

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

October 2022



Pastor Ed Veaudry will be in our pulpit every Sunday in October!

- Sun. 02 Morning Worship - World Communion
Sunday - **Crop Walk**
- Mon. 03 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 09 Morning Worship
- Mon. 10 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. 14 Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Prep Day**
- Sat. 15 Chicken & Biscuit Dinner**
- Sun. 16 Morning Worship
- Mon. 17 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 23 Morning Worship
Worship Committee Meeting -
First United 11:30 a.m.
- Wed. 25 CUC Board 6:00 p.m.
- Mon. 24 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 30 Morning Worship -
All Saints Day Observance
- Mon. 31 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.

Halloween



- 08 - Janet Vollmer
- 09 - Jim & Carol Reese (A)
- 11 - Jeri Veaudry
- 12 - Lorraine Vollmer
- 20 - Karen & Wayne Brignall (A)
- 29 - Marc McMaster
- 24 - Gill & Pam Laroche (A)
- 26 - Mike & Tammy Breclaw (A)



- John Oswald (and Merle too)** – recuperating at home, 7832 Bull St., Bridgeport, NY 13030
 - Linda Oswald** – at home, 5501 Legionaire Dr. Apt 206, Cicero, NY 13039 – **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!**
 - Shirley Soergel** - **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE**
100 Flume Road, Apt. 106, Manlius, NY 13104.
 - Helen Fischer** - at home, 139 Dormar Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212
 - Jim Reese (and Carol too)** – at home
4809 Flower Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310
 - Keith Brignall (and Grace too)** – at home -
5514 N. Manlius Street, Fayetteville, NY 13066
 - Carol Burleigh** – at home - 102 Watertree Drive,
East Syracuse, NY 13057
 - Annie Agrasto and family and friends** – Her husband, Andy, passed away on July 1. **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!**
 - Savanna Colabufo and Courtney Clark** – at home -
4296 Seeber Road, Canastota, NY 13032
 - Maryjane and Joe Molina** - 502 Oot Lane, Apt. 2
Kirkville, NY 13082
 - Ryan Hill** – 19-year-old son of Dennis and Nicole Hill and grandson of Rev. Steve and Pam Deckard. Diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma. At home – 7060 Cattleman’s Crossing Road, Cicero NY 13039
 - Wayne Fellows** – (Carol Warner’s husband) – 102 Seitz Drive, Camillus, NY 13031
 - Patti Monday** – Sedgwick Heights, 1100 James Street, Room 230, Syracuse, NY 13203
 - Karen Brignall (and Wayne too)** –at home recovering from hip replacement surgery –
326 Highbridge Street, Fayetteville, NY 13066
 - Joanne Tongue** –at home recovering from spinal surgery – 2 Sacketts Road, Central Square, NY 13036
- Please reach out by card, phone, or email to our friends on the Prayer List.**

A Message from Pastor Ed



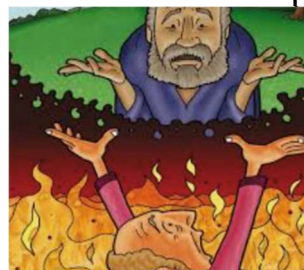
The torrents of summer have long gone, and the season of Fall is now in its second month. October is my favorite month of the year. Our sense of smell is acutely aware of the many scents enlightening our olfactory sensations, and we are so blessed with God's radiant colors that appear in our landscape this time of year. I really enjoy walks around our area and day trips around Central New York.

Changing leaves, dropping temperatures, pumpkin patches, apple cider... there's so much to love about October. Yet this is also a wistful time. Many people – myself included – admit to feeling nostalgic, contemplative, or even depressed as the shadows lengthen, the days get shorter, and the onset of winter looms. Hope mixes with heartache. Joy and sorrow intertwine. It is a season of groaning beauty. That's how I often think of the Christian faith, too: as a life of groaning beauty. Romans 8 says that all creation groans like a mother in childbirth, yearning for adoption and redemption. We know that things are not yet as they should be. Grief and conflict are familiar bedfellows. We struggle and sin. And yet Jesus has made a way for us. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us. And the Father's love will win the day. The leaves may fall now, and the snow may come, but new blossoms will soon spring forth in our hearts and in the world like rays of light from an empty tomb. This we believe and hold onto.

I hope you'll join us as we practice life together in this season and beyond – trusting the Lord to lead the way.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Ed

September 2022 Worship Report



Thirty partook communion by intinction September 4 — Rev. Betty Morey was with us the whole month and had wonderful, engaging messages to share, based on a series of parables from Luke. This past Sunday's was built on "The Rich Man and Lazarus", depicted in the image above. Lazarus suffered and lived a lowly life on earth, yet was with Abraham in heaven; the rich man went to Hades after living a life of luxury and callous indifference to the suffering and distress of others. Although he couldn't change his own eternal circumstances, the rich man wanted special treatment to get this word to his brothers — to become more compassionate & avoid his fate in the afterlife. But, Abraham reminds him that his brothers already have Moses and the prophets to teach them morality and ethics. We *also* have the Bible to guide us. Thank you, Betty, for helping me understand this parable! I was also struck by your statement that "Statistics are people with their tears wiped away." We are a generous and loving community of faith and I am blessed to be a part of it and our efforts to help those less fortunate. Let's continue to be 'Response-able'!

