

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

July 2022



Rev. Ed Veaudry will be in our pulpit every
Sunday in July!

- Sun. 03 Morning Worship
- Mon. 04 Independence Day
- Sun. 10 Morning Worship - Communion
- Mon. 11 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 17 Morning Worship
- Mon. 18 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 22 CUC Board 6:00 p.m.
- Sun. 24 Morning Worship
- Mon. 25 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 31 Morning Worship



- 02 - Tammy Breclaw
- 07 - Janet Krak
- 09 - Nancy Kolod
- 12 - Gill Laroche
- 22 - David Vollmer
- 29- Christopher Pease
- 31- Susan & Jerome O'Neill



John Oswald (and Merle too) – recuperating at home, 7832 Bull St., Bridgeport, NY 13030

Linda Oswald – at home, 5501 Legionaire Dr. Apt 206, Cicero, NY 13039 – **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!**

Shirley Soergel - The Oaks at Menorah Park, Apt. 135, 18 Arbor Lane, Syracuse, NY 13214. **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE.**

Joan Vosbury - at home

Helen Fisher - at home, 139 Dormar Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Louanne Smith Rudnick – Recovering from surgery, 7888 Myers Road, Kirkville, NY 13082

Jim Reese (and Carol too) – at home
4809 Flower Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310

Keith Brignall (and Grace too) – at home -
5514 N. Manlius Street, Fayetteville, NY 13066

Gill Laroche (and Pam too) – at home -
6660 Collamer Road, E. Syracuse, NY 13057

Carol Burleigh – at home - 102 Watertree Drive,
East Syracuse, NY 13057

Andy and Annie Agrasto - Andy is at Roswell Park Cancer Center in Buffalo. **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!**

Savanna Colabufo and Courtney Clark – at home -
4296 Seeber Road, Canastota, NY 13032

Maryjane and Joe Molina - 502 Oot Lane, Apt. 2
Kirkville, NY 13082

Ryan Hill – 19-year-old son of Dennis and Nicole Hill and grandson of Rev. Steve and Pam Deckard.

Diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma. At home – 7060 Cattleman's Crossing Road, Cicero NY 13039

Wayne Fellows – (Carol Warner's husband) – 102 Seitz Drive, Camillus, NY 13031

Patti Monday – Sedgwick Heights, 1100 James Street, Room 230, Syracuse, NY 13203

Please reach out by card, phone, or email to our friends on the Prayer List.

Pastor's Corner

Rev. Ed Veaudry



Some years ago, I heard for the first time the gospel song "Faces." God used Rodney Griffin to pen the words of this great song. The message of this song teaches us such a wonderful truth, that you and I may not know this side of heaven how many lives we were able to influence.

Here are the lyrics:

*I dreamed my life was done
I stood before God's son
It was time to see what my reward would be
With love He reviewed my life
To count what was done for Christ
For that is what will last eternally
See I'd done my best to share
That Jesus really cares
And He would save if they just believe
Oh, but seldom did harvest come
And so few did I see won
Until the lord said, "turn around and see."
Then He showed me the faces of the ones who'd come
because of me
So many faces that my life had led to calvary
All those years I thought nobody saw as I labored in
lowly places
That's when Jesus smiled and showed me all the faces.
He said though you did not see the yield,
You were faithful to plow the field
At other times you helped me plant the seed
No matter how small the task, you did just as I asked
And thanks to you these souls have been set free.
Then he showed me the faces of the ones who'd come
because of me
So many faces that my life had led to calvary
All those years I thought nobody saw as I labored in
lowly places
That's when Jesus smiled and showed me all the faces.*

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*And for those years you thought
Nobody saw as you labored in lowly places
One day he'll smile and show you all the faces.
... the faces... you'll see their faces.*

How can a person make an impact on the life of someone? First, we will influence people for good if we know Jesus Christ and live our lives for Him. A great hindrance to God's work is when some who professes Him does not live a life that gives evidence to this. Next, we can help other people by praying for them consistently. I have found that I need a prayer list. I cannot remember all the people I need to take to the Lord in prayer. A prayer list will aid in keeping those on it before us. Just a thought... Do you have written reminders to pray for missionaries that we support? What about church members who have special needs? Do you have lost people on your list that you ask God to save? Thirdly, be faithful to church. I have often wondered when a church member is not in church. What kind of influence are they having on those around them at regular church times? If they know my church is meeting, do you think they may wonder whether I should have been in church? Just thinking! Lastly, I can be a good influence by talking to them about the Lord. I could share my testimony or how the Lord has blessed me.

