

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

April 2024



- Mon. 01** Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
Tues. 02 Blood Drive - First United Church
of E. Syracuse 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Sun. 07 Morning Worship - Communion
Welcome Pastor Eric!
Reception at First United - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. 08 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
Wed. 10 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC -
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fri. 12 Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Work Day
Sat. 13 Chicken & Biscuit Dinner - 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 14 Morning Worship
Mon. 15 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 20 4-H Program Spring Fling
9:00 a.m. to Noon - Fellowship Hall
Sun. 21 Morning Worship
Mon. 22 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
Earth Day
Sun. 28 Morning Worship
Mon. 29 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.



- 04 Jeremy Kliphon
06 Jamie Oswald
07 Emily Breclaw
09 Susan O'Neill
24 Ginnie & Ed Busco (A)
25 Judy & John McCallops (A)



- Linda Oswald – at home, 8701 Knowledge Lane, Apt
116, Cicero, NY 13039 – SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!
Helen Fischer - at home, 139 Dormar Drive, North
Syracuse, NY 13212
Keith Brignall (and Grace too) – at home -
5514 N. Manlius Street, Fayetteville, NY 13066
Carol Burleigh – 165 Forest Lake Drive, Cocoa FL
32926
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.
Joanne Tongue – recovering from a recent fall –
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
Floyd and Linda Miller - 6860 Kinne Street, East
Syracuse, NY 13057
Nancy Liberatore – 4616 Granada Blvd., Sebring,
FL 33872
Gloria and Jim Kyser and Family –
6844 Schuyler Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057
Lois Klein- back home - 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse,
NY 13057

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

Pictorial Directory

We will be putting together a pictorial directory of CUC members and friends. We will be taking pictures at church. If you would like to submit a picture you have of yourself and/or your family, please e-mail it to the church office.

Welcome Rev. Eric Adamcik!



Hello First United Church of East Syracuse and Collamer United Church,

May God's blessings be upon you this season after Easter!

I'm excited to finally see you and get to know each and every one of you! And I'm happy to hear the feeling is mutual.

As we embark on this journey of ministry together, I want you to know I'm here for you from the jump. I am looking forward to learning from you just as much as you learn from me, and to settling into a rhythm in these great communities that allows us to communicate freely with each other.

I've already been honored with the extensive help finding an apartment and moving things into it. I am already blessed to know you, and know that blessing will only grow with time.

For our first year together, my goal will be just what I said at the beginning: getting to know you. Building relationships is one of the most important things in any ministry, is something I have done in my previous calls, and is something to look forward to over the coming months. So, make sure you keep your eyes on your email and newsletters as I share my availability to come meet with you individually, and start coming to each meeting for all of you.

I want to thank you again for welcoming me to your communities, to the wonderful setting that is Syracuse, and continue to pray for our partnership together.

Yours in Christ,

Eric Adamcik

P.S. If you've got anything I NEED to see and/or do in this area, please don't hesitate to tell me. I'm looking forward to exploring this new area initially as a tourist, then later as a native!

Welcome Reception

A joint reception will be held at First United Church of East Syracuse to welcome Rev. Adamcik. It will take place on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Please join us in welcoming Eric!

Chicken & Biscuit Dinners



We will be holding our fabulous chicken and biscuit dinners on:

April 13 (Drive-Thru), May 11 (Drive-Thru),
October 5, and November 2.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the chicken and other groceries, please contact the church office.

Rest In Peace Barbara Hearne



We recently learned that our good friend, Barbara Hearne, passed away in February. Barb and her husband, Jim, were faithful friends of CUC and helped out at our dinners for many years. She will be missed.

March 2024 Worship Report



Where did the month of March go?!? It kind of flew by, didn't it? We shared many wonderful moments. The images (above) accompanied various sermon slides on the electronic sign. We had communion by intinction and song March 3, with 32 partaking — we sang the Prayer of Confession, Prayer of Consecration and Prayer of Thanksgiving to the tune of 'O Sacred Head Now Wounded'. Beautiful, and moving, and a unique way to experience the sacrament. Choir anthem lyrics are now being projected. We continued extinguishing another candle on the Lenten ring each Sunday. Thank you, Ginnie and Ed Busco, Karen and Sophie Backus, Marie Czajak (and me), & Georgia Clifford and Emeline McShane, for assisting with the readings. CUC hosted the 7 pm Maundy Thursday service, with communion. First United Church of East Syracuse joined us, including their choir! We were invited to their Good Friday service at 7 pm. Early risers and hearty souls are invited to meet in the Serenity Garden for our 7 am service Easter morning. We will have hot cross buns and hot beverages between services.

