

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

August 2026



- Sun. 02 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. - Communion**
Car Cruise-in and Food Truck Event - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Mon. 03 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Sun. 09 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m.**
Brown Memorial Meal - 2:00 p.m.
- Mon. 10 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Sun. 16 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. -**
- Mon. 17 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Tues. 18 Master Gardeners - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- Sat. 22 Joint Picnic with FUCOES - Ryder Park 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 23 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 24 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**
- Wed. 26 CUC Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 30 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. -**
- Mon. 31 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.**



01 - Sheri Kliphon
 11 - Beth Vollmer
 16 - Pat Pease
 29- Courtney Annette Clark

Linda Oswald –at home, 8701 Knowledge Lane, Apt 116, Cicero, NY 13039 – SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!
 Helen Fischer – 105 Laurel Lane, Sayre, PA 18840-9194

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

Ryan Hill –at home – 7060 Cattleman’s Crossing Road, Cicero NY 13039

JoAnn Tongue – 2 Sacketts Road, Central Square, NY 13036

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 - SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!

1500 Whispering Hills Road, Loris SC 29569

Larry and Louise Claflin – 2001 Tweed Court, Leesburg, FL 34788

Grace Brignall -7220 E. Genesee St., Apt. 225, Fayetteville, NY 13066.

Pat Pease – 530 N. Central Ave., Apt. 2, Minoa, NY 13116

Sandy LeBlanc – 4763 Royal Meadow Dr., Liverpool, NY 13088

Kliphon Family – 7087 Ferstler Road, Kirkville, NY 13082

Diane Stevenson – Sedgwick Heights, 1100 James Street, Room 329, Syracuse, NY 13203

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



New England Music Camp
Sidney, Maine



Pemaquid Point Lighthouse
Bristol, Maine

What a blessing to revisit the places that shaped us. To remember, with fondness, the times we spent there - maybe playing as kids, playing with our kids, or our grandkids.

Places that made us feel safe and warm and loved. That comfort is the voice of God.

But sometimes, those places change. A building is renovated, a room is taken out, an heirloom precious to us didn't mean the same thing to the new occupant. This change makes us feel uncomfortable, like something was taken away from us. We feel violated - somehow, in our hearts, we interpret these changes as attacks on us as human beings, because we just want things to stay the same.

Yet, such changes do not undo the love we felt in these spaces. If anything, they make our memories more precious, because they make us reflect on when we occupied that space. How everything looked back then. The way things were.

And, once we've processed that, we can also realize those spaces can help shape new memories for others. That when we walk around these places, seeing younger people dancing around, we know they'll have similar feelings to ours. That the spaces will live on, as they did with us.

That, my friends, is the real blessing.

And so, in that tradition, I've included 2 pictures in this article - 1 from each of those spaces I grew up in, and had the pleasure of revisiting with my dad. To walk by the water, remembering our formative years together as father and son, when God wrapped us in warmth and safety and love, and see how God is doing that with younger parents and children today.

May we all cherish the times we had in places like this, and smile knowing we can pass them down to others to also cherish. 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.

Save the Date



On August 22, 2026, we will be holding a joint church picnic with First United Church of East Syracuse. It will take place at Ryder Park (Butternut Drive at the Dewitt Town Hall) from 11:00 a.m. until? A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



LAKESIDE FARMERS MARKET

2026

SUPPORT LOCAL!!

In the parking lot of the

Bridgeport United Methodist Church -

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

June 25 – Sept. 24

Fresh Vegetables and Fruits
Baked Goods and Crafts
Prayer and Wellness Tent

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

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

377 RT 31 PO Box 369

Bridgeport NY 13030

315-633-9745

Pastor Omar Hall

July 2026 Worship Report



On July 5, we joined First United for worship in their air-conditioned sanctuary—a welcome relief after the recent heat and humidity. Pastor Eric’s sermon, “A Word to the Wise,” was based on Matthew 11:16-19, where Jesus compares his stubborn, critical generation to spoiled children who complain no matter what game is played. Whether the message is somber, as in John the Baptist’s austerity, or joyful, as in Jesus’s inclusive grace, the religious leaders refuse to accept it, revealing that their real objection is to God’s plan. Yet despite their complaints and rejection, the saving work and transformative love shown through Jesus and John proved their ministries were truly from God. Jesus concludes that divine wisdom is confirmed by the results and fruits it produces.

On July 12, Pastor Eric preached “My Spirit is Willing, But My Flesh is So Weak,” based on Romans 8:1–11, where Paul contrasts life governed by human nature, or “the flesh,” with life led by the Holy Spirit. The flesh leads to spiritual death, while the Spirit brings life and peace. Pastor Eric also shared slides from his time attending the General Assembly in Milwaukee. Elders Judi Parker and Valerie Warfield served communion to 21 people.