The song "Faces" tells the account of a person who had lived their life in faithfulness to the Lord and then went to heaven thinking they had accomplished little for the Lord. The Lord told the, "You did not see the yield, but you were faithful to plow the field. And at other times you planted the seed." Then, in great love and compassion the Lord said, "Turn around and see the souls you helped to free!" It was then the Lord showed him all the faces! I must ask myself the question: How many faces in my life did I really make a difference in; how many souls did I really help to save? Do you not want your entrance to heaven to begin with "Well Done!" I do! Amen!

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Pastor Ed Veaudry

June 2022 Worship Report



The first Pentecost *after* Jesus ascended into heaven was still a Jewish celebration of the goodness of God, and the bringing in of the wheat harvest, with thousands of pilgrims coming to Jerusalem. After the apostles preached and the Holy Spirit moved, thousands came to the faith and the *Christian church* was born. Did you notice the candelabra that morning? Various candle heights, styles and colors helped signify how Pentecost Sunday impacted a diverse population that heard the good news. We enjoyed Rev. Betty Morey being with us June 5, and 28 were served communion via intinction (including 1 homebound).

Rev. Lauren Swanson led service June 12, including a special prayer after Jeannine Parks did a wonderful job recognizing our grads. He was also with us June 26. Elder Bill Porter was here on Father's Day; our Dads received microwave popcorn with a Bible verse on the back of the tag. Pastor Ed Veaudry will lead us all 5 Sundays in July. We are blessed by all of their gifts, and enjoy their time with us.

Please continue to pray for the pastor who will eventually arrive at Collamer / First United, and those on our Prayer Requests list. May you enjoy summer. We hope to see you in church!

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Oliver



On Memorial Day Sunday, May 29, 2022, the choir, under the direction of Christy Knowlton, performed a wonderful Patriotic Medley incorporating the anthems for all branches of service of the United States armed forces. Members of the congregation who served were asked to stand when they heard the anthem for their branch of service. The following veterans were recognized:



Jim Schuyler
U.S. Navy



Dick Gilkey
U.S. Air Force



Richard Way
U.S. Army



Victor Oliver
U.S. Air Force



Pastor Ed Veaudry
U.S. Army



Wayne Brignall
U.S. Air Force

Thank you for your service!



Lorraine Vollmer



On Sunday, June 12, 2022, we recognized the following graduates:

Sarah O'Neill
Jaden Christopher Ellis
Natalie Pidkaminy
Wayne O'Neill
Nicole "Nikki" Heidt, MD

Each graduate was presented with a card and small gift. Congratulations to all!



On May 29, 2022, Lorraine was recognized for her 72 years of attendance and devoted service to the Collamer United Church.

In Memoriam



Rev. Edwin E. Kang passed away last week. He was our interim minister from July 2001 until May 2003. He and his wife Mae were here for our 25-year celebration. The Rev. Kang would have turned 88 in September. Following the loss of his beloved wife Mae, Rev. Kang moved to Seattle to be close to his children. He was an honorably retired minister member of Cayuga-Syracuse, former staff member of our Synod, an early and dedicated supporter of our presbytery's Korean Partnership with Pyongyang Presbytery of South Korea since 2000, one of the original and dedicated members of the Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea founded in 2017, and well-known to adults and youth in our presbytery who were blessed to travel to Korea with Rev. Kang serving as mentor and translator for over a dozen exchange delegations. His burial is private, but a celebration of life will be held in the fall.



by Merle Oswald

July Mission



Our mission for July will be to purchase reusable grocery bags to be provided to St. Matthew's Food Pantry. They will be provided to people picking up groceries at the Food Pantry for carrying the items home. The bags will be customized with information about Collamer United Church. They will be purchased with funds from a mission grant received from the Presbytery.

