

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

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Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.

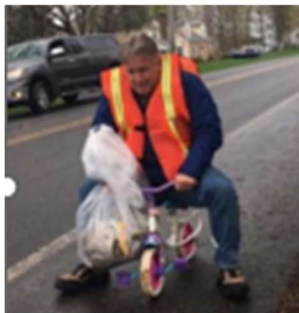


Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



E	U	N	I	T	Y	B	U	W	R	P	N
K	S	Y	A	L	V	G	T	I	W	E	O
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

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Pastor's Message



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A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

Pastor Eric

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



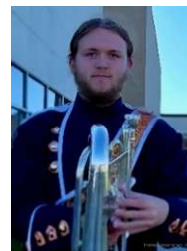
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



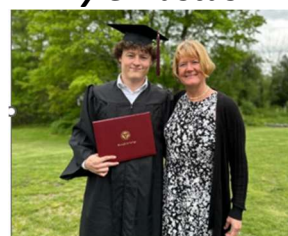
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

Ronald McDonald House – For May, we will be 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).

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

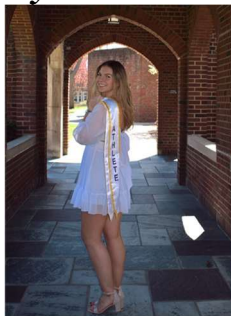


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



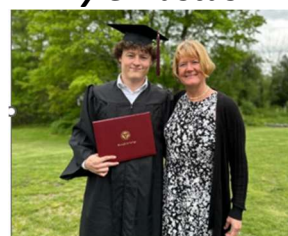
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

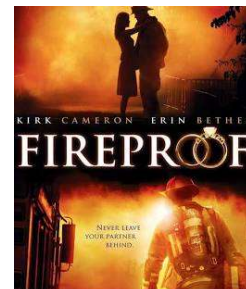
The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

Pastor Eric

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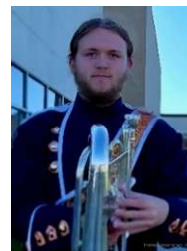
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



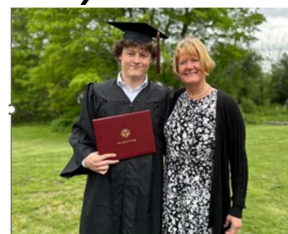
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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,
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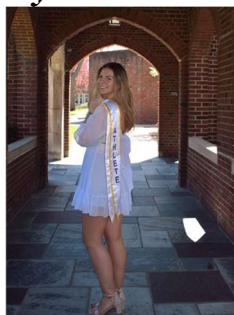


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Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



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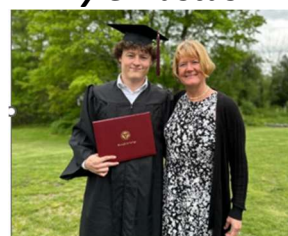
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We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

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Ronald McDonald House Charities



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



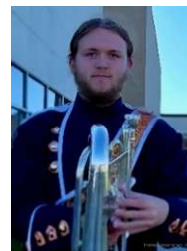
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



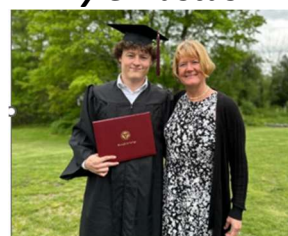
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Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

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by Merle Oswald

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



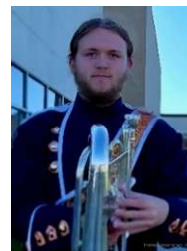
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



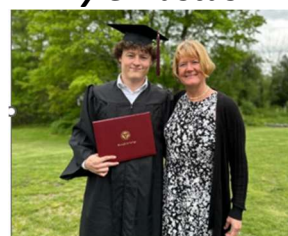
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

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- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

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Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



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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



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CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



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We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report

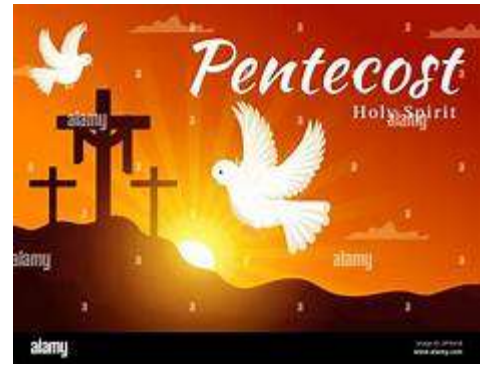


May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



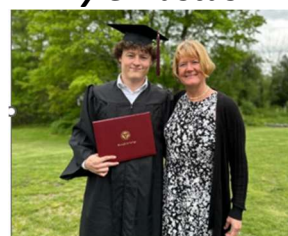
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

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- Mission Report Continued -



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June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

August – Toothbrushes and Paste (Regular Size)

September – Canned (Evaporated) Milk

October – Pumpkin Filling

November – Boxed Stuffing

December – Brownie Mixes

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An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

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The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



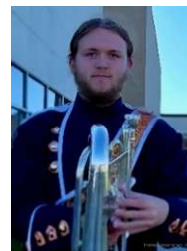
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Lydia Coombs



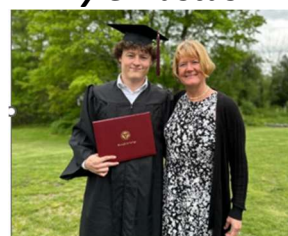
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

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MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

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ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
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- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

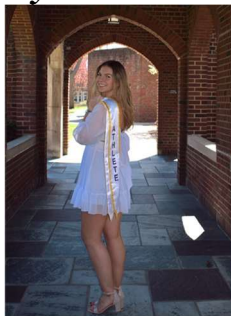


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



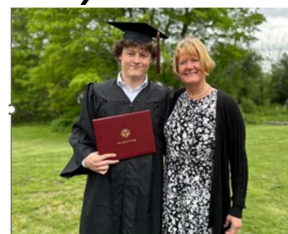
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Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

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

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One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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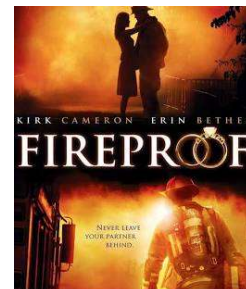
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PLANET AID DONATION BOX



