

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

May 2024



- Sun. 05 **Morning Worship - Communion**
Cinco de Mayo
- Mon. 06 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. 07 **Blood Drive - First United Church**
of E. Syracuse 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. 08 **Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC -**
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Fri. 10 **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Work Day**
- Sat. 11 **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner - 4:30 p.m.**
- Sun. 12 **Morning Worship - Mother's Day**
- Mon. 13 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 19 **Morning Worship - Pentecost**
50-Year Member Recognition
- Mon. 15 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 22 **CUC Board 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. 26 **Morning Worship**
- Mon. 27 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
Memorial Day
- Thurs. 30 **UMC Annual Conference**
- Fri. 31 **UMC Annual Conference**
Kitchen Deep Cleaning 10:00 a.m.



- 03 - Judy Schuyler
04 - Judy McCallops
09 - Merle Oswald
16 - Ed Busco
25- Judy & Jim Schuyler (A)
29 - Grace Brignall



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

Pastor's Message



Is a House a Home?

To Benjamin Franklin, "A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body."
To Luther Vandross, "I'm not meant to live alone, turn this house into a home."

To me, I'm honestly still figuring that out. As I transition into this wonderful position, filled with opportunity, I find myself struggling with defining what home is. Is it my new apartment, which feels more like a home every day? Is it my office, which is starting to feel like home but isn't quite there yet?

How do I find comfort when everything is so new? That's a question I want to keep exploring, together. Because this church is witnessing something new, a transition to having a pastor after 5 years. With that comes a myriad of responsibilities and possibilities, and ambiguity that can paralyze us with indecision.

Questions like "Who are we?" "Who do we want to be?"
"Who do we need to be?" "What new things can we do?"
"What old things can give us comfort?"

Whether you're in a new home or trying to reassess your current one, I want to invite you to sit in that ambiguity together. To know we don't all have the answers, finding "food and fire for the mind as well as the body." To be vulnerable, to take a chance to nurture and love one another by building this community. Approaching everything with an open mind, and an opportunist's heart for what could and should be. To make Collamer a home, not just a house, for all who walk through its doors.

Let us go forward into that challenge, together. Amen, and amen.

Yours in Christ,

Eric Adamcik

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. - 2:30 p.m.

Of course, this schedule is scheduled to change based on special circumstances and events taking place at the churches.

Pastor Eric will usually try to be at each church until 4:30-5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. If you would like to schedule a meeting with him, please contact the church office.

Solar Eclipse

It was decided at the last minute to have an eclipse watching party in the church parking lot on Monday, April 8. We had snacks and nice fellowship with Pastor Eric, his mom, Barbara, and sister, Emma. We said goodbye to Barbara and Emma as they headed to the airport to return to Tennessee. We got to view the eclipse through the clouds! A good time was had by all.



April 2024 Worship Report



We are Easter people! Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Last month's report went to print before March 31 and I wanted to let you know what a wonderful morning Easter was at CUC. Due to the prediction of cold weather, the sunrise service was moved indoors, where guitars stayed tuned and Rev. Swanson's fingers stayed warm. His reflection was "Forming a New Easter Culture." After the service, we shared fellowship over breakfast casserole, hot cross buns, and other goodies, then moved coffee hour upstairs to enjoy before & after the 9 am service. During the 9 am "Come to the Garden" message, we explored what attracts people to attend church on Easter.

The following Sunday was Rev. Eric Adamcik's 1st week leading our morning service, and he seemed comfortable in our pulpit, preaching "Embrace the Mess". Lynn Jacques stepped in from FUCOES to serve communion. 30 partook by intinction. She also sang the anthem with our choir. Thank you, Lynn! We enjoyed having you. Eric's mother, Barbara, lifted a joy — for the community provided by our two churches to her son. We began to wear name tags, to help out Eric as he gets to know us. His mom, and sister, Emma, helped Eric settle his apartment, & were delighted by the coffee hour* & the solar eclipse* before returning to Knoxville. 12 from CUC attended the coffee hour* to welcome Eric after FUCOES' service on April 7. It was a lovely turnout & a nice opportunity to mingle with everyone. (* See article on p. 2 & p. 3)

Pastor Eric titled his April 14th message "Whose Grace Is It Anyway?" and this past Sunday's title was "Bricks".