On July 19, our sermon given by Pastor Eric reflected on Genesis 28:10–22, the Hebrew Bible account of “Jacob’s Ladder.” Fleeing his brother Esau, Jacob sleeps with a stone for a pillow and dreams of a stairway to heaven. The ladder/stairway reveals that God bridges the gap between heaven and earth. Despite Jacob’s deception and trickery, God comes to him with undeserved promises of presence, land, and descendants. The covenant rests not on Jacob’s perfection, but on God’s faithfulness. When Jacob awakens, he names the place Bethel, meaning “House of God,” and vows his devotion. This story reminds us that God is actively present in ordinary and unexpected places, meeting people where they are—even when their faith is imperfect or transactional.

Pastor Eric was away on short notice vacation with his father in Maine and could not be with us on July 26, so we led the service ourselves. In place of a sermon, we shared a time of

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testimony. Testimonies strengthen a congregation by deepening faith, building community, and encouraging active witness. They turn abstract beliefs into real-life evidence of God’s work, offering hope as we hear how God has helped others through difficult times and giving us courage to face our own trials. They also keep our focus on God’s work rather than human effort. By hearing honest personal stories, we come to know one another beyond Sunday greetings. Shared gratitude and joy create unity and draw us closer together. Seven people shared stories that were heartfelt, inspiring, funny, and engaging, making for an enjoyable service on a pleasant Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,
~ Judi Parker

National Bell Ringing Event



On Saturday, July 4, a group of parishioners and guests gathered to ring the two bells in front of the church. This was done as part of the National Bell ringing observance of the 250th anniversary of our nation. Bells around the country were simultaneously rung at 2:50 p.m.

Some people really got into ringing the bells hard, along with other bells brought to the event!

Two prayers were read about the 250th anniversary. We finished by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judi Parker provided juice and star cookies so we stayed around and socialized for a little while. A great time was had by all!

~Submitted by Ginnie Busco



by Merle Oswald



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

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

In July, we collected paper products and salt and pepper for St. Matthew's Food Pantry! The items collected were as follows: 92 rolls of toilet paper, 31 rolls of paper towels, 1970 napkins, 2 boxes of tissues, 15 containers of salt, and 17 containers of pepper. They were dedicated during our service on July 26, 2026. We also collected 2 boxes and 2 bags of food items and 37 egg cartons. Thank you to all who donated!



Each month in 2026, we will collect specific items for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. The following is a list of the items we will collect:

- September: Liquid laundry detergent
- October: Boxed stuffing
- November: Liquid hand soap.
- December: Shampoo and conditioner (men's and women's)

We continue to collect cardboard egg cartons. Please note that the food pantry can only use cartons holding a dozen eggs.



<http://www.radafundraising.com> select Support New Fundraiser, enter Collamer United Church

A box has been placed in the Narthex for collection of the donations. The deadline for donations is Sunday, August 30, 2026. Thank you!

Brown Memorial United Methodist Church



On August 9, 2026, 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 will obtain discounted hot dogs from Hoffman's as well as donations of other items. Please let Leslie know if you can help serve the meal.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 17, 2026 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on June 17, 2026, at 6:02 p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Douglas Kliphon opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Judith Parker served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Valerie Warfield and seconded by Elder Georgia Clifford to approve the regular Session minutes of May 27, 2026. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elder Pamela Laroche presented the financial reports of the church for the month of May 2026. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2026. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported concerning the Presbytery Annual Meeting which took place on June 13. New moderator, Rev. Dr. Shavonn Lynch-1st Presbyterian Church, Auburn and New Vice-Moderator, Rev. Courtney Steininger, Pebble Hill Presbyterian, DeWitt, were installed. He reported he was commissioned to attend the General Assembly meeting on behalf of the Presbytery. He noted the Social Justice Committee will be offering a SNAP benefit grant. We should be able to apply for this grant to assist the St. Matthew's food pantry.

The upcoming General Assembly will take place in Milwaukee. Pastor Eric will be out of town from June 25 through July 2. Committee work will take place remotely on Monday through Wednesday, June 22 through 24. Issues to be addressed will include Theological Education & Ordination issues and how they relate to everyday church life, preparing future pastors in a way that makes sense and corresponds with today's world, and how to include voices like immigrant and new worshipping communities. Lynn Jacques will provide pulpit supply on June 28.

A joint service will take place at First United on July 5 at 9:30 a.m. There will be no communion. Communion will be served at each church on July 12.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Elder Douglas Kliphon reported that: Ginnie Busco is continuing to do weekly cleaning.

