

# Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

## May 2025



- Sat. 03** *Movie - Risen - 4 - 6 p.m.*
- Sun. 04** *Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion*
- Mon. 05** *Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.*
- Tues. 06** *Blood Drive - First United Church*
- Fri. 09** *Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Work Day*
- Sat. 10** *Chicken & Biscuit Dinner - 4:30 p.m. First United Church Bazaar - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*
- Sun. 11** *Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Mother's Day*
- Mon. 12** *Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.*
- Wed. 14** *Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*
- Sat. 17** *4-H Galaxy Quest - 8:00 a.m. - Noon Presbytery Meeting*
- Sun. 18** *Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. 50-Year Member Recognition*
- Mon. 19** *Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.*
- Tues. 20** *Master Gardeners 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
- Sun. 25** *Worship Service 8:45 a.m.*
- Mon. 26** *Memorial Day Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.*
- Wed. 28** *CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.*

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

Nancy Liberatore – 4616 Granada Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872

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 – recovering from a recent fall – 6564 Collamer Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Rev. Steve Deckard – Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA– 14900 Evanston Ave. N., Shoreline, WA 98133

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



We've made it through Easter and Winter, praise be to God!

So many new things are blooming, the sun is out more, we're allowed to breathe easier (after we've taken our allergy medication, of course).

If you ask me, this is where our New Years' Resolutions should be, because they're easier to enact with warmer weather! For example: exercising more is much easier when you can actually get outside without a jacket.

It's a chance at New Beginnings, starting with our Spring Cleaning.

But that's just it: sometimes New Beginnings are stressful.

Starting over is hard, starting with said Spring Cleaning: we may have to turn up things we don't like.

You can't really have a New Beginning until you acknowledge your Old Ending, and those can be uncomfortable.

Maybe we didn't fulfill our New Years' Resolutions in January: not exercising or dieting enough, not seeing people enough.

Maybe we left a big ole' mess and find it hard to have a true New Beginning.

And that's okay, because sometimes we have to Embrace the Mess.

I always like to say how silly human beings can be, because we find it easier to accept Grace for others' messes than to accept our own messes.

Grace for ourselves is a lot harder when we have to live inside our own heads, constantly brushing up against what we did, maybe cringing at our past selves for not knowing what we know now, or leaving a mess to clean up later.

So, with this new warmer season, I invite us to be warmer towards ourselves.

To recognize that we need some space to confront and accept our messes, rather than trying to hide them or pretend they don't exist.

Because God sees us in our messiness.

Yet there is nothing, nothing, **NOTHING** that can keep God from loving us!

- Pastor's Message Continued -

As we embark into our new season, let us accept our messes for what they are, and remember God loves us no matter what.

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.

## New Members



On April 6, 2025, we were pleased to welcome three new members, Amy Caldeira, Georgia Clifford, and Joe Hudgins, Jr. Welcome to the CUC family!



02 - Amy Caldeira

03 - Judy Schuyler

04 - Judy McCallops

08- Donna Stanley

09 - Merle Oswald

16 - Ed Busco

25- Judy & Jim Schuyler (A)

29 - Grace Brignall

## April 2025 Worship Report



During April, CUC was back in full swing with Sunday services plus a few extras including Holy Week and the final two sessions of the Lenten Bible Study. Communion was served to 26 by intinction on April 6, with Karen Brignall and myself assisting. We had communion at the Maundy Thursday service. Twenty- seven from FUCOES and CUC partook the elements of naan and juice, with Elder Lynn Jacques assisting. The combined choir of 8, including 3 men, sang "The Upper Room" anthem beautifully. What a treat to have 3-part harmony! Christy played exquisitely, as always.

April's messages include "Access," Palm Sunday's "Vulnerable", Maundy Thursday's reflection "Into the World," "Witness" (sunrise service), and wrapped up with "My Soul Is A Witness" during the 8:45 service Easter morning. We extinguished the last two candles (April's were for sorrow and salvation). Thank you to our readers, to Judi Parker for setting up the fellowship hall for the Maundy Thursday meal, and for those who provided the food!

The "Son"rise service at 7 a.m. Easter morning was so special. 18 attended on a cool and occasionally breezy morning yet the sun was shining and birds singing as we sang "In the Garden" and listened to Pastor Eric's message, "Witness".

Thank you for caring for our community and the world by lifting prayers for each other, Pastor Eric, our mission in our community, and in the world. See you in church!