Please pray for our church family, for Eric in his new role, and for the United Methodist General Conference in Charlotte, NC, April 23 - May 3.

Respectfully submitted,
~ Connie Oliver

Welcome Pastor Eric

On April 14, 2024, Pastor Eric's first day with us, a joint reception was held at First United Church of East Syracuse to welcome him. A beautiful cake, along with ice cream and other goodies, was served. There was a great turnout from the congregation of both churches and a good time was had by all. Pastor Eric's mom, Barbara, and sister, Emma, were also here to celebrate.



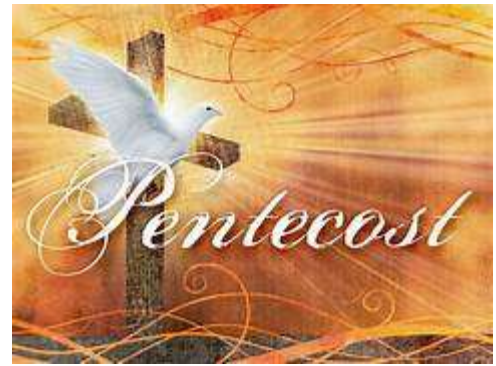
NEW



Movie Night! Saturday, June 15th in the CUC
Narthex and Sanctuary. Snacks: 6:30p.m.
Movie: 7:00 - 9:15p.m.
Noah (PG-13)

Come as a family, come alone, or bring a friend.

**CONGRATULATIONS
50 - YEAR MEMBERS
2024**



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).

Spring has returned and with it comes time to add one more year to everyone on our list. Unfortunately, John Oswald (67 years) passed since last year's list. He is greatly missed. Thank you to all the loyal members who are so important to the long ministry and future of CUC. Please join us in congratulating the following 15 members:

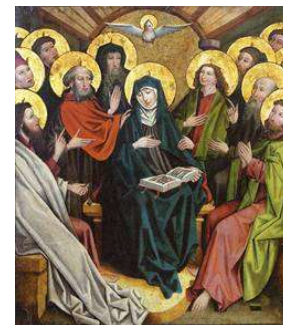
<i>Lois Hale Klein</i>	74 years
<i>Karen Brizee Brignall</i>	71 years
<i>Patricia Wright Pease</i>	69 years
<i>Elaine Maxwell Keyes</i>	67 years
<i>Janet Galster Krak</i>	66 years
<i>Gloria Rushey Kyser</i>	65 years
<i>Donna Hill Stanley</i>	64 years
<i>Virginia Hopkins</i>	64 years
<i>Marie Freebern Czajak</i>	64 years
<i>Jean Oswald Lorber</i>	62 years
<i>Judith Warner Schuyler</i>	62 years
<i>Carol Temple Turnbull</i>	62 years
<i>Wayne Brignall</i>	61 years
<i>Judy Fitzgerald Beeman McCallops</i>	60 years
<i>David Vollmer</i>	59 years

Please join us on **Sunday, May 19, 2024**, to celebrate!



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 2024 in May or June, please contact the Church office to let us know.



A 15th century German depiction of Pentecost.



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.

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Results



If our recent dinner wasn't an example of "the show must go on," I don't know what is. A huge thank you to all, especially the amazing ladies who worked despite a personal tragedy.

In spite of a cold, windy, and rainy day, 160 hungry folks purchased meals. We cleared \$2, 311. As usual, our church members and friends paid all our expenses. We appreciate the generosity of the following people: Dave Vollmer, Merle Oswald, Grace and Keith Brignall, Judy McCallops, Janet Krak, Wayne and Karen Brignall as well as a CUC friend, Mary Dineen. Judi Parker and Leslie DuMond provided lunch for the Friday workers. Mike Robinson made sure we did not starve before lunch by bringing Dunkin' Donuts. To further our calorie intake, Emeline McShane, Marie Czajak, and Ginnie Busco shared their baking talents for desserts.

More Chicken & Biscuit Dinners

We will be having more chicken and biscuit dinners on: **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.



'Young At Heart' Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Bridgeport UMC hosted another 'Young at Heart' luncheon from 11 - 1, Wednesday, April 10, with 26 in attendance. Connie Oliver, Leslie DuMond, and Val Warfield attended from CUC. Pastor Omar was not in attendance because he was away visiting his 106-year-old grandmother. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for Easter. We all received a plastic egg filled with candies.