Seven Master Gardeners along with five from CUC, Ginnie Busco, Dan Christen, Leslie DuMond, Jodi Jones, and Connie Oliver,

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weeded and mulched the memorial garden on May 30. This massive project was completed by Dan Christen, Leslie and Judd DuMond and Connie Oliver. Doug and Caleb Kliphon mowed the church grounds. Judd DuMond weed whacked.

Douglas Kliphon acquired a window air conditioner at no cost and it has been installed in the pastor's office. He also removed the Pentecost decorations from the sanctuary. As discussed during the May meeting, he looked into installing day and night lighting in the parking lots.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: We will be recognizing graduates on June 28, 2026. We will have four graduates. Jeffrey Clark, grandson of Doug and Sheri Kliphon, will graduate from high school. Devin DeForest, grandson of Pat Pease, will also graduate from high school. Sarah O'Neill and Natalie Pidkaminy (granddaughter of Judi Parker), graduated from college. A reception will take place after the worship service.

MEMBERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: Elder Valerie Warfield reported she put together a membership directory with no pictures. Elder Georgia Clifford has been asked to assist with the technology aspect of the project. Gifts have been purchased to present to the men on Father's Day. Elder Valerie Warfield will work with representatives of First United to prepare for the joint picnic to be held on August 22.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry – For June, we are collecting cereal. An amazing supply of cereal has already been donated. For July, we will collect paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins) and salt and pepper.

S.A.M. (Senior Adult Ministry) – We will be collecting monetary donations to help support the S.A.M. program which is held every Tuesday and Thursday at the North Manlius Church. The program is in financial crisis.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Connie Oliver reported conversations are continuing concerning the congregational surveys.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported we are continuing efforts to raise funds through the use of our kitchen. We are looking into the possibility of having a food truck fundraiser. We have discussed this with a few of the individuals using the kitchen and there seems to be some interest.

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

WORSHIP: Elder Judith Parker reported that communion was served to 20 on June 7 by Elders Pat Pease and Judith Parker. Elder Lynn Jacques served as pulpit supply on May 24 while Pastor Eric was away at the Early Ministry Institute. We will be having a joint service at First United on July 5 at 9:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Further comments were provided concerning the job descriptions for the committees and other positions at the church. Elders Leslie DuMond and Pamela Laroche have finalized this project. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the job descriptions. Motion passed.

Elder Judith Parker reported Panera Bread is offering a fundraising event at participating locations between July 1 and July 31. When supporters bring the event flyer, they will donate 30% of net sales from their purchases to the organization. We have scheduled this event to take place at the Dewitt location on July 21 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Flyers will be available for distribution and posted on the Facebook page.

It was noted that the emergency contacts listed in the elevator are Gill Laroche and Jerome O'Neill. This was discussed during the May meeting. Gill Laroche has agreed to remain a contact for this purpose. Elder Douglas Kliphon agreed to replace Jerome O'Neill. The list will be updated.

Discussion took place concerning previous efforts to replace the stove. Elders Douglas Kliphon and Georgia Clifford will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported that, on June 3, she met with Kellie Capoto, d/b/a Graze & Gouda. She would like to use the kitchen to put together charcuterie boards. She is just starting out in business. She expects that for the time being she will need to use the kitchen about twice a month. She has provided the required paperwork and insurance certificate. She has also provided the security deposit. This use of the kitchen was approved via e-mail. She will need to use the kitchen on July 3. We will need to arrange for someone to let her in to the building.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported that concerns were raised about letting people enter into Commissary Agreements when they had no intention of using the kitchen. She contacted the Onondaga County Health Department on June 8 and was assured that there is no issue for the church if the individuals do not use the kitchen. They are well aware that this happens. We are not in any jeopardy of losing our permit. As such, we can go ahead and let people make a "donation" for the Commissary Kitchen paperwork.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported, that on June 9, she met with Frank Ramsey and Frank Ramsey, Jr., owners of Happy Eating Grounds food truck, about use of the kitchen as a Commissary Kitchen. They have a

food truck that serves pizza and other items. They have been in business for 20 years. Their current commissary has closed. They currently do not need to use the kitchen. However, they are starting to teach classes on how to make pizza and may be interested in using the fellowship hall in the future. They are happy to make the suggested donation to establish this arrangement. We are presently waiting for the completed application. The donation and insurance certificate have been received. Motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to approve the arrangement with Happy Eating Grounds, as discussed above. Motion passed.

Elder Leslie DuMond distributed a chart showing all individuals and organizations that have arrangements with CUC for use of the building. This chart will be updated on a regular basis and also used to monitor expiring insurance certificates and Commissary Agreements.

A concern was raised regarding the loudness of the music at the beginning of the service. More peaceful music would be preferred. This can be addressed by the joint worship committee.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be July 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Church Secretary/Notary Services



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

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.