St. Matthews Food Pantry



We are continuing to collect donations of nonperishable food items to be delivered to St. Matthews Food Pantry. In June, we collected 3 boxes of food and 11 egg cartons. They were delivered to St. Matthews by Wayne Brignall. The Food Pantry is still in need of empty cardboard (not Styrofoam) egg cartons.

June Mission



In June, we collected shoes to be donated to Ralph Rotella, "the shoe repair guy" in Syracuse. He will clean and repair them. The shoes will then be donated to the Rescue Mission around Christmas time. We collected more than 146 pairs of shoes. Many were dropped off at the front door in response to the announcement on the LED message board. The shoes were blessed by Rev. Swanson on Sunday, June 26.

Brown Memorial United Methodist Church



On August 21, 2022, we will be hosting a picnic meal at Brown Memorial United Methodist Church. We will be providing hot dogs, salads, etc. First United Church of East Syracuse has been invited to join us in this mission project. We will seek to obtain discounted or donated hot dogs from Hoffman's as well as donations of other items. Please let Leslie know if you can help serve the meal.



Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ Andy Langford, UMC Discipleship Resources, *Prayer for Independence Day*



Technology Update



The tech committee has been busy making a new video for prospective pastors that gives them a tour of CUC. Thanks to the expertise of CUC's new friend, Shawn Ellis, we have completed the video and it can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/hW9_cdVSdqA We have recently sent it to a prospective pastor! Please continue to pray for us as we work to call a new pastor to our congregation.

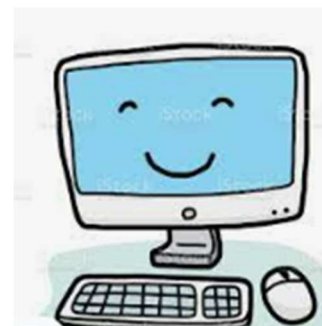
Submitted by Judi Parker

Serenity Garden Update



The garden is coming along nicely. In June, Kim Warner (a friend of Judi Parker), Judi, Marie, Connie and Leslie weeded the Memorial Garden. They also planted several perennial plants donated by Vollmer's. Volunteers to help with watering the downstairs gardens and the living tree would be appreciated. Shrubs have been ordered from Aspinall's – in the near future they will be delivering and planting them, along with replacing the four dead trees. The three benches have arrived. They will be assembled and placed in and near the memorial garden soon.

Thank You



We would like to thank Linda Oswald and her son for the recent donation of a computer. It is greatly appreciated! We are no longer in need of a second monitor!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CUC BOARD MEETING May 25, 2022

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on MAY 25, 2022, at 6:04 p.m. in the lounge. Elder Judith Parker opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Leslie DuMond served as Moderator.

A motion was properly made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the regular Session minutes of April 27, 2022, as amended.

Elder Pamela Laroche reviewed the financial reports of the church. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Jeannine Parks to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2022.

VITAL STATISTICS: Muriel Spier, a 43-year member, passed away on May 15, 2022. A funeral service will be held at CUC on Friday, June 7 with burial at Collamer Cemetery.

Carol Reese requested to be removed from the active member roll. A motion was made by Elder Pamela Laroche and seconded by Elder Leslie DuMond to accept the request to be removed from the membership roll.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder Jerome O'Neill reported that he has been mowing the lawn for the past month. Judd DuMond weed whacked and edged the property. Leslie weeded a flower bed in front of the church and it was mulched. They plan to do more weeding and mulching when time permits. Gill Laroche worked on the grounds. Gill and Pam Laroche removed the wind barrier near the front entrance. Judd DuMond will take care of landscaping around the new LED message board.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: A graduation celebration will take place during the June 12 worship service. Sarah O'Neill will be given the customary scholarship for graduating high school. Jaden Ellis will also be recognized for graduating high school. Wayne O'Neill will be recognized for completing his Associate's Degree. A reception will follow the service.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Susan O'Neill reported the committee continues to send cards and make phone calls to shut-ins. The 50+ year member celebration was held on May 15. Lois Klein was recognized as the longest serving member. A reception was held after the worship service.

MISSIONS: Elder Merle Oswald reported concerning the following mission projects:

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St. Matthew's Food Pantry. In May, 3 boxes of food and 25 egg cartons were delivered to St. Matthew's Food Pantry by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald.

