

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

August 2025



- Fri. 01 Arise - Exceptional Family Resources -
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*
- Sun. 03 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. -
Baptism of Nikolai Edward Adydan*
- Mon. 04 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.*
- Tues. 05 Blood Drive - First United Church*
- Fri. 08 Arise - Exceptional Family Resources -
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*
- Sun. 10 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m.*
- Mon. 11 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.*
- Fri. 15 Arise - Exceptional Family Resources -
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*
- Sun. 17 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.*
- Mon. 18 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.*
- Tues. 19 Master Gardeners
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
- Fri. 22 Arise - Exceptional Family Resources -
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*
- Sun. 24 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.
Brown Memorial Meal - 2:00 p.m.*
- Mon. 25 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.*
- Wed. 27 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.*
- Fri. 29 Arise - Exceptional Family Resources -
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*
- Sun. 31 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.*

- Linda Oswald – upcoming surgery - at home, 8701 Knowledge Lane, Apt 116, Cicero, NY 13039 –
SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!
- Helen Fischer – 139 Dormar Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212 – We recently learned that she has moved to an assisted living facility in Horseheads. Once her address is received, we will share. Mail appears to be forwarded.
- Carol Burleigh – 102 Watertree Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057
- 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 – **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!**
- Ryan Hill – at home – 7060 Cattleman's Crossing Road, Cicero NY 13039 – **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!**
- Patti Monday – Bernadine Apts., #1304, 417 Churchill Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205.
- JoAnn Tongue – 2 Sacketts Road, Central Square, NY 13036
- Doug Kliphon (and Sheri too) – 7088 Ferstler Road, Kirkville, NY 13082
- Rev. Ed Veaudry - 438 Summerhaven Dr. N.E., East Syracuse, NY 13057
- Gloria and Jim Kyser and Family – 6844 Schuyler Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057
- Lois Klein – c/o The Cottages, 5411 Meltzer Ct., House 5430, Room 10, Cicero, NY 13039
- Sonny Ellis – 226 W. King Street, Jackson, TN 38301
- Lorraine Vollmer – 6564 Collamer Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057
- Rev. Steve Deckard – 16353 Wallingford Ave N, Shoreline WA 98133
- Megan Wilbur - 1500 Whispering Hills Road, Loris, SC 29569
- Fred Galster - 59 Hulton Farm Road, Hammond, NY 13646

Please reach out by card, phone, or email to our friends on the Prayer List. If you would like to call someone but don't have their number, please contact the church office.



Pastor's Message



I can't believe how soon big box stores are selling Back To School merch.

Can't they just let us be?!

That whole thing is emblematic of a societal problem we have: a reluctance to live in the current moment.

We'd rather be in any moment but the current moment.

In the current moment, we might be wishing for a cooler winter that doesn't require us to blast our fans and strip our blankets.

In 6 months, we might be wishing for a hot summer that doesn't require us to blast our heat and layer on blankets.

Too much time spent wishing for something else, and not enough time appreciating the current moment.

Granted, there are worldly situations that make us squirm: the news, being sick, even hot weather.

And yet, there are also opportunities: going outside, breathing in fresh air, reading, or picnicking, taking a dip in the bodies of water that are so abundant around these parts.

Chances to slow down and take in God's Creation around us, knowing that everything has a season, and that God calls us to appreciate those seasons.

Summertime Slowness can be boring, but can also be calming—a chance to be in touch with what our bodies and souls need, being in a vacation mindset whether we're on vacation or not.

So, friends, let us enjoy this August moment.

Let us not move to the Fall too fast, even when it's unbearably hot.

Let us instead appreciate the freedom to be outside, to attend events, and to enjoy the season we're in, as God guides us through the current season and into the next one.

May God bless you and keep you,

~ Pastor Eric

Pastor's Office Hours

The following is Pastor Eric's schedule for office hours:

Monday @ Collamer, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tuesday @ First United, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday @ First United, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday @ Collamer, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Of course, this schedule is subject to change. If you would like to schedule a meeting with him, please contact the church office.



01 - Sheri Kliphon

11 - Beth Vollmer

16 - Pat Pease

29- Courtney Annette Clark

**Thank you God for the
sunshine and still waters,
for the warmth, the light and
the rest this season brings.
Help me slow down, breathe
deeply and find joy in simple
moments this summer.
May your peace fill my
days and your love
shine through me.
Amen.**



July 2025 Worship Report



It's been wonderful seeing so many of you this summer! It is a busy season. Communion was served by intinction at the 9:30 a.m. service at FUCOES on July 6 (Fourth of July weekend). ***We look forward to hosting First United at 9:30 a.m. on August 31 (Labor Day weekend).***

July's messages included "Starting Strong" (at FUCOES), "Use Caution Ahead", and "Distracted." July 27th, Pastor Eric was out of town - we opted to hold our own service, incorporating a Hymn Sing in place of the usual message, which seemed to be well received.* Thank you to all who participated in this effort!