The deadline for any items for the next Circuit Rider is August 25, 2026. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline. We are accepting donations for postage for the monthly newsletter. Any donations will be appreciated.

Congratulations!



Wayne O'Neill and Megan Wilbur were married July 8, 2026, at an oceanside ceremony in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Wayne is the son of Jerome O'Neill and Susan Brignall. Grandson of Wayne and Karen Brignall. Megan is the daughter of Billy-Joe Wilbur and Renee Furman. Granddaughter of Carol Wilt. We wish the happy couple all the best.

Bottles & Cans



We have an arrangement with ESM Bottle Return, located on 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 of 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. The kitchen is also available for rent and qualifies as a Commissary Kitchen for the Onondaga County Health Department. Please contact the church office for information.

PLANET AID DONATION BOX



Please drop off your clothes and shoes donations in the yellow box located at Vollmer Farms. CUC will benefit from those donations.

★ The tradition continues... ★

STUDEBAKER PONTIAC OLDSMOBILE PLYMOUTH PACKARD HUDSON WASH AMC KAISER DeSoto AUBURN CORD

THE ORPHAN CAR SHOW

IS BACK!

JOIN US FOR THE 12TH GATHERING OF ORPHAN VEHICLES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LEWIS PARK
VILLAGE OF MINOA, NY

200+ VEHICLES

★ FOOD TRUCKS ★ MUSIC ★ 50/50 ★ DOOR PRIZES PEOPLE

★ TWO SHOWS IN ONE! ★
ORPHAN VEHICLE SHOW PLUS CRUISE-IN FOR ALL MAKES & MODELS

Thank you, **Vic & Connie** for 11 wonderful years. We hope to make you proud.

★ THIS EVENT IS FOR CHARITY ★
ALL FUNDS BENEFIT LOCAL VETERAN AND EMS ORGANIZATIONS

ORPHAN FACTORY
CLOSED
OPEN AGAIN

12TH GATHERING

SHOW CARS WELCOME!
GATE OPENS AT 9:00 AM

315-450-1944
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cnyorphancars1@gmail.com

MAIL COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO:
Orphan Car Show
C/O Tim Kelly
217 Homewood Drive
Fayetteville, NY 13066

See you at the **SHOW!**

ORPHAN CAR SHOW 12TH GATHERING - AUGUST 15, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ MAKE OF VEHICLE _____ YEAR _____ MODEL _____

ADDITIONAL VEHICLES (CLUB AFFILIATION IF ANY) _____

REGISTRATION FEE
\$10 PER VEHICLE

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
ORPHAN CAR SHOW CNY

★ Come Celebrate the Orphans - Past, Present & Future! ★

May your month of August
be filled with wonderful
blessings of good health,
love, peace, happiness and
prosperity.

Read Love
And Learn

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Please join us on Sunday, August 2, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for a Classic Car Cruise-in to be held in the church parking lot.



Food and beverages will be available from Happy Eating Grounds food truck. Wood Fire Pizza, BBQ brisket and pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverage will be available for sale to benefit the Collamer United Church.



BIBLE CROSSWORD



Across

2. This led the wise men to baby Jesus
7. The first woman
12. The queen of what country came to see Solomon
13. What is it called when we talk to God?
14. Who wrote the 23rd Psalm?
15. Wisest man in the world
17. God created the world in how many days?
18. Two ladies argued about this
19. Who parted the Red Sea?
20. What kind of bird did Noah send out of the ark to see if the land was dry?

Down

1. The town Jesus was born in
3. Long sharp weapon
4. Who created everything?
5. How many disciples did Jesus have?
6. Who was the first Jew?
8. What Solomon asked God for
9. The first man
10. Who is a descendant of Abraham and King David, and is the Savior of the world?
11. The first king of Israel who died in battle with his son, Jonathon
16. He built the ark

Word Bank

Dove	Star	Bethlehem	Twelve	Adam	Wisdom	Saul
David	Prayer	Sheba	Jesus	Moses	Noah	Baby
Sword	Abraham	Six	God	Eve	Solomon	



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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 18, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026, 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 p.m.



We will once again be holding our huge annual rummage sale! We cannot do it without you ... the general public. We depend upon your faithful donations, year after year, after year!!! Hopefully, you have held on to all of your purged items from cleaning throughout the year. We will begin accepting donations at the greenhouse on Monday, September 1.

WE NEED

Donations of clothes, small furniture, kitchen items, books, toys, small appliances, jewelry, tools, etc. (but we do urge you, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

IMPORTANT

We cannot accept donations of microwaves, TV's, large appliances, large furniture, entertainment centers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, skis, computers, or large exercise equipment as we have to pay to dispose of some of these items if they are left over after the sale. If you have any questions in the meantime, you may call the church office at 315-463-4939.