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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
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PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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
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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

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
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On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
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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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
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- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



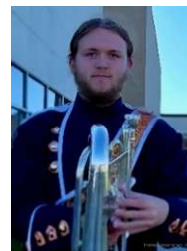
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



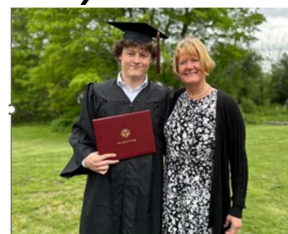
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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Fellowship Hall Rental



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Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

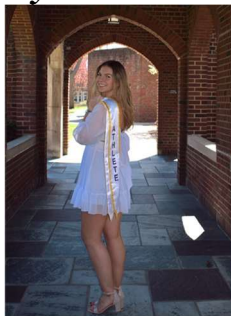


Sophie Knowlton



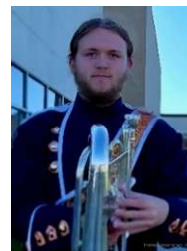
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



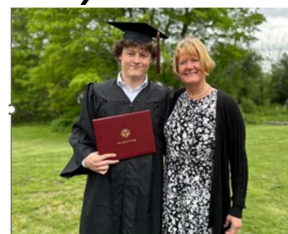
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

Ronald McDonald House – For May, we will be 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).

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 are giving you this advance notice so that you can start cleaning out your houses, garages, basements, attics, closets, and drawers.

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Pastor's Message



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



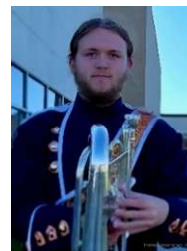
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



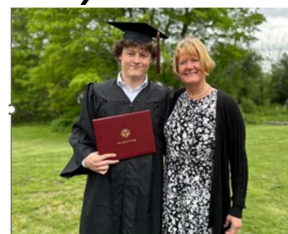
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

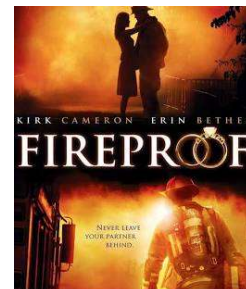
The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
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We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

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And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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May 2025 Worship Report



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May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

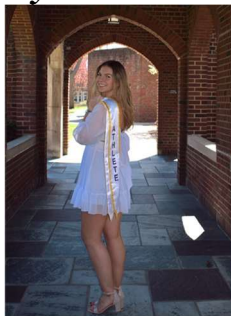


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



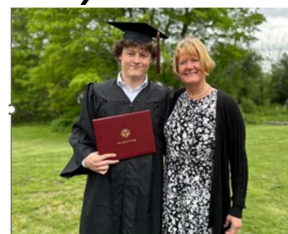
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

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- Pastor's Message Continued -

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Respectfully submitted,
~ Connie Oliver



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

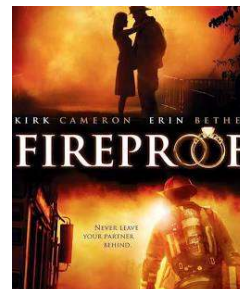
The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

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Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



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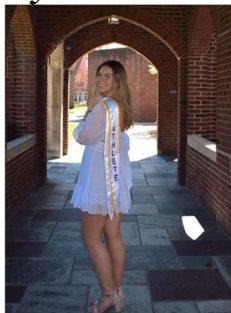


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Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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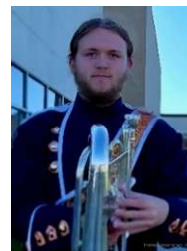
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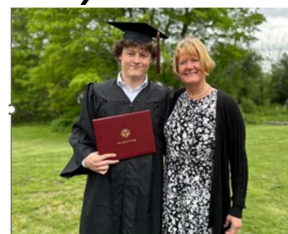
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Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



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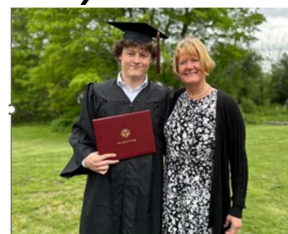
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Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



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Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

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~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



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Ronald McDonald House Charities



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

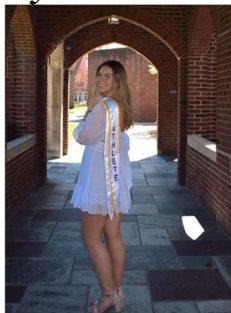


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

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- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

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Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
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- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

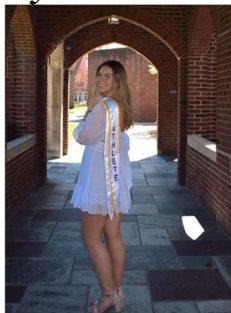


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

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Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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by Merle Oswald

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OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

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The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



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Church Secretary/Notary Services



Reminder

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Leslie DuMond



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CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



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We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE



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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
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- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

Pastor Eric

Pastor's Office Hours

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

Monday @ Collamer, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

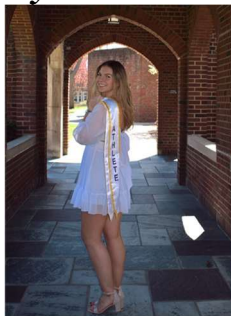


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



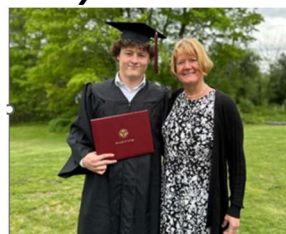
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

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- Mission Report Continued -



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June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

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The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
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- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
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- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

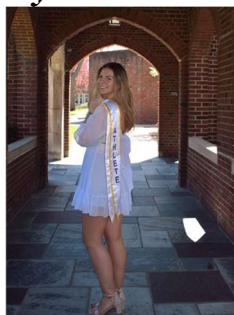


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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by Merle Oswald

May Missions



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

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MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

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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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
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PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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

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- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
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On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

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Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

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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, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
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- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
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- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