Pastor Eric *always* provides teaching moments — I was intrigued by the history, and appreciated learning of Amos from the Old Testament in his "Use Caution Ahead" message. And found his "Distracted" teaching on Martha and Mary interesting. Contemplate like Mary, yet serve like Martha. He continues to share hefty Pastoral prayers, skillfully incorporating our many joys and concerns. Do you also feel the Holy Spirit working through Pastor Eric's words?

Thank you for caring for our community and the world by lifting prayers for one another, Pastor Eric, our mission in this community, and around the world. See you in church!

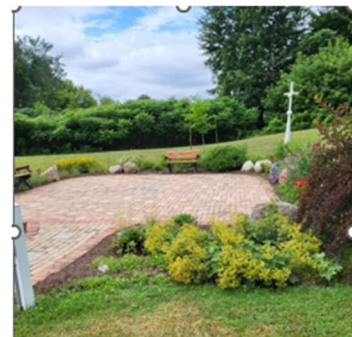
Respectfully submitted,
~ Connie Oliver

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Connie did a wonderful job putting together this special service. There is always a lot going on behind the scenes for the Worship Team. Thank you, Connie, and your team!

Memorial (Serenity) Garden- Look at the Garden Grow!



Have you taken a walk through the garden lately? There is a lot to see. New bricks have been installed. The plants are taking off, growing, spreading, and blooming! It is absolutely beautiful. Stop by, take a seat on a bench, and spend a few moments in reflection.





by Merle Oswald

For July, we collected 53 men's and women's deodorant for the St. Matthew's Food Pantry. They were dedicated by the Worship Team on July 27, 2025. We also collected 16 egg cartons. Thank you all.



Each month in 2025, we will collect specific items for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. The items we will be collecting are as follows:



August – Toothbrushes and Paste (Regular Size)

September – Canned (Evaporated) Milk

October – Pumpkin Filling

November – Boxed Stuffing

December – Brownie Mixes

You are welcome to donate other non-perishable food items as well. We continue to collect cardboard egg cartons. Please note that the food pantry can only use cartons holding a dozen eggs.



We collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards), and puzzles for all ages. An overwhelming number of snacks were donated. We also collected 8 puzzles and 24 decks of various cards. They were delivered by Carol Burleigh and Merle Oswald.



Once again, in August, we will be collecting school supplies to be provided to children in need attending Woodland Elementary School and Pine Grove Middle School. We would appreciate donations of the following items:

- #2 Pencils
- 3-Ring Binders
- Filler Paper for 3-Ring Binders
- Crayons
- Composition Books
- Glue Sticks
- Jumbo Markers
- Folders with Pockets
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pens
- Pencil Case
- 1 or 3 Subject Spiral Notebooks

A box will be placed in the Narthex for collection of the donations. The deadline for donations is Sunday, August 31, 2025. Thank you!

Brown Memorial United Methodist Church



On August 24, 2025, 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 obtain discounted hot dogs from Hoffman's as well as donations of other items. Please let Leslie know if you can help serve the meal.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 21, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on May 21, 2025, at 6:05 p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Emeline McShane and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the regular Session minutes of April 23, 2025. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elder Pamela Laroche presented the financial reports of the church for the month of April 2025. **A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2025. Motion passed.**

VITAL STATISTICS: Richard Way, a CUC member, passed away on April 23, 2025. A funeral service was held at CUC on April 30, 2025. Rev. Adamcik officiated.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our presbytery.

We received a letter from the Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery and Susquehanna Valley Presbytery concerning the status of merger discussions. Copies were distributed. We will post this on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Gill and Pam Laroche cleaned up and burned branches, weeded, planted, and mulched the flower beds. A trailer full of weeds was taken to OCCRA. They planted a new Japanese lilac bush to the right of the entrance. This replaces a shrub that was removed due to its declining condition. Gill Laroche also weed whacked and replaced some bricks in the serenity garden.

Gill and Pam Laroche also removed the wind barrier. Gill mowed the church grounds twice.

Leslie DuMond weeded the memorial garden. Leslie DuMond and Connie Oliver met with a representative of the Master Gardeners' program to arrange for maintenance of the memorial garden for the season.

Jerome O'Neill and Monique Kocienski removed the stains on the butcher block counter in the kitchen.

Pam and Gill Laroche picked up the Mineo's order for the recent dinner.

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Ginnie Busco continues to clean the church on a weekly basis.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: We have five graduates to recognize this year. Lydia Coombs graduated from Nazareth College, Kyle Nastasi graduated from Springfield College, Christy Knowlton's daughter, Sophie, is graduating from West Genesee High School, Merle Oswald's grandson, Duncan Roberts, will graduate from ESM. Connie Oliver's daughter, Nikki Heidt, completed her fellowship in vascular surgery from Duke University. It was decided to recognize these graduates on June 22. Cards and small gifts will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits continuing.