Lauren continued to teach us, for which I am so grateful. He spoke on "Righteous Indignation and Civil Disobedience" March 4th. Non-violence leads to the highest ethics. On the 11th, "Cure for a Snake Bit World" was his topic — snakes (a/k/a sins and temptations) in our lives need to be confronted. On St. Patrick's Day, Christy honored Mr. Rogers with her prelude & postlude, the choir sang 'Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors,' and we wore sweaters! Lauren preached on 'Glory Days Ahead?' Give glory to God, and find signs of hope through faith, and you will not have a meaningless existence. In 'From "Hosanna" to "Crucify" on Palm Sunday, Rev. Swanson packed in a lot *besides* the reasons crowds greeted Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. Did they have a 2-dimensional view of Him? Is my Jesus 2, or 3, dimensional? Your life will be more satisfying *if* Jesus becomes 3 dimensional to you! While we all are made in God's image, which of the

various depictions of Jesus, and the Mandyllion icon, were more comforting to you?

Was your Lenten journey fulfilling? Please pray for our church, as we thank Lauren for all he has done, and that Eric will feel at home here. See you in church!

Respectfully submitted,
~ Connie Oliver

P.S. Eric Adamcik was ordained during a heartfelt service in his home church in Knoxville, TN, Sunday evening, March 24th. A recording is available [here](#). If reading a paper copy, type this into your browser window: youtube.com/watch?v=HpiBZoERge8



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. Lauren Swanson for all he has done for our congregation over the past six months. We have truly enjoyed his sermons, humor, and time spent with us. We are grateful for the Bible studies he led and numerous funerals and baptisms that he officiated.

Thank you, Lauren. We will miss you!



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



We will be holding our annual rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14. Clearance day will be held on Saturday, September 20. Stay tuned for more details!

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga
County
Youth & Family Development**



The Youth & Family Development team at CCE-Onondaga is very excited and thankful for their new partnership with Collamer United Church!

Meet the team:

Scott Hudson – Team Leader

Robin Bartholomew – 4-H coordinator & educator

David Scholl – Youth Leadership & 4-H educator

Scott, Robin, and David will be utilizing space within the church for their county-wide 4-H events and programs (cooking series, vet science, achievement day, just to name a few). In return, the team hopes to support the church through contributions towards missions, dinners, and other church events.

4-H, America's largest youth development organization, has a mission of providing young people access to opportunity and skills to lead for a lifetime. Through 4-H programming, youth have taken on critical societal issues, such as addressing community health inequities, engaging in civil discourse, and advocating for equity and inclusion for all. Also, youth complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement. 4-H puts the power in the hands of young people, with the belief that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

**Coming soon... Onondaga 4-H Spring Fling!
April 20th, 9am-1pm @ Collamer United Church**

Activities for our 4-H youth members:

- tick drag assembly
- book folding (craft)
- monarch butterfly waystation

We'd love to have you join us, see what our 4-H youth are up to, and get to know our team!

~Submitted by Scott Hudson

**'Young At Heart' Luncheon at
Bridgeport UMC**



Bridgeport UMC hosted another 'Young at Heart' luncheon from 11 - 1, Wednesday, March 13, with 22 in attendance. Merle Oswald, Leslie DuMond, Judi Parker, and Val Warfield attended from CUC. Pastor Omar was not in attendance because he was on a mission trip in the Caribbean.

We sang "God Will Take Care of You." Diane Taylor then read a devotional and Psalm 118. St. Paddy's Day and Easter were celebrated with games. First, paper shamrocks were distributed. We were asked to write on them what we are grateful for. Diane Taylor put them in a bowl and drew a few and read the responses. Prizes were then given out to the people whose shamrocks were read. We also played trivia games for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. More prizes were given out!

We then had a prayer to bless the meal. We enjoyed another great meal consisting of homemade Irish stew, fruit cups, and sourdough bread. For dessert we had wonderful pistachio bread and carrot cake. As usual, water, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were served. Tables were all decorated for St. Patrick's Day!

After lunch, we had a presentation by Anna Tschopp concerning senior self-care (physical and mental).