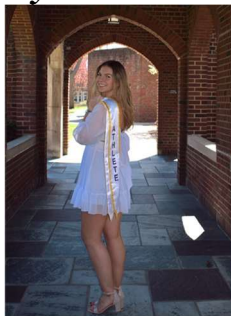


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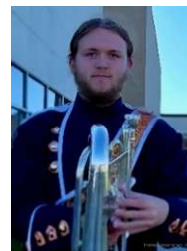
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



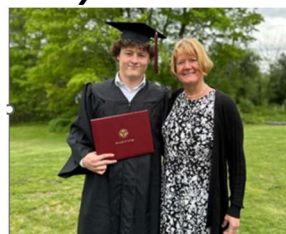
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

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Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

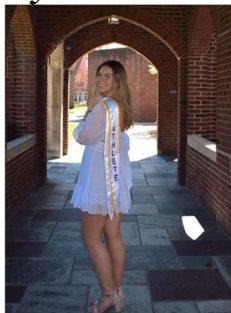


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Ronald McDonald House – For May, we will be 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).

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

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Pastor's Message



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Pastor's Message Continued -

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Amen, and amen.

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Respectfully submitted,
~ Connie Oliver



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

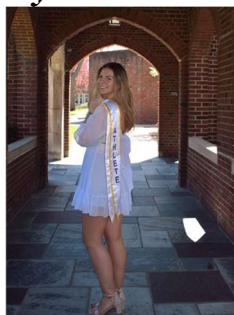


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

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- Pastor's Message Continued -

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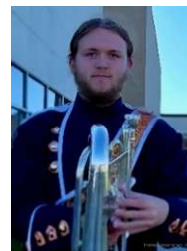
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



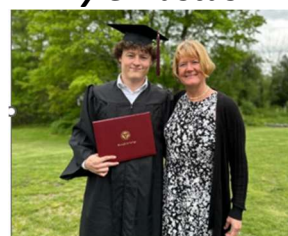
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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!

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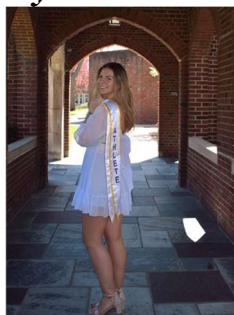


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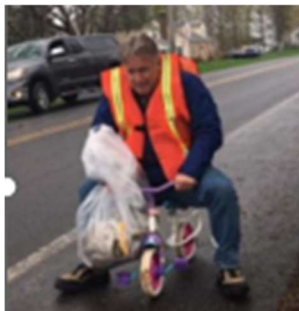


Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

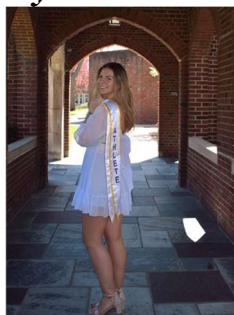


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Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

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Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

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We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

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~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

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Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

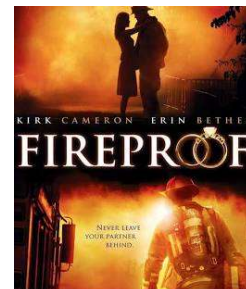
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Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
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- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoas Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



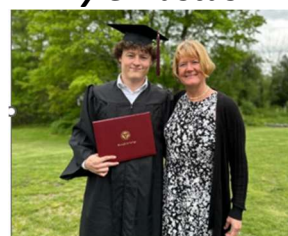
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

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Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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by Merle Oswald

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OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

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Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

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The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



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Church Secretary/Notary Services



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Leslie DuMond



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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.



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We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

Pastor Eric

Pastor's Office Hours

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

Monday @ Collamer, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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by Merle Oswald

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June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

August – Toothbrushes and Paste (Regular Size)

September – Canned (Evaporated) Milk

October – Pumpkin Filling

November – Boxed Stuffing

December – Brownie Mixes

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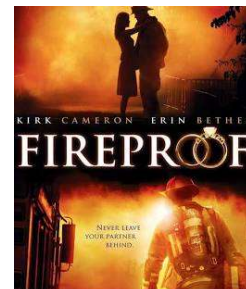
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ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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
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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, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
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- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

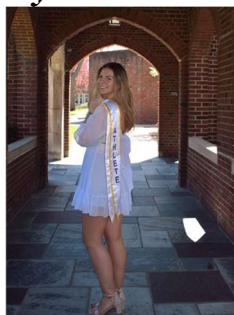


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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May Missions



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

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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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
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FIRE

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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

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June 2025



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- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



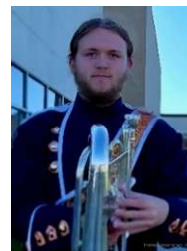
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



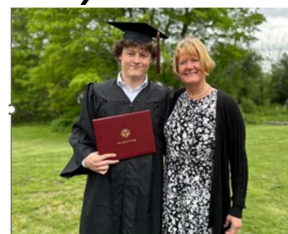
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Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
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On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

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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

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
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- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
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- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



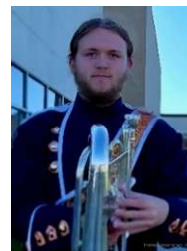
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



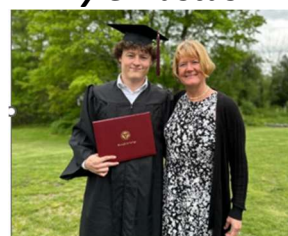
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



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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, 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.

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Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

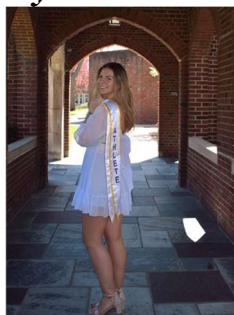


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Ronald McDonald House – For May, we will be 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).