Pastor Ed Veaudry will be at CUC the entire month of October. The Worship Team will meet Sunday, October 23, at First United of East Syracuse. All Saints will be October 30.

Please continue to pray for those on our Prayer Request list, and for the pastor who will eventually arrive at Collamer / First United. Come, join us Sunday— the fellowship is wonderful, and the hour spent is a great way to start off your new week!

Respectfully submitted, Connie Oliver



All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the [tradition of the church](#).

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.

On All Saints Day we can remember all those who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite [The Apostles' Creed](#). We share stories of those "to glory gone."

Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

We will be holding our All-Saints Day worship service on Sunday, October 30. We will be remembering loved ones that have gone on before us. Forms for submission of names are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. The form is also included at the end of this newsletter. Please return the forms to the church office by October 23. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail:

collamerunitedchurch@verizon.net. Please specify if the person passed on during the current year.

Serenity Garden Update



We will be placing another brick order in March. It is our plan to dedicate the new bricks on Mother's Day. Please place your order(s) at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/collamer>. If you need assistance, please reach out to Connie Oliver.



Pat Pease relaxing in the garden!



On Friday and Saturday, September 16 – 17, we held our annual huge rummage sale. The sale continued on Saturday, September 24 as a clearance sale. We had a real lot of “stuff” and a great turnout. The weather even cooperated for the most part. It turned out to be a record-breaking year, even without large furniture. This year’s grand total was **\$4,480.50**.

In addition to raising funds to support our church, we were able to help several other charitable organizations by donating our “leftovers”. Representatives of the following organizations came to the greenhouse and took things they could use:

Bridgeport UMC (Winter Clothing Drive)
St. Matthews 2nd Time Around Store
United Methodist Restart Program
InterFaith Works Center for New Americans

Connie Oliver delivered eleven boxes of books to the Fayetteville Free Library. Items will also be delivered to the Women’s Opportunity Center in the near future. The remaining items were donated to the Rescue Mission.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this huge event, for donating items, providing baked goods, for countless hours spent organizing and pricing items at the steamy greenhouse, working the sale and packing up and delivering leftover items to various organizations. A big thank you to Judy McCallops who listed and sold a few items on Facebook Marketplace and met people at the greenhouse to finalize the sales! We could not do this without all of you and really appreciate the hard work. A special thanks to Vollmer’s for again providing use of the greenhouse!



Happy 70th Birthday Victor



On Sunday, September 4, we recognized Victor Oliver’s entry into a new decade of life with a surprise birthday party after the worship service! Connie, his wife, provided a beautiful cake and we enjoyed fellowship and refreshments.



To my friends & family at CUC, a huge thank you! Your love & support during my recent hip replacement surgery is so appreciated. The prayers, calls, cards & delicious meals were most welcome. I am blest to be a part of such a caring congregation.

Karen Brignall

Brown Memorial United Methodist Church

Below is the link to a video put together by Shawn Ellis during the meal we served at Brown Memorial on August 21, 2022. Please check it out.

https://youtu.be/bwy0M_3f2Pg

Thank you, Shawn! Great job!

MISSIONS UPDATE

by Merle Oswald

August Mission



In August, we collected school supplies for children in need attending East Syracuse Elementary School, Woodland Elementary School and Pine Grove Middle School. Each school received 5 boxes of supplies and 1 gallon of hand sanitizer. The supplies were delivered by Merle Oswald and Pat Pease on September 13, 2022. Thank you all so much for your generosity!!

St. Matthews Food Pantry



We are continuing to collect donations of nonperishable food items to be delivered to St. Matthews Food Pantry. In August, we collected 5 boxes of food and 20 egg cartons (19 small and 1 large). They were delivered to St. Matthews by Wayne Brignall.

September/October Mission



We will once again participate in the Crop Hunger Walk.

When: Sunday, October 2, 2022 at noon

Where: Poolsbrook Old Erie Canal Park, Andrus Road, Kirkville, New York.

Please contact Leslie DuMond if you would like to walk with us at this beautiful park or if you would like to make a donation to this very worthy cause. Thanks.

Adopt-A-Highway



On Sunday, October 30, following the worship service, we will, once again, be picking up trash along Fly Road from Route 298 to the Thruway bridge. Please join us!



