Rob Noyes.....	10
Julie Wrisley	12
Fraser Mooney	16
William Worthy.....	21
Susanne Gelormini	23
Debbie Fiebelkorn	27
Janet Hill.....	27
Bob Kreib.....	28



Tom Nye Photo

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Kossler and Kari Kibler October 2, 2014

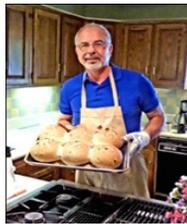


UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



UMW General Meeting

All are welcome on Saturday, October 1st, at 10 am in the Café for Breadtime Stories with Chet Fery. Chet is a retired teacher and amateur bread baker. He will show how random acts of kindness can change our lives and create a world community that is caring, supportive, and secure. Chet has given away over 10,000 loaves of bread to family, friends, colleagues, and strangers. Through this effort he has created hundreds of stories that will touch your heart and stimulate your soul. Hostesses will be Elizabeth Circle. Cost is \$5 per person.



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Your S&F Team thanks all of you who have kept up your pledge commitments over the summer months and we are looking forward to seeing those of you who have been away.

We received \$12,500 from the Endowment Fund in August. This is half of the amount we are to receive for 2016 from the Endowment Earnings. This gift to help with our expenses was made possible by those who are no longer with us, but loved Christ Church so much that they established giving, through their estates, monies that are permanently generating income to continue the mission and ministries of our church. Their foresight and generosity is greatly appreciated!



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet at the home of Marilyn Welker, 104 Wedgewood, Williamsville (689-2527) on Thursday, Oct 6 at 7 pm to plan for 2017. Julie Wrisley 839-3395 will provide the dessert. Contact Marilyn or Julie if you plan to come and bring your suggestions for our programs.

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday, Oct. 18 in the Wesley Room at noon.

Circle of Joy will go on a weekend retreat in Zoar Valley, Oct. 14&15.

BLOODMOBILE OCTOBER 28

The Health and Wellness Team will be sponsoring a Red Cross bloodmobile on Friday Oct. 28 in Crafts Hall from 2 to 6 pm. If you would like to donate or volunteer to help, call Geoff Hill 316-1522



THANK YOU!

We would like to express our gratitude for the thoughts, prayers, and cards from Christ Church members during Carol's recent health difficulties. Thank you very much for your care and concern!

Ron & Carol Corsaro



United Methodist Women of Christ Church Invite YOU to the

HARVEST DINNER

Friday, October 21st 4:30 - 7 pm

ROAST PORK



mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, carrots, applesauce, homemade dessert

Adults \$10 Children (under 10) \$5

Proceeds support missions!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

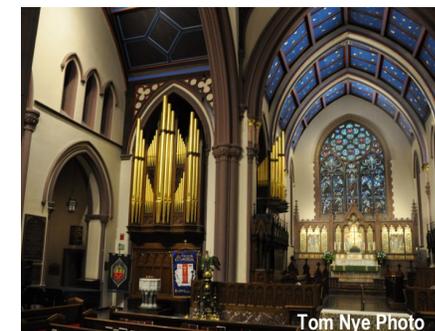


The UMW is inviting the UMM to join them on Saturday, October 1st, at 10:00 am in the Café for "Breadtime Stories" with Chet Fery. Chet is a retired teacher and amateur bread baker, showing how random acts of kindness can change our lives and create a world community that is caring, supportive, and secure. Elizabeth Circle will provide breakfast. Cost is \$5. Reservations are essential, as Chet will be bringing a loaf of homemade bread for each person! For reservations, call Mary Ball at 741-3301 or 445-3286 by Wednesday, September 28.

Our October 15th activity will be the Fall Leaf Peeping Arcade and Attica Railroad tour. Information is available online at arcadeandatticarr.com. Reservations through Tom Nye at 213-3642. We should have a commitment by most participants by Sunday October 9th. We have a tentative block for 15 but we can vary that as the time approaches. Tickets are \$17 adult, \$15 Senior 62 or over & veterans, \$14 children. These will be purchased the morning of departure. All are welcome to come. We will be riding in a covered coach. We will meet at the church at 9:15a.m. and carpool. The ride to the train is about one hour, leaving time to purchase tickets and board 15 minutes before an 11:00 a.m. departure. The trip is about 2½ hours. We will be having lunch at a local restaurant. No outside food or beverages are allowed on the train - so drink up and fill up before you board!



Tom Nye Photo



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 UMW 10am Men's Club to Attend
2 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Community Youth 1p CANDY MAKING	3 Library Team 10:30a	4	5 Choir 7:30p	6 Church Council 7p Elizabeth Circle 7p	7 Books We Have Loved 10a	8
9 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Candy Sale	10 Office Closed  COLUMBUS DAY	11 Stewardship/Finance 7p	12 Choir 7:30p	13 NOVEMBER CALLER DEADLINE Outreach Team 7p	14 Circle of Joy Weekend Retreat	15 Men's Club Arcade & Attica Railroad 9:15a
16 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a Community Youth 1p Pumpkin Farm Visit	17	18 SPRT 7p Trustees 7:30p	19 Choir 7:30p	20	21  UMW Harvest Dinner 4:30-7p	22
23 Praise Worship 9a Education Hour 10a Traditional Worship 11a	24	25	26 Choir 7:30p	27	28  Bloodmobile 2-6p Game Night 7p	29 CUMC RETREAT With Consultant 8a-1:30p
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