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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Pastor's Message



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A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

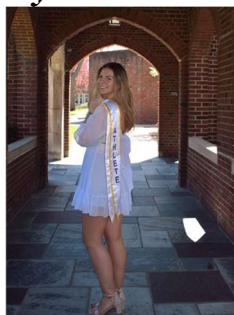


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

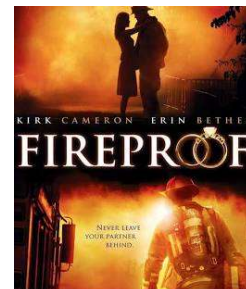
The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
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- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
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- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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May 2025 Worship Report



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May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

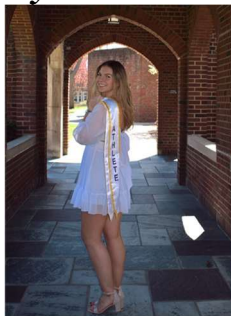


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



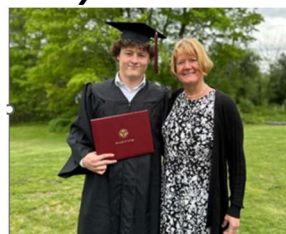
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

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Respectfully submitted,
~ Connie Oliver



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



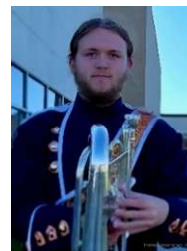
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



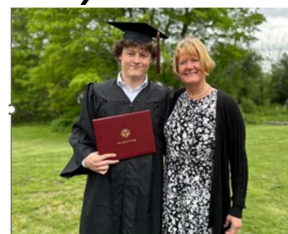
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

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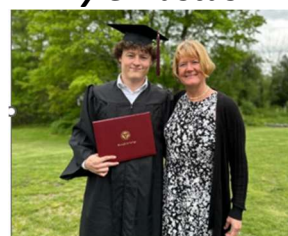
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Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

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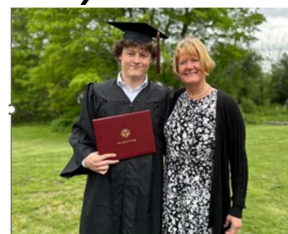
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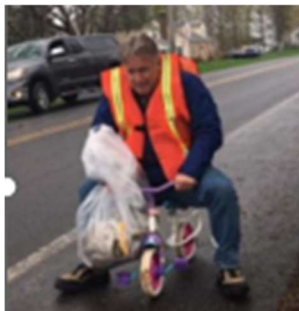


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Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

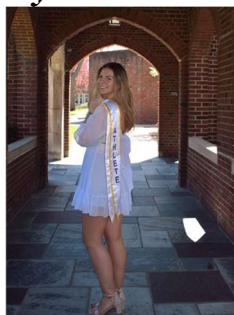


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Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

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Ronald McDonald House Charities



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

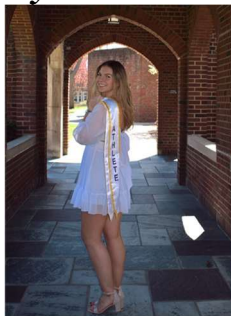


Sophie Knowlton



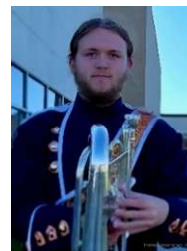
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



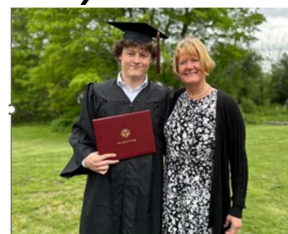
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Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



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~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

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Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

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We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE



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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

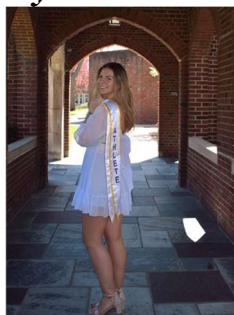


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

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STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

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- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

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The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

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ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Church Secretary/Notary Services



Reminder

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Leslie DuMond



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CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

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We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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
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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
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- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
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- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

Pastor Eric

Pastor's Office Hours

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

Monday @ Collamer, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

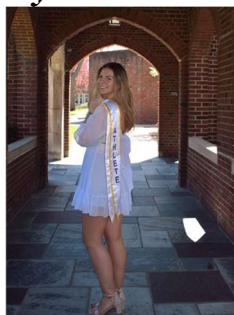


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

August – Toothbrushes and Paste (Regular Size)

September – Canned (Evaporated) Milk

October – Pumpkin Filling

November – Boxed Stuffing

December – Brownie Mixes

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

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The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



E	U	N	I	T	Y	B	U	W	R	P	N
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓.

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
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- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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- Mission Report Continued -



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



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

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Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

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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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
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PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
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FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
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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

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June 2025



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- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

Pastor Eric

Pastor's Office Hours

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

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

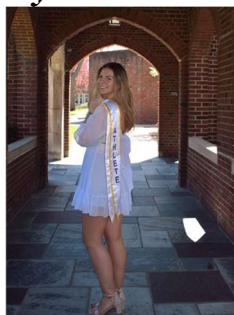


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
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On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

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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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
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- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



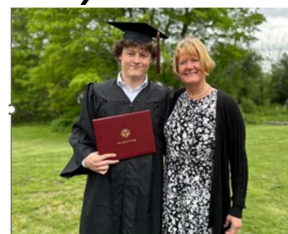
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Church Secretary/Notary Services



Reminder

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Leslie DuMond



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Fellowship Hall Rental



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Ryan Hill – at home – 7060 Cattleman's Crossing Road, Cicero NY 13039

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



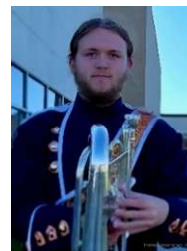
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



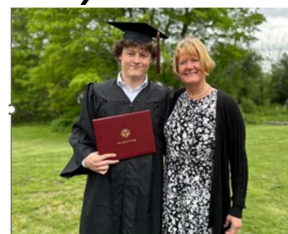
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Ronald McDonald House – For May, we will be 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).

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL ONCE AGAIN HOLD OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
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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.

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Pastor's Message



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A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

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What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



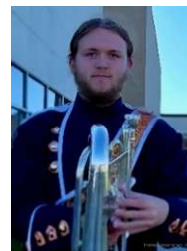
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



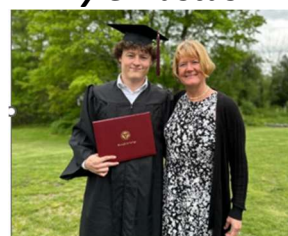
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

Ronald McDonald House – For May, we will be 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).