The next luncheon will take place on Wednesday, April 10. We will be collecting paper products for the Bridgeport Food Pantry. The Bridgeport gang does a fabulous job organizing and hosting these luncheons. Please join us!

~ Submitted by Leslie DuMond



CUC now has a wonderful clock in the narthex hanging above the sanctuary entrance. We are grateful to Judi Parker for her thoughtful donation.

MISSIONS

THE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

by Merle Oswald

April 2024 Missions

FRANCISCAN  VILLA
Post Acute Care • Long Term Care • Assisted Living



For April, we will be collecting yarn, new and partial rolls, to be donated to the Franciscan Villa. The nuns make hats and scarves which are given to children in need. There will be a collection box in the Narthex. The deadline for the collection is April 28, 2024.

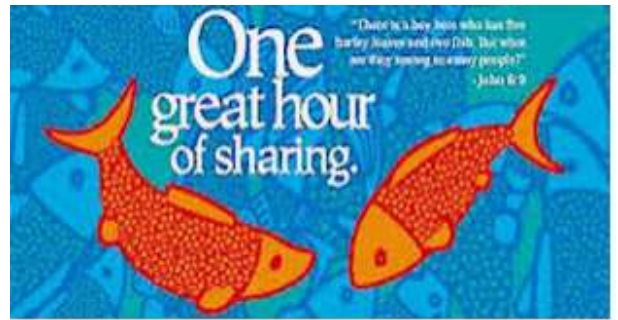
Adopt-A-Highway



On Sunday, April 21, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge. Please join us. It is always a good time and you never know what we will find!



We collected 46 boxes of food coloring for St. Matthew's Food Pantry to provide to families in need for coloring Easter eggs. Our Mission Fund donated \$200 to St. Matthew's Food Pantry to help defray their cost of purchasing eggs. They were delivered by Merle Oswald and Pat Pease on March 25.



For March, we collected monetary donations for One Great Hour of Sharing. This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. The total collected was not available at the time of publication of this newsletter.

Food Collection



Food Pantry

In March, we collected 1 box of food and 24 egg cartons for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. Thank you for your continuing generosity! They were delivered by Merle Oswald and Pat Pease.

Homeless Survival Kits



Homeless survival kits can be found in the Narthex. If you would like to help distribute these, please help yourself.



BOARD MINUTES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CUC BOARD MEETING February 28, 2024

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on February 28, 2024, at 6:05 p.m. via Zoom. Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

ELECTIONS: It was noted that it was necessary to elect a Moderator for 2024. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver to elect Elder Jerome O'Neill to serve as Moderator. Motion passed.

It was noted that it was necessary to elect a Clerk of Session for 2024. A motion was made by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to elect Elder Leslie DuMond to serve as Clerk of Session. Motion passed.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver to approve the regular Session minutes of January 24, 2024.

A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2024, Annual Congregational Meeting. Motion passed.

A motion was properly made by Elder Emeline McShane and seconded by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver to approve the minutes of February 18, 2024, Special Congregational Meeting. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was properly made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to accept the Treasurer's reports for January 2024.

VITAL STATISTICS: Benjamin RyLee Theodore Smith, Pat Pease's great grandson, was baptized on February 11, 2024. Rev. Swanson officiated. Cora Galster, a former member, passed away on February 23, 2024. Rev. Swanson will officiate at her funeral service.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Swanson reported the Lenten Bible Study has begun the first two sessions have taken place and have been well attended.

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Rev. Swanson distributed and reviewed a list of things that need to be provided to the new pastor and things that should be done before and after his arrival. Discussion took place concerning the items to be provided and the possibility of putting together a photo directory of members and regular worship service attendees.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder Jerome O'Neill reported all inspections have taken place except the building inspection by the Town of Dewitt. He will work with Gill Laroche concerning scheduling that inspection.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported calls and cards to shut-ins are continuing. She will assist with preparation of a photo directory

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry: - In February, we collected 5 boxes of food and 33 egg cartons for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. They were delivered by Wayne Brignall.

January -Mission: During January and February, we collected cans of soup and boxes and bags of crackers to be donated to the St. Matthew's Food Pantry. We collected 38 boxes and bags of crackers and 144 cans of assorted soups. Wow! The soup and crackers were blessed by Rev. Swanson on "Soup"er Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024. The soup and crackers were packed up by several helpers after the Ash Wednesday service and delivered to St. Matthew's Food Pantry by Merle Oswald on February 15.