Can Tabs. Pat Pease and Merle Oswald delivered approximately 3,800 can tabs to the North Syracuse Mason's to be cashed in for the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Adopt-A-Highway. The highway cleanup took place on Sunday, May 1. Susan and Jerome O'Neill, Jim Schuyler, Victor Oliver, Marie Czajak and Merle Oswald picked up trash along Route 298.

Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. Our May mission was to collect items and monetary donations for Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. The donations have been overwhelming. They will be blessed by Rev. Swanson on Sunday, May 29.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Michael Breclaw submitted a written report. The appointment of Rev. Ejaz Abid to our church and the First United Church of East Syracuse which was to be effective July 1, has been withdrawn by the Methodist Conference. The PNC is continuing efforts to locate a pastor. It will be necessary to hold a special congregational meeting to obtain approval to resume a search for a Presbyterian minister. A motion was made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Jeannine Parks to hold a congregational meeting on June 12, 2022.

TECHNOLOGY: It was noted that Elder Jerome O'Neill and Gill Laroche will be addressing installation of the monitor for the rear or the sanctuary in the near future.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows: Rev. Betty Morey filled in for Pastor Ed Veaudry on May 8. June pulpit supply: June 5, Rev. Betty Morey, June 12, Rev. Lauren Swanson, June 19, Elder Bill Porter, June 26, Rev. Lauren Swanson. Pastor Ed Veaudry will fill our pulpit for the entire month of July. Communion was served by intinction on May 1 - 28 were served (including one homebound). 50+ year members were honored on May 15.

OLD BUSINESS: Elder Judith Parker sent a card to Pastor Jenna Heery and family for the adoption of their new child.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported she, Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver and Marie Czajak met with Cornell Cooperative Extension master gardeners. Discussion took place

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concerning appropriate shrubs and plants for the memorial garden and having them assist with maintaining the gardens in exchange for their use of the Fellowship Hall for some meetings. Discussions are continuing.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Jerome O'Neill expressed concern about weeds in the new memorial garden and questioned use of weed barrier. We will look into whether one was used.

It was noted that we will be planting several shrubs in the memorial garden in the near future. Aspinall's will be replacing four of the five trees planted last November.

Discussion took place concerning purchasing a memorial brick in honor of Muriel Spier. A motion was made by Elder Susan O'Neill and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to use Memorial Funds to purchase a brick in memory of Muriel Spier.

Elder Leslie DuMond left the meeting for this discussion. The office secretary is requesting a wage increase. A discussion took place. A motion was made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the requested wage increase, effective the week of May 30, 2022.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be June 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. A congregational meeting will take place on June 12, 2022.



We continue to be in need of liturgists, ushers, and people to do general cleaning at the church. Please sign up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact the church office to volunteer.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is July 26, 2022. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline.



Reminder

I am generally in the Church Office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Other times vary. When I am not in the office, I monitor the Church e-mail regularly.

Leslie DuMond

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.



Just a reminder that I am a Notary Public. If you have the need for notary services, please contact me at the church office to schedule an appointment.

Leslie DuMond

Fellowship Hall Rental



Our church fellowship hall is available for rent for special occasions and meetings. Maximum capacity is 140. Please contact the church office for information.

Love One Another

John 13:34

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Scripture Verse

LOVE
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"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."



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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL ONCE AGAIN HOLD IT'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022, 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022, 9:00 A.M. – Noon
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022, 9:00 A.M. – Noon**



We will once again be holding our huge annual rummage sale! We cannot do it without you ... the general public. We depend upon your faithful donations, year after year, after year!!! Hopefully, you have held on to all of your purged items from cleaning throughout the year. We are giving you this advance notice so that you can start cleaning out your houses, garages, basements, attics, closets, and drawers.

WE NEED

Donations of clothes, small furniture, kitchen items, books, toys, small appliances, jewelry, tools, etc. (but we do urge you to please, do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

(We cannot accept donations of microwaves, TV's, large appliances, large furniture, entertainment centers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, skis, computers or large exercise equipment as we have to pay to dispose of some of these items if they are left over after the sale.) Further information will be forthcoming in the September issue of this publication. We will then inform you of the date when you may start dropping off items. If you have any questions in the meantime you may call the church office at 315-463-4939.