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE



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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – at home, 8701 Knowledge Lane, Apt 116, Cicero, NY 13039 – SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!
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- Pastor's Message Continued -

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Amen, and amen.

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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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



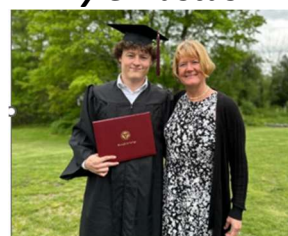
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



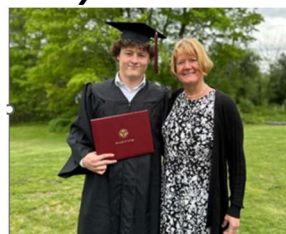
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

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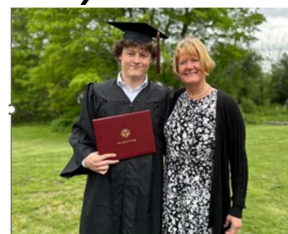
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Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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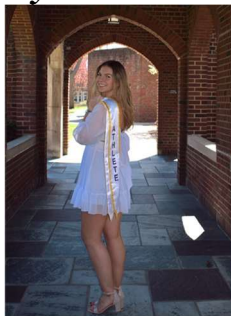


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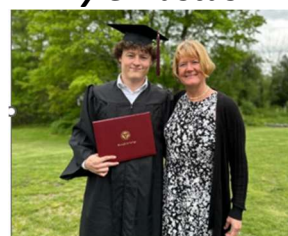
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Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



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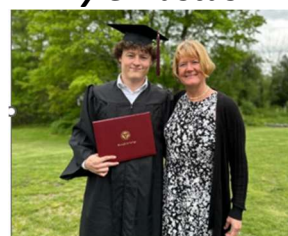
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Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



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Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

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~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



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Ronald McDonald House Charities



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



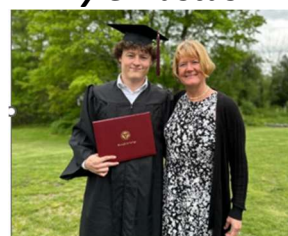
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



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- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

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One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
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- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

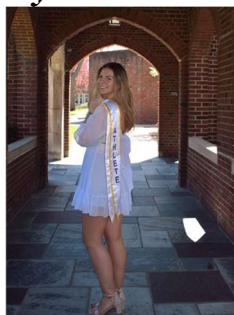


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

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Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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by Merle Oswald

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OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

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Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

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The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



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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



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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.



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We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

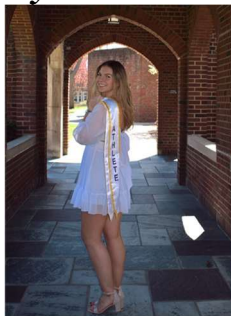


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



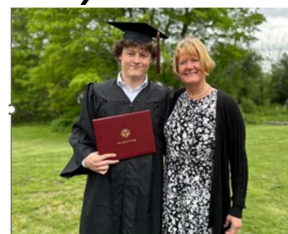
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

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- Mission Report Continued -



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June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

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An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

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Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

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The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



E	U	N	I	T	Y	B	U	W	R	P	N
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

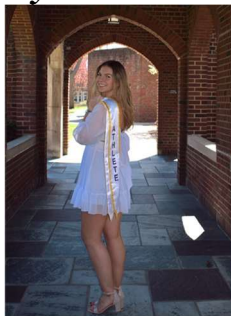


Sophie Knowlton



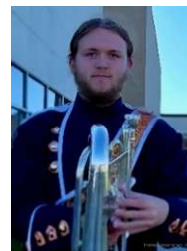
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Lydia Coombs



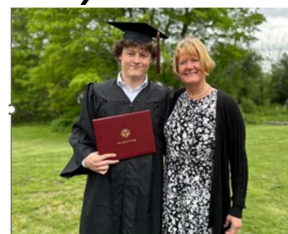
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

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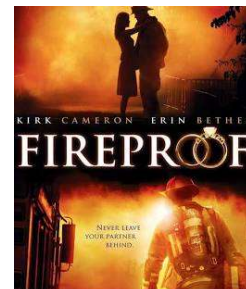
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Reminder

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Leslie DuMond



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CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
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PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



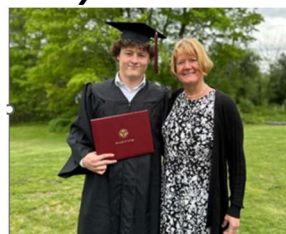
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Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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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

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
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- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

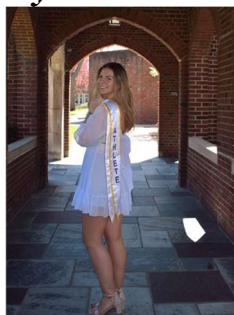


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, 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.

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- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
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- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

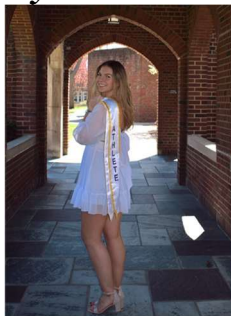


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



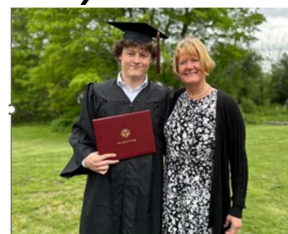
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Ronald McDonald House – For May, we will be 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).