Shirley Pease welcomed the group and we sang "Take Time to be Holy." Diane Taylor then read Luke 4:1-3 about how Jesus was tested in the wilderness and told a cute story about a man talking to Jesus. Shirley Pease then talked about how we are all Easter people and noted that the Easter season continues until Pentecost. She talked about living in a "Good Friday world." We then played a word game concerning Forgiveness, Colossians 3:13, and prizes were given out. Our own Connie was a whizz at this game and took first prize!

We then had a prayer to bless the meal. We enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal consisting of turkey, homemade stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, and rolls. For dessert we had individual no-bake cheese cakes. As usual, water, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were served.

After lunch, there was a presentation by representatives of InterFaith Works concerning the AmeriCorps Senior Companions program. They are looking for volunteers for this program, as well as individuals that could benefit from having a companion. Flyers are on the bulletin board in the Narthex and a copy of the Senior Companions program is included on page 9.

The next luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 8. We will be collecting pasta, rice, and pasta sauce for the Bridgeport Food Pantry. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship. Please join us!

~ Submitted by Leslie DuMond

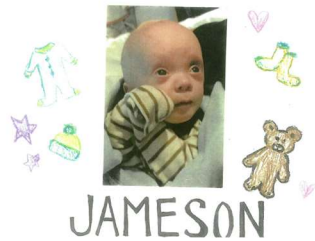
MISSIONS

THE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

by Merle Oswald

May 2024 Mission

JAMMIES
for



JAMESON

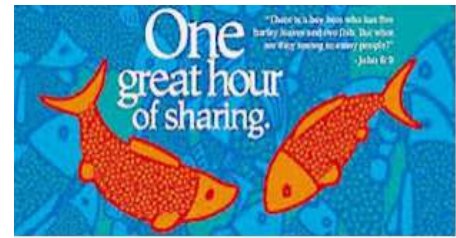
Little Jameson went to Heaven way too soon but he gave so much love in his short time with us. Now he is nice and warm in his jammies snuggling with Jesus. We want all babies here to be nice and warm with some new jammies! In May, in memory of Jameson, we will be collecting pajamas and other baby clothes to be donated to New Hope Family Services. A collection box is in the Narthex. The deadline for collection is June 2.

April 2024 Mission

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



For April, we collected numerous skeins and balls of yarn to be donated to the Franciscan Villa. The nuns make hats and scarves which are given to children in need. They were blessed by Pastor Eric on Sunday, April 28. They will then be delivered by Merle Oswald and Ginnie Busco. Thank you to our members and friends for your generous donations!



For March, we collected \$222.06 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Food Collection



In April, we collected 1 box and 1 bag of food and 23 egg cartons for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. Thank you for your continuing generosity! They were delivered by Merle Oswald and Pat Pease.

Adopt-A-Highway



On Sunday, April 21, following the worship service, we picked up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge. Merle Oswald, Pat Pease, Ginnie and Ed Busco, Tammy Breclaw, Connie Oliver, and Emeline McShane picked up 7 bags of garbage and some other stuff! Thanks to all!

Homeless Survival Kits



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



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CUC BOARD MEETING March 27, 2024

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on March 27, 2024, at 6:05 p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Pamela Laroche opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jerome O'Neill served as moderator.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER: Rev. Swanson led a brief service to ordain Geraldine Veaudry as an Elder and to install her as a member of the Board. She was welcomed to the Board.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of February 28, 2024.

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 February 2024.

VITAL STATISTICS: Emeline McShane was ordained as an Elder on February 25, 2024. Geraldine Veaudry was ordained as an Elder on March 27, 2024.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Swanson reported that he will lead the following special services for Lent: Maundy Thursday at CUC, Good Friday at First United Church of East Syracuse, and "Son"rise service at CUC on Easter Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Rev. Swanson noted that since he retired in 2019, he has performed the following services for CUC: 3 baptisms, 4 funerals, 2 weddings and 82 sermons! He expressed his thanks for what all the members of our church do to keep things running smoothly and to serve the community. He noted that he will be available to Rev. Eric Adamcik for advice, etc. However, due to rules relating to change in clergy, he will not be able to have contact with our congregation for at least one year. The Board members thanked him for all he has done for CUC and indicated that he will be sincerely missed.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder Jerome O'Neill reported that the Town of Dewitt building inspection took place on March 19 and passed. The inspector recommended that we have the alarm system tested and have it certified. He noted that repairs may be necessary. A motion was made by Elder