November 11, 2022

Our Mission for October is to prepare to recognize our veterans, both those who have served in the past and those who are currently serving. We will collect names and information concerning veterans that our congregation and friends would like to recognize. On Sunday, November 6, 2022, we will place flags on graves of veterans in the Collamer Cemetery. A form is provided later in this newsletter to be completed and returned to the church office or to Merle Oswald concerning veterans you would like to have recognized. The deadline to return the forms is Sunday, October 23.



- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

East Syracuse Elementary School, Woodland Elementary School and Pine Grove Middle School.

Brown Memorial. On August 21, 2022, we will be hosting a picnic meal at Brown Memorial United Methodist Church. We will be providing hot dogs, salads, etc. First United Church of East Syracuse will join us in this mission project. We have obtained a discount on hot dogs from Hoffman's as well as a \$100 gift card from Wegman's.

Rio Grande Valley Food Bank. We received a letter from the Rio Grande Valley Texas Food Bank acknowledging our \$100 donation.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST CUC BOARD MEETING

July 27, 2022

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on July 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the lounge. Elder Judith Parker opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Leslie DuMond served as Moderator.

A motion was properly made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the regular Session minutes of June 22, 2022, as amended.

Elder Pamela Laroche reviewed the financial reports of the church. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Jerome O'Neill to accept the Treasurer's report for June 2022.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder Jerome O'Neill reported Dave Vollmer has been mowing. Kim Warner and Judi Parker weeded in the upper gardens. Leslie DuMond weeded and watered the Memorial Garden. Judd DuMond repaired the handicapped sign and Jerome O'Neill cemented it back into the ground. Gill Laroche weed wacked around the LED sign. The steeple will be installed August 3, 2022.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Cards were sent for birthdays and anniversaries.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry: In July, we collected 2 boxes of food and 32 egg cartons. They were delivered to St. Matthews by Wayne Brignall. Going forward, we will only be delivering egg cartons once a month since the food pantry has a sufficient supply.

July Mission – Bags for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. In July, we purchased 100 reusable grocery bags which were provided to St. Matthew's Food Pantry for people to use when picking up groceries at the Food Pantry. The bags are customized with information about Collamer United Church. They were purchased with funds from a mission grant received from the Presbytery. Merle Oswald and Pat Pease delivered them on July 18, 2022.

August Mission. Our mission for August will be to collect school supplies to be provided to children in need attending

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: The PNC is contacting references for the potential pastor candidate. A meeting will take place on August 1 with the new Presbytery liaison, Kenneth Wonderland, to address next steps.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Judith Parker reported that, with the help of Shawn Ellis, a YouTube account has been set up for the church. The video tour of the church has been uploaded to it.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported as follows: Pastor Ed Veaudry was in our pulpit for all five Sundays in July. Rev. Lauren Swanson will be in our pulpit for all four Sundays in August. Communion was served by intinction on July 10 - 27 were served (including one homebound).

OLD BUSINESS:

Memorial Garden: The three benches were assembled and placed in and the memorial garden by Victor Oliver. A garden ornament with cardinals was donated by Leslie DuMond and placed in the garden. Shrubs will be planted and dead trees replaced by Aspinall's soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Judd DuMond has suggested installing colored LED lights behind the cross in front of the church building. Colors could be changed for various seasons and events. Cost would be minimal. A discussion was had. It was suggested that LED lights could also be placed behind the cross in the sanctuary.

Gill Laroche will arrange for spraying of the wasps near the fellowship hall entrance.

It was noted that only a few people are taking advantage of the Upper Room publication available in the Narthex. Discussion took place about what to do with the old editions that are left over.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be September 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



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

We also need help weeding the church grounds before the snow flies.

Thanks!

BOTTLES & CANS



The East Syracuse Bottle & Can Return, located in the Plaza next to the Thrifty Shopper in the Village of East Syracuse, provides 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.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is October 25, 2022. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline.

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. However, in October, I will **not** be in the office on Tuesday, October 4, **but** I will be in on Monday morning, October 3 and Thursday morning, October 6. I will also **not** be in the office on Tuesday, October 11 or Thursday, October 13. When I am not in the office, I monitor the Church e-mail regularly. I am also available to provide notary services.

Leslie DuMond

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net

Fellowship Hall Rental



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

*All Saint's Day remembrance request
to be read aloud during the service 10/30/22)*



Name of person/persons to be remembered: _____

Submitted by: _____



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

OR ARE CURRENTLY SERVING

Please provide the following information for the veteran you would like to recognize:

Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Eras/War(s) Served: _____

Dates of Birth and Death (if deceased): _____

Happy Halloween



Being a Christian
is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the
yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling
face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

Happy Home Fairy



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Chicken & Biscuit Drive Thru



Saturday, October 15, 2022

@ COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH

6865 FLY ROAD IN COLLAMER (463-4939)

Serving 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:

\$12.00 for ALL Adults; \$6.00 for Children 10 and under.

Sorry – we cannot accept credit cards.