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
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SPIRIT

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FIRE



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Pastor's Message



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

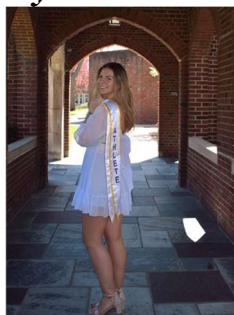


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



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In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

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Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

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And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

Pastor Eric

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May 2025 Worship Report



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May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



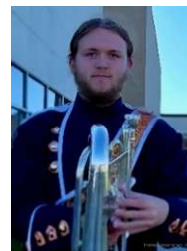
Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



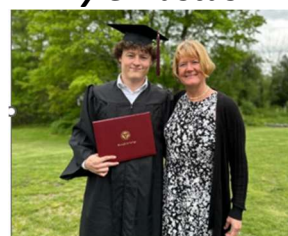
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

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- Pastor's Message Continued -

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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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

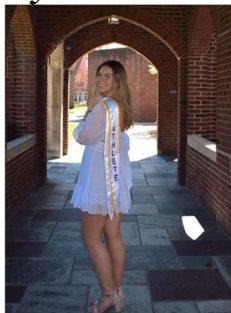


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

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Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



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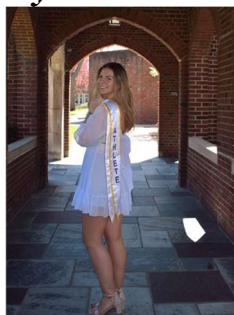


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Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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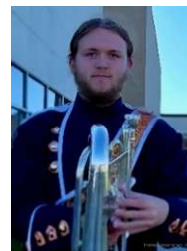
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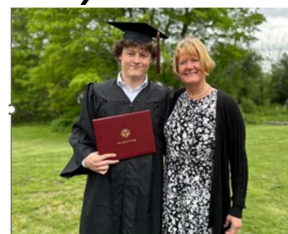
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Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. five of our members (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Connie Oliver, Georgia Clifford, and Merle Oswald) helped build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



In May, we collected the following items for Ronald McDonald House: Small individual snacks (including chips, pretzels, gold fish, pop tarts), various decks of playing cards (including Old Maid, UNO, Crazy 8's, Regular cards) and puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces). They will be delivered by Merle Oswald.

- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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Sleep In Heavenly Peace – On May 28, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also accept monetary donations for this worthy cause.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

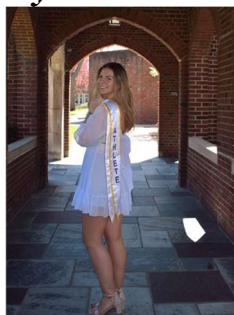


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Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



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Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

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~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

May Missions



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Ronald McDonald House Charities



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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Adopt-A-Highway - On Sunday, April 27, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge.

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PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported the committee will meet with Rev. Adamcik in May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 26 on April 6. Elders Karen Brignall and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 11 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 14 Movie - Fireproof - Fellowship Hall - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 25 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

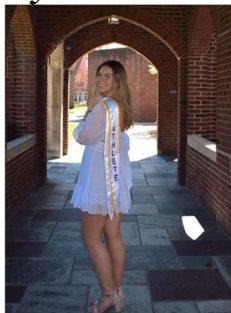


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

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Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th. A small gift will be presented to Lois Klein, our longest member. We will be adding two new 50-year members, James Schuyler and Sheri Kliphon. They will receive a CUC candle jar gift made by Elder McShane.

The movie Passion of the Christ was shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Eight attended. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent to local churches and the Presbytery and Methodist Conference.

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

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One Great Hour - For April, we collected \$128 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out April 29. It was provided to Board members for review.

TECHNOLOGY: The Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Work on projection for the movies.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows:

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- We hosted FUCOES on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. for a soup, bread, and fruit for dinner (12 attended). At 7 p.m., a worship service with communion took place (27 from FUCOES and CUC).
- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the copier lease. 5 Star Business Machines has been acquired by Ed & Ed Business Technology. She met with Brice Hodges, the Technology Consultant, and Moses (our service representative) concerning this change. Our Maintenance Agreement is up for renewal as of April 2, 2025.

Ed & Ed is proposing a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement. Moses will continue to be our service representative. The agreement provides for nearly identical coverage as we had with 5 Star. We will get a new refurbished machine with similar features and will include a staple feature. They are proposing a 3-year agreement at a cost just slightly higher than the previous contract. We will have the option of paying on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the agreements with Ed & Ed Business Technology. Elder Pamela Laroche asked that the billing be set up quarterly.

The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 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.

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. Father's Day**
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- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26 - Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29 - Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



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We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!



Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

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Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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- On Easter, April 20 at 7 a.m., a worship service was held in the garden (18 attended). Hot cross buns, quick breads, and beverages were served between services.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. Andrea Scerbo will fill in. The choir will not sing that morning.

An issue has arisen concerning the need to obtain an insurance certificate from anyone that wishes to use the building. Our insurance representative has expressed the opinion that we should limit building use to church members. It was determined that we will consider these recommendations when addressing requests for use of the building. It was also noted that the space should be thoroughly checked before returning any security deposit.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, cancelled her April 25 scheduled pop-up dinner event.

Planet Aid will be sending us a check for \$58.87 for donations made for the first quarter of 2025.

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The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
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@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 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 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, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

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Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2025



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
- Mon. 02 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church**
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Pentecost - Make Sure to Wear Red!**
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- Sun. 22 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
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- Sun. 29 Worship Service 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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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.



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

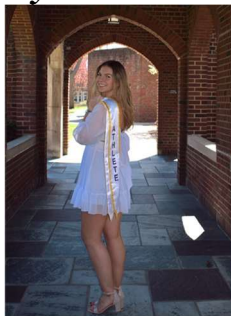


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



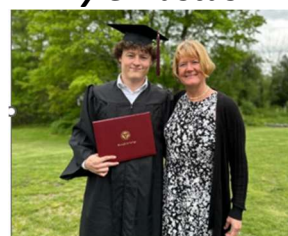
On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Leslie DuMond



by Merle Oswald

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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

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MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

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ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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.

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.

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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

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June 2025



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- Thurs. 19 Juneteenth**
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- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
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- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



- 08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond (A)
- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
- 20 - Jean Lorber
- 23 - Donna & Ed Stanley (A)
- 26- Jennifer Cross (Klipphon)
- 29- Marie Czajak

Linda Oswald – 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

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 – 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

Pat Pease – recent fall – 530 N. Central Avenue, Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116.

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



Retreat.

A word that means a lot of things.

The first meaning comes from a military context, especially as we come off Memorial Day, "Retreat" means falling back; abandoning a battle you cannot hope to win.

The second meaning comes from a spiritual context, where "Retreat" means leaving our usual setting to regain ourselves.