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Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Jeannine Parks to have the alarm system tested and repaired, if necessary. Motion passed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Discussion took place concerning graduation Sunday generally held in June. We will need to determine whether there are any graduates to recognize. We will put something in the May newsletter asking about graduates. Discussion took place concerning the possibility of highlighting the accomplishments of our young people if there are no graduates.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane provided a written report concerning the outcome of the March 24, 2024 Membership Committee meeting. Items discussed included sending cards, Membership Recognition Sunday, Graduation Sunday, Potential New Members, New Outreach Events and Directory. It was determined that the 50-year Member Recognition will take place on May 19, 2024.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry: - In March, we collected 1 box of food and 24 egg cartons for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. They were delivered by Merle Oswald and Pat Pease.

February - March Missions: 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.

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.

April Mission - 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.

Homeless Kits - We need energy bars for the homeless survivor kits.

PASTOR / PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Geraldine Veaudry reported she will meet with Rev. Adamcik once he arrives. She will also work on putting together the committee.

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PASTOR SEARCH: Elder Leslie DuMond reported that we helped secure an apartment on Sand Hill Road in Collamer for the new pastor. We have also received several donations of furniture and household items. Rev. Adamcik will be arriving here on April 4. His mother and sister will be joining him to help him get settled. He will be in our pulpit on Sunday, April 7. There will be a joint welcome reception at First United Church of East Syracuse after their worship service on April 7. It was noted that the Pastor Search Committee determined it was necessary for the two churches to pay the prorated rent for March to secure the apartment. This will be included in moving expenses. The two churches also split the security deposit. This payment will be returned to the churches once the apartment is vacated. A motion was made by Elder Jeannine Parks and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to accept the determination of the Pastor Search Committee. Motion passed.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: - Elder Leslie DuMond reported letters requesting contributions toward the per capita and apportionment will be sent out some time in April.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Judith Parker reported that Shawn Ellis worked with the choir and put together a music video of "Grounded . . . a poem by Lauren Swanson." It was presented during the service on Sunday, March 24.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that Rev. Swanson will complete his interim pulpit supply with us on Easter, March 31. On March 3, communion was served by intinction to 32. We are continuing to offer a gluten-free option. Rev. Swanson blessed the collection of food coloring for St. Matthew's food pantry.

Both pianos were tuned on Friday, March 22, by Nick Smith. Christy Knowlton will be on vacation May 12 (Mother's Day).

OLD BUSINESS: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that the 4-H Program has provided the required contract and related documents for use of the fellowship hall and kitchen for its programs. They provided an article for the April Circuit Rider. Representatives of this program will attend the April Board meeting to introduce themselves and discuss upcoming programs.

Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that the books recommended by Rev. Swanson to be available to the new pastor have been ordered.

It was determined that a deep cleaning of the kitchen will take place on Friday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be April 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is May 26, 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

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.

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Your Senior Companion is a “friendly visitor” who can help you stay independent, active and socially connected.

Senior Companions are trained volunteers.
They have passed a series of Criminal Background Checks.
They receive monthly training to support their service.

Things My Companion Can Do With Me

- Have an interesting conversation with me
- Read with me or to me
- Take a walk with me
- Play cards or other games/puzzles
- Watch TV with me
- Sing, or listen to music with me
- Work on a hobby with me
- Help me prepare a light meal
- Remind me to take medication
- Help me do light housework
- Go with me to a community activity
- Go shopping with me

Things My Companion Cannot Do With Me

- House cleaning
- Personal care
- Dispense medications
- Ask for or accept money

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

InterFaith Works of CNY
1010 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13203
315-449-3552 x226/110
SCPinfo@ifwcny.org



A Note about Transportation

- Your Companion’s main focus is to provide in-home support.
- Your Companion can accompany you on outings, errands, and appointments. However, they are not required to do so.
- If your Companion drives, they may be willing to take you places. However, they are not required to do so.
- Your Companion may not ask for or accept money for bus fare, gas, or other transportation-related costs.



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Chicken & Biscuit Drive Thru



Saturday, May 11, 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.