February - March Missions: We are continuing to collect food coloring for St. Matthew's Food Pantry to provide to families in need for coloring Easter eggs. They will provide information on how to use it to color eggs. Our Mission Fund will also donate \$200 to St. Matthew's Food Pantry to help defray their cost of purchasing eggs. The collection will run through Sunday, March 17. An Easter basket has been placed in the Narthex.

One Great Hour of Sharing- For March, we will also be accepting donations for this worthy cause. Envelopes are located on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary. The deadline is Easter Sunday, March 31.

Presbytery Grant - We have been advised that we will be receiving a \$500 grant from the Presbytery to be used for meals for the needy.

Adopt-A-Highway - It was noted that Mike Breclaw will head up the Adopt-A-Highway project in April. Discussion

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took place concerning an appropriate date for this project. April 7 was suggested.

PASTOR / PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported a special congregational meeting was held after the worship service on Sunday, February 18, to vote on the recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee that Eric Adamcik become our new installed Pastor. Eric will begin his ministry with us and the First United Church of East Syracuse on April 1 and will be here for worship on April 7.

We are working with Eric to help him find appropriate housing. Due to limited availability, it may be necessary to secure an apartment for March to ensure Eric will have a place on April 1. Discussions between the PNC for both churches have taken place concerning the possibility of the churches pitching in toward rent/security deposit to help Eric get settled prior to his receiving any salary. It is expected that his moving expenses will be minimal so any contribution toward rental expenses would be somewhat offset by that.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Judith Parker reported she will assist with training the new pastor on use of the phone system and other technology in the church. It was noted that the new pastor will need a computer. It was determined to reach out to him concerning this and the possibility of use of his professional expenses for this purchase.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that Rev. Swanson will be in our pulpit through Easter Sunday, March 31. On February 4, communion was served to 31 by intinction plus 1 individual package. We introduced a gluten-free communion option. On February 11 (Souperbowl Sunday), we had a blessing of the crackers and soup collected for St. Matthew's food pantry and the baptism of Pat Pease's great grandson, Benjamin RyLee Theodore Smith. On February 18, we introduced Eric Adamcik. A congregational meeting was held after the worship service, and we voted to call him to be our minister. On February 25, Rev. Swanson ordained Emeline McShane as an Elder and the new Board class was installed.

OLD BUSINESS: Elder Pamela Laroche reported that comments have been received on the proposed standard Employee Handbook provided at no cost by ADP. We believe the handbook is complete and ready to be finalized. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Jerome O'Neill to approve the Employee Handbook, subject to some minor revisions.

Elders Leslie DuMond and Connie Oliver reported that discussions have been continuing concerning the 4-H Program's use of the fellowship hall and kitchen. As previously discussed, this would be a partnership where, in exchange for use of the fellowship hall and kitchen for various events and classes, 4-H leaders, children and families will provide

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volunteer services to the church. Such services will include helping with fundraisers such as dinners and the rummage sale, clean-up of the church property, and participation in missions. The 4-H representatives have indicated that they would be happy to dispose of any garbage generated during events and pay a nominal fee of \$25 when the kitchen is used. They have provided a proposed contract between the parties. It was determined that trash removal should be referenced. A motion was made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver to approve the contract with the 4-H program, subject to the modification discussed above.

Elder Leslie DuMond recommended that the rummage sale be held September 13 and 14 with a clearance sale the morning of September 21. A motion was made by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the rummage sale dates.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported the dinner committee is recommending the following dates for our Fall dinners: October 5 and November 2. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Jerome O'Neill to approve the dinner dates.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Jerome O'Neill suggested that a deep cleaning of the kitchen take place. We will request volunteers and schedule a date for cleaning.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be March 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is April 25, 2024. 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.

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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Chicken & Biscuit Drive Thru



Saturday, April 13, 2024

@ COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH

6865 FLY ROAD IN COLLAMER (315-463-4939)

Drive-thru service will start at 4:30 P.M.

(Collamer Church is known for its great cooks!)

***This delightful, home style chicken and biscuit dinner will include
mashed potatoes, gravy, freshly cooked vegetables, and delicious desserts.***

Tickets may be purchased upon arrival:

\$13.00 for ALL Adults; \$6.00 for Children 10 and under.

Sorry – we cannot accept credit cards.