What if I told you both of these meanings are equally important to spiritual health?

Because we, as a society, like to look down on people who give up.

We see them as cowardly or evasive, not willing to stand up and face the music. And yet, there are some battles we cannot win.

People who don't want to listen to us.

In the military sense, "Retreat" isn't about surrender; it's about picking the battles you can win. Conserving resources so you live to fight another day.

"Retreat" can be as simple as coming home after a hard day, acknowledging that we feel overwhelmed, and maybe need to approach something differently or go to an entirely new approach.

Jesus did this in many ways as well; he knew the Romans wouldn't listen to him. So, he picked the most marginalized people, the ones who were sick or impure, to hear his message. The people who would hear him because their hearts were open to the Holy Spirit.

Though the Roman Empire wouldn't convert to Christianity for another 300 years, Jesus planted the seeds for that to happen.

He picked his battles, and in so doing, built a foundation that would win the war for religious freedom 300 years later.

And so, let us look at this summer season as a chance to Retreat in both senses; to fall back, and to renew ourselves, acknowledging that we can't win every battle we fight, but we can always win something in all this.

Let us always be ready to plant the seeds for crops that will bloom after we have passed on.

- Pastor's Message Continued -

Like Jesus, let us have a vision that far outlasts us, as we look to make any kind of difference in our world now, knowing that act will ripple throughout the Earth and God's ministry.

Amen, and amen.

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.

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



Heavenly Father, bless all the dads with Your wisdom, patience, and love. Guide them to be a source of strength and support for their families as they lean on You. Amen.

May 2025 Worship Report



May was another busy month. Communion was served to 27 by intinction on May 4, with Valerie Warfield and myself assisting.

May's messages included "Looking to the Horizon," "Revival", "In Closing," and "Meeting Lydia." Since May the 4th fell on a Sunday, Christy subtly included Star Wars themed music for Prelude, communion (yes, it worked beautifully!), and postlude. The image selected for that day's "Looking to the Horizon" message is included above, an iconic image from the first Star Wars movie (A New Hope). Pastor Eric made connections between Star Wars and Luke/Acts, and reminded us to use our grace from God for any opportunity to do God's work. The disciples waited / wanted Jesus to tell them what to do, yet Jesus knew they would need to carve their own path very soon. On May 11th we learned about Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, a disciple of good works and acts of charity, whom Peter raised from the dead. To honor all mothers and those who are helpers in that way, those in attendance were able to pick out a magnet with an encouraging saying on it. On May 18th we honored our 50+ year members, and Sheri Kliphon and Jim Schuyler joined their ranks. They received a certificate and a special lantern made by Emeline McShane. We enjoyed fellowship at a coffee hour afterwards.

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



On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CONGRATULATIONS

50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



Sunday, May 18th was an exciting day in the life of our church. Each spring we honor those who have been an active member for 50 or more years. This year was especially meaningful as we welcomed Sheri Waite Kliphon and Jim Schuyler to the group. They were each presented with a certificate and a special hand-made gift. We all enjoyed a delicious cake afterward . Congratulations!



Congratulations!



We recently learned that Jim Schuyler was recognized by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of service. He was busy joining the community in 1975! Thank you, Jim!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



Our second Spring dinner was held on May 10. Fortunately, we had plenty of help again, thanks to friends, family, and the wonderful 4-Hers! We served 51 in house and 95 take-outs, for a total of 146 diners. Our profit was \$2,324.29. All but \$15 of the expenses were covered thanks to Janet Krak, friend Mary Dineen, Linda Oswald, Judy McCallops, Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald Grace, Wayne, and Karen Brignall.

Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond made sure the Friday workers were well fed. Ginnie Busco provided a delicious dessert.

Thanks to everyone!

Thanks



Gill and Pam Laroche spent countless hours this spring cleaning up, weeding, planting, and mulching on the church grounds. They even replaced an old shrub in the garden to the right of the entrance with a beautiful new lilac bush. Gill and Pam, all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated!

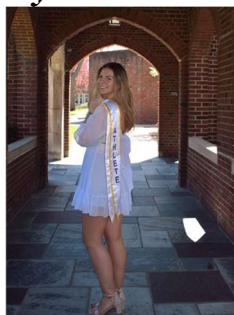


Sophie Knowlton



Sophie Knowlton, the daughter of Christy Knowlton, will graduate from West Hill High School. After graduation, Sophie will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Music Education, with a minor in Musical theater. Her goal is to take her mom's job when she retires!

Lydia Coombs



On May 17, 2025 Lydia Coombs, daughter of Kelly and Graham Coombs and granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall graduated from Nazareth University Magna Cum Laude with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Technology Ai and Society. She is a member of the American Chemical Society where she received the senior award for outstanding biochemistry student. She also received the leadership and service award from the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She's a member of the Chi Sigma Honor society. She was the science club secretary and a Laboratory Assistant for Organic and Biochemistry. Lydia was the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and an Associated Member of the NCAA having a voice for the Empire 8 Division. Lydia played field hockey for 4 years. At the senior Athletic Banquet, she was awarded the Bill Cary Sportsmanship award. This recognizes athletic achievement along with fair play and dedication to the recipient's respective team. Lydia also worked three jobs while in college. One of her favorites was the school's Social Media Ambassador. Currently she's interviewing and we are beyond proud. Congrats.

Duncan Roberts



Duncan Roberts, the grandson of Merle Oswald, will graduate from ESM. He plays piano, euphonium, and trumpet. He has performed in concert band, woodwind ensemble, jazz band, parade band, and marching band. He was a cub scout and boy scout. He was also very active in the youth program at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. Duncan has taken classes for college credit and will finish his Associates Degree at OCC in the fall. He may continue his education at SUNY ESF for nature sciences, or perhaps SU for studies in the gaming field. (A more complete biography outlining Duncan's many accomplishments is posted on the Mission's board in the Narthex).

Kyle Nastasi



Kyle Nastasi, the son of Karen Nastasi and grandson of Dick Gilkey, graduated from Springfield College on May 18, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Movement and Sports Studies with an Athletic Coaching Minor. He completed his internship at Eagle Hill School in the Physical Education Department and assisted with coaching the Eagle Hill Crew Team this Spring. He will be working at Eagle Hill School this summer as the Physical Education Teacher.