Respectfully submitted,  
~ Connie Oliver

## Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results

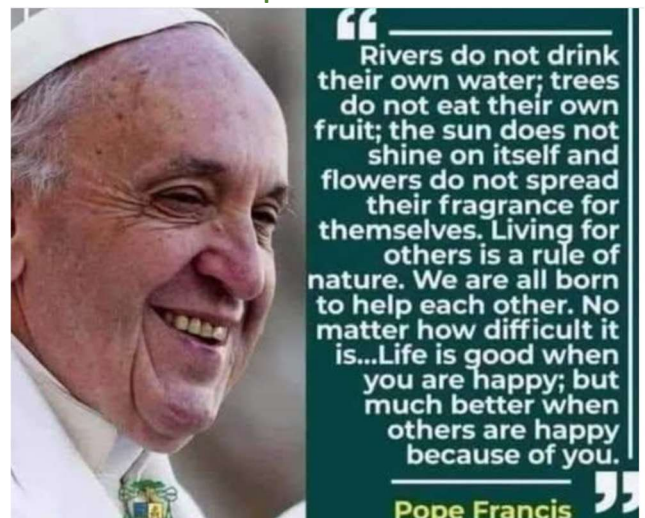


We kicked off spring by serving our first dinner of 2025. We served 55 in house and 70 takeouts for a total of 125. Our profit was \$1,739.45. Everyone worked so hard as always. Family members stepped in to help as did the wonderful 4-H group - Robin, Scott and the 4-H kids and families were lifesavers. All were so graciously helpful and hardworking. Thank you!!

A huge thank you to those who helped to defray the cost . . . Janet Krak, Dave Vollmer, Wayne, Karen, and Grace Brignall, Judy McCallops, and Merle Oswald. Leslie DuMond, Jeannine Parks, Ginnie Busco, Lois Klein, and Merle Oswald provided a delicious lunch for the Friday workers.

See you again on May 10.

## Rest In Peace Pope Francis





## CONGRATULATIONS 50 - YEAR MEMBERS 2025



It is once again time to recognize our faithful 50-Year members. We are pleased to welcome Sheri Waite Kliphon and James Schuyler to the fold. Congratulations to Sheri and Jim and all of the others. You are all so important to the long ministry (197 years) and future of CUC.

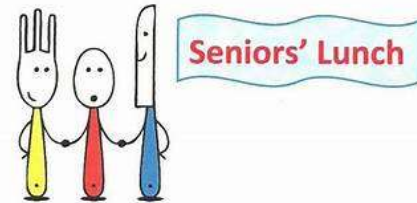
<i>Lois Hale Klein</i>	<i>75 years</i>
<i>Karen Brizee Brignall</i>	<i>72 years</i>
<i>Patricia Wright Pease</i>	<i>70 years</i>
<i>Elaine Maxwell Keyes</i>	<i>68 years</i>
<i>Janet Galster Krak</i>	<i>67 years</i>
<i>Gloria Rushey Kyser</i>	<i>66 years</i>
<i>Donna Hill Stanley</i>	<i>65 years</i>
<i>Virginia Hopkins</i>	<i>65 years</i>
<i>Marie Freebern Czajak</i>	<i>65 years</i>
<i>Jean Oswald Lorber</i>	<i>63 years</i>
<i>Judith Warner Schuyler</i>	<i>63 years</i>
<i>Carol Temple Turnbull</i>	<i>63 years</i>
<i>Wayne Brignall</i>	<i>62 years</i>
<i>Judy Fitzgerald Beeman McCallops</i>	<i>61 years</i>
<i>David Vollmer</i>	<i>60 years</i>
<i>Sheri Kliphon</i>	<i>50 years</i>
<i>James Schuyler</i>	<i>50 years</i>

Please join us on **Sunday, May 18, 2025**, to celebrate!  
A reception will take place after the worship service.



In June, we would like to recognize any high school or college graduates who are members, relatives of members, or friends of the Collamer United Church. If you know of anyone that will be graduating with the Class of 2025 in May or June, please contact the Church office to let us know.

## March Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Four of us, Val Warfield, Judi Parker, Merle Oswald, and Pat Pease from CUC attended the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport United Methodist Church on April 9th.

Pastor Omar was away and lay minister Shirley Pease led the singing and devotions. CUC generously donated leftovers from our Chicken & Biscuit dinner to contribute to their luncheon. They were very pleased and thanked us.

Janine Sonnick, a representative from S.A.M. spoke. S.A.M.'s is an acronym for Senior Adult Ministry. They have a wonderful program for seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays at North Manlius United Church in Kirkville, which includes lunches, exercise, games, crafts, and more! They also provide Senior Adult Transportation on Mondays and Wednesdays to stores and appointments. There is an information sheet and schedule on our bulletin board.