The 50-year membership recognition took place on May 18th. Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler were welcomed to the group and provided with certificates and a lovely candle jar. Lois Klein, our longest member, was provided with a small gift. A reception was held after the service and cake was served.

The movie Risen was shown on Saturday, May 3. Seven attended.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry - For May, we are collecting full size men's and women's shampoo. For June, we will collect pasta. Donations of other non-perishable items are also welcome.

Francis House - We received a thank you note from Francis House for our recent donations.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we picked up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge. Shawn Ellis, Ginnie and Ed Busco, Georgia Clifford, Pam DeForest, Pat Pease and Merle Oswald participated. The big find this year was a car tire on the rim!

Ronald McDonald House - For May, we are collecting the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, regular playing cards), and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces).

-Board Minutes Continued -

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. seven of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee met with Rev. Adamcik on May 13.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Judith Parker reported the Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 27 on May 4. Elders Valerie Warfield and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- Mother's Day was celebrated May 11. Pastor Eric blessed the token gifts, magnets with a faith-based message.
- 50+ year member recognition was celebrated during the May 18 service, with the two recipients receiving hand crafted lanterns, and a certificate. Coffee hour followed afterwards.

OLD BUSINESS: We continue to advertise the church building available for rent on Facebook Market Place. We are receiving various inquiries. Due to the recommendation of our insurance agent, individuals inquiring concerning use of the building are told that an insurance certificate is required. Most individuals cannot provide this. It has been suggested that we limit this advertising to only the kitchen. This would generally involve catering companies that are able to obtain the required insurance.

We were contacted by Della Brown the proprietor of Puddinglicious, LLC concerning use of the kitchen. She is working to reestablish her catering business that has been on pause since covid and her recovery from an illness. She would like to use the space as a commissary kitchen for purposes of obtaining the necessary permit from the Onondaga County Health Department. She will be meeting with Leslie DuMond on Thursday, May 22, to look at the space and discuss the requirements.

We have still not received the check from Planet Aid. Leslie will follow up.

The contract documents for the copier lease with Ed & Ed Business Technology have been finalized. We are waiting for them to replace the existing machine with a newer one.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Merle Oswald reported she would like to purchase a plaque honoring her deceased husband's parents.

It was noted that Gill Laroche and others will be replacing several bricks in the serenity garden once weather permits.

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Connie Oliver reported concerning efforts to locate reasonably priced folders for the welcome packets.

Connie Oliver reported she and Joel, one of the master gardeners, did some planting in the Serenity Garden on May 12. She is working on a new garden diagram to show locations of the various plantings.

Elder Pamela Laroche reported the Dinner Committee decided that, due to the poor turnout, we will not continue our in-house dinners. Future dinners will be drive-thru only.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be June 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Bottles & Cans



We have an arrangement with ESM Bottle Return. They have recently moved to Arterial Road in Lyncourt. They will provide our Church the redemption money from the returns. You may also put your bottles and cans in the container in the lower entrance to the church.

PLANET AID DONATION BOX



You may have noticed the yellow clothes and shoes donation box that arrived at Vollmer Farms last fall. Arrangements have now been made for CUC to benefit from those donations. Please drop off your donations to benefit our church!

Church Secretary/Notary Services



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. I am also available to provide notary services.

Leslie DuMond

Fellowship Hall Rental



Our church fellowship hall is available for rent for special occasions and meetings. Maximum capacity is 140 with seating for 110. Please contact the church office for information.



Arise – Exceptional Family Resources will be using our Fellowship Hall every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from July 25 through September 12. They will be holding “Fun Fridays” programs for disabled adults age 18 and up. This is a very worthy cause and the representatives of Arise are very nice and extremely grateful that we can accommodate their need for space for these events.



LAKESIDE FARMERS MARKET

2025

SUPPORT LOCAL!!

In the parking lot of the

Bridgeport United Methodist Church -

3-6 p.m. Thursdays (weather permitting)

June 26 – Sept. 25

Fresh Vegetables and Fruits

Baked Goods and Crafts

Children's Activity, Prayer and Wellness Tent

Chicken Dinners every week - (includes ½ chicken and 2 sides)

Bridgeport United Methodist Church
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Pastor Omar Hall



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is August 25, 2025. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline. We are accepting donations for postage for the monthly newsletter. Any donations will be appreciated. Also, if you are still receiving the newsletter via U.S. mail and would like to receive it via e-mail, please contact the church office.

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL ONCE AGAIN HOLD OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 p.m.**



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 will begin accepting donations at the greenhouse on Monday, September 1.**

WE NEED

Donations of clothes, small furniture, kitchen items, books, toys, small appliances, jewelry, tools, etc. (but we do urge you, 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 future issues 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.