Nikki Heidt



Nikki Heidt, daughter of Connie Oliver, completed her Vascular Surgery fellowship at Duke University.



Jerome O'Neill...we sure are going to miss you!

Jerome has always been willing to serve and help our church in various capacities. His help with our chicken and biscuit dinners and highway cleanup are unforgettable to any of you who have been around him. When there was challenging work to be done, he would keep things light with his comical antics and jokes.

Jerome has been a member of CUC since 1999. He has served on the board and several committees, even teaching Sunday School! Most recently he has served as Chairperson of our church's Buildings and Grounds committee, which he had been a member of for years and has done a wonderful job along with his fellow committee members. He is a dedicated worker and gets the job done. His service to our church is impressive, for him to be able to fit that work in when he himself was working full time (and many times at more than one job) shows his love and commitment for our church and congregation. He has been highly active in our community, being a former Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader. His son Wayne became an Eagle Scout a few years ago. Along with his son Wayne, he has a daughter Sarah, they have both grown up in this church and thanks to Jerome's example have modeled his work ethic.

Jerome is moving away, and while we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and his new chapter. Jerome will be moving to South Carolina to be near his son Wayne and his fiancé Megan Wilbur and, obviously, warmer weather! We will truly miss him! We wish him all the best in his new home and journey. Jerome has our heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to CUC over the years.



~Submitted by Judi Parker

March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Five people from CUC (Ginnie and Ed Busco, Carol Burleigh, Leslie DuMond, and Merle Oswald) attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on May 14, 2025. A total of 36 people attended! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for spring and everyone was given a handmade paper basket containing candy as a favor.

Pastor Omar welcomed us and several members of BUMC took turns reading the passage from Acts 11:1-18. Pastor Omar talked about how we were called to love all people. We then sang "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." Before the meal, we played a Memorial Day trivia game and gifts were given to those with the most correct answers.

We then enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad, bread, garden salad, fruit salad, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were also provided.

Maggie Hurd, a nutritionist from the Onondaga County Department of the Aging, made a presentation. She talked about nutrition for aging and diabetes management.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, June 11**. This will be the last gathering for the season since our Bridgeport friends will be busy running the Lakeport Farmer's Market. The meal will be a picnic theme. There will be a white elephant auction to benefit In My Father's Kitchen. Please bring a wrapped gift and money for bidding. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

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by Merle Oswald

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- Mission Report Continued -



For May, we collected men's and women's shampoo for the East Syracuse Food Pantry. We collected a total of 39 bottles! 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:



June – Pasta

July – Deodorant (Regular Size)

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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 23, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 23, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Emeline McShane opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute, paid for by Presbytery.

He will be out July 28 - 31 to chaperone Triennium (PCUSA high school youth conference) in Louisville for our Presbytery. He noted the Presbytery asked to use our parking lot to park 1 or 2 small buses before the group leaves. They would only occupy the spaces for a couple hours, and be able to get right on the Thruway.

Proposed summer pulpit exchange with Pebble Hill: Rev. Courtney Steinger would preach both services, Rev. Adamcik would preach at Pebble Hill. The board members expressed interest in this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The fire suppression system inspection was done on April 1. Gill Laroche handled it. Gill Laroche has continued to address issues relating to toilets in the upstairs ladies' room. He also monitors the needs of groups relating to use of the gas stove.

Gill and Pam Laroche worked on cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. A new shrub is needed for outside the entrance way.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The final session of the Lenten Bible Study took place on April 13. It was well attended and good conversations took place. We will consider another study in the near future.

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MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported as follows:

Cards/calls/visits are continuing.

We welcomed three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. They were presented with certificates. Other individuals have inquired concerning joining the church. Elder McShane left a phone message for them. Another possible new member is Loren Clifford. It was noted that we had visitors attend our Easter sunrise service.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For April, our Mission Fund donated \$200 to defray the cost of eggs. For May, we will collect full size men's and women's shampoo.

Francis House – During March, we collected items to be donated to Francis House. The following items were collected: ChapStick/lip balm (15), Exam gloves (latex-free, powder-free, size medium and large) (100), AA batteries (40), Kleenex facial tissues (17 boxes), Trash bags (unscented 13 and 30 gallon with drawstrings) (170), Postage stamps (1 sheet of 20), and Flexible straws (85). The collection was blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30, 2025. They were delivered by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on April 2, 2025. We received a thank you note from Francis House.

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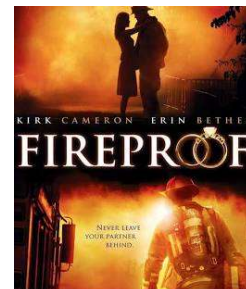
The 4-H program will be holding its Spring Fling in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Elder Connie Oliver provided a written report concerning problems with the piano in the church lounge that is used for choir practice. The options were discussed, including an offer of a free piano by our piano tuner. It was determined that before taking any action, we should get the opinion of Christy Knowlton and have the piano looked at by a service technician. The matter was tabled.

It was noted that the price of stamps will be increasing again in July. Elder Pam Laroche will stock up prior to that time.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANOTHER MOVIE!



On Saturday June 14th we will be showing the film Fireproof in our Sanctuary. Time: 4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 24, 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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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.



During the Lenten season we viewed two movies:

The Passion of the Christ on April 12 which depicts the time of Jesus' death. *Risen* on May 3 which is about the Roman's search for Jesus after his resurrection. We had a nice turnout for both movies in our sanctuary and refreshments were provided.

We plan to show more movies in the future; they will be advertised in the Circuit Rider.

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!

Pentecost Sunday

WORD SEARCH



E	U	N	I	T	Y	B	U	W	R	P	N
K	S	Y	A	L	V	G	T	I	W	E	O
R	U	G	Z	H	I	S	B	N	G	T	O
T	O	N	G	U	E	S	U	D	R	E	O
Y	P	E	N	T	E	C	O	S	T	R	M
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PENTECOST
TONGUES
SPIRIT

PETER
UNITY
WIND

FIRE

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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, 2024, 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 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, 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.