The next senior luncheon is **Wednesday, May 14**. Please let Leslie know if you will be attending. She will RSVP on behalf of CUC

~Submitted by Judi Parker

## Movie Matinee

**We will be showing Risen on Saturday, May 3, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. In 33 A.D., a Roman Tribune in Judea is tasked to find the missing body of Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead.**





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. six of our members will help build children's beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

## Ronald McDonald House Charities



We will be collecting 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)

Puzzles for all ages (no more than 500 pieces).

The deadline for collection is May 25. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex.

- Mission Report Continued -



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



May - Shampoo (Regular Size Men's and Women's)

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

We continue to collect cardboard egg cartons.

**Please note that the food pantry can only use cartons holding a dozen eggs.**

## Adopt-A-Highway



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



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



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 26, 2025 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on March 26, 2025, at 6:02 p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Connie Oliver opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Pamela Laroche served as moderator.

**MINUTES:** A motion was properly made by Elder Merle Oswald and seconded by Elder Edward Busco to approve the regular Session minutes of February 26, 2025. Motion passed.

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

**VITAL STATISTICS:** Edward Busco was ordained as an Elder on February 26, 2025.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Rev. Adamcik reported he will be out May 19-23 to attend the Early Ministry Institute through the Presbytery for first call ministers. It will be held at Silver Bay in Lake Placid. Rev. Courtney Stiner from Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church will also be attending. This program will be paid for by the Presbytery.

He reported that the Bible study is going well. There have been good discussions. There is potential for a summer study depending on anticipated attendance.

More themed Sundays like Mr. Rogers would be fantastic.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** The Onondaga County Health Department inspection took place on March 13, 2025. There were no issues. The fire suppression system will be due soon for the semi-annual inspection service. Gill Laroche will handle this.

Gill Laroche fixed the acolyte wands and replaced the flapper in the upstairs women's toilet. He continues to take the bottles and cans to the redemption center.

Dave Vollmer plowed the parking lots 13 times over the winter.

Ginnie Busco continues to do weekly cleaning of the church.

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**MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM:** Elder Emeline McShane submitted a written report as follows:

The membership directory is done. She needs Jeannine's photo from Facebook that she wants.

Cards/calls/visits are continuing as per the "list". We are not doing birthday / anniversary cards right now (at least to my knowledge).

A new member class was held on March 19. We will be welcoming three new members on April 6th during the service, Georgia Clifford, Amy Caldeira and Joe Hudgins, Jr. The 50-year membership recognition will take place on May 18th.

"Tater eliminator" - could this be in parallel with the parking lot space / garage sale event that First has? This matter was tabled.

We have scheduled two upcoming movie showings. The Passion of the Christ will be shown on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be showing the movie Risen on May 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served.

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

**St. Matthews Food Pantry** – In February, we collected 2 boxes of food and 59 egg cartons for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. We are also collecting cake mixes which will be blessed by Pastor Eric on March 30. For April, our Mission Fund will donate \$200 to defray the cost of eggs.

**Francis House** – We are also collecting items for Francis House. The deadline for that is this Sunday, March 30.

**One Great Hour** - For April, we will collect monetary donations 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.

**Sleep In Heavenly Peace** – We are considering building beds at the Sleep In Heavenly Peace facility on May 28 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. So far, 6 or 7 people have expressed an interest in helping with this mission.

- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Edward Busco reported a meeting was held on March 20, 2025. Evaluations of the organist and office secretary were discussed. Rev. Adamcik was also interviewed for his upcoming anniversary. It was noted that the secretary has not asked for a raise this year. The committee recommended the organist receive a raise and that Rev. Adamcik receive a raise based on the recommendation of the Presbytery. After discussion, it was determined to give the organist an increase and to approve an increase for Rev. Adamcik, effective on his anniversary date, April 1. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Oswald to accept the recommendation of the PPRC and approve the increases as indicated. Motion passed.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported the letter requesting contributions to our per capita and apportionment requirements will be sent out after Easter.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Oliver reported as follows:

- Communion - Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 21 on March 2. Elders Valerie Warfield and Connie Oliver served as communion assistants.
- Ash Wednesday, March 5 - noon service with imposition of ashes had 10 in attendance. An evening service held at FUCOES that evening had ~ 30 for soup meal and service.
- March 23 Pastor Eric honored Mr. Rogers multiple times throughout the service, while the congregation joined in the fun by wearing cardigans/ sweaters/ tennis shoes!

OLD BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported that she contacted Planet Aid to determine whether CUC can benefit from donations made in the box located at Vollmer's farm. She also contacted Dave Vollmer about this and he has no problem with it. She has provided the required W-9 form concerning the church's tax-exempt status. The Planet Aid representative will meet with Dave Vollmer within the next couple weeks for him to sign a new agreement. We will receive 5 cents a pound on a quarterly basis, starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the following relating to rental of the church facilities:

The "Policy on Use of Building" and the Application have been updated. The updated documents were distributed to Board members via e-mail. Elder Pamela Laroche recommended some minor changes. Motion was made by Elder Merle Oswald and seconded by Elder Pamela Laroche to approve the updated documents, as amended. Motion passed.

Various requests to use the Fellowship Hall have been withdrawn.

Andrew Smith met with the Onondaga County Health Department inspector and has been approved to use the kitchen for his BBQ sauce business.

Karen Delello, Karen's Twisted Flavors, would like to use the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for some "pop up" meal events. She has now asked to use the kitchen as her "home base" on record for the Onondaga County Health Department under a Commissary Agreement. This is the same arrangement that we now have with Andrew Smith. Elder Leslie DuMond noted she spoke to the health inspector and he advised that there are no ramifications to the church for having outside people use the kitchen. This has become common. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Connie Oliver to approve the Commissary Agreement with Karen Delello. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Connie Oliver reported Christy Knowlton will be on vacation on April 27. She has reached out to Andrea Scerbo concerning filling in. She said she would be happy to.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported concerning the following relating to rental of the church facilities:

The Adirondack Club will be using the Fellowship Hall and kitchen on April 12. They were advised of the new rates and had no problem with the increase. We have received their payment. Since they have been using our facilities for many years, they were not asked to provide a security deposit.

Suzanne Masters is a yoga instructor and artist. She has reached out via word of mouth. She is looking to start up yoga classes and possibly some art classes. She needs extra income and at this point is not in a position to pay much for use of the space. She is proposing offering free senior chair yoga classes for our members and members of First United until she gets established. She is proposing to have classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Discussion took place concerning this request. It was determined to table it until after heating season and to reach out further to Ms. Masters concerning outside interest.

Cindy Hare has asked to use the Fellowship Hall on April 19, from 4:30 to 6:30 for her dad's 85th birthday party. They will bring in their own food and will not require use of the kitchen. She anticipates approximately 30 people; mostly family. She has been provided with our updated Policy on Use of Building and completed the Application for Use of Church Facilities. She also provided a \$100 cash security deposit. She has asked that we waive the insurance requirement. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Edward Busco to approve use of the Fellowship Hall by Cindy Hare and to waive the insurance requirement. Motion passed.



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Elder Pamela Laroche reported she has looked into purchasing folders for welcome packets since our supply is very low. It was determined to further research the options due to the high cost of obtaining them from a local printer.

It was suggested that we consider publishing the dinners on more social media sites, such as East Syracuse Current Situations.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be April 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

### 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 April 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](mailto:CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net).

### Rest in Peace



Richard Allan Way  
December 7, 1932 – April 23, 2025

### A Mother's Day Prayer

In the name of  
**JESUS CHRIST**,  
we lift up all  
**MOTHERS** today.

Happy Mother's Day



We thank them for their  
sacrifices so that we can  
have a life of contentment.  
Grant them favour, Lord  
and may they have a  
wonderful place in existence  
in Your heart of **GRACE**.







1. Why did Noah discipline the chickens on the ark? They were using fowl language!
2. How does Moses make his coffee? Hebrews it!
3. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark? Because Noah was always standing on the deck.
4. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? Ruthless.
5. Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible? He thought he saw a job.
6. How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman? By his net income.
7. Why did Adam and Eve do math every day? They were told to be fruitful and multiply.
8. What's a missionary's favorite kind of car? A convertible.
9. Why was Samson the best comedian? He brought the house down.
10. How does Jesus stay fit? He cross-trains.



We need the following supplies:  
 Disposable Coffee Cups  
 Large Trash Bags  
 Paper Towels  
 Any donations will be appreciated!  
 Thanks.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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!**



Collamer United Church  
6865 Fly Road  
East Syracuse, NY 13057  
(315) 463-4939  
[collamerunitedchurch.org](http://collamerunitedchurch.org)



## Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Dine-In and Take-Out



***Saturday, May 10, 2025***

**@ COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH**

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

***Serving will start at 4:30 P.M.***

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

***Tickets may be purchased upon arrival:***

***\$15.00 for ALL Adults; \$6.00 for Children 10 and under.***

***Sorry – we cannot accept credit cards.***