

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

August 2022

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events



Rev. Lauren Swanson will be in our pulpit every
Sunday in August!

- Sun. 07 Morning Worship - Communion
- Mon. 08 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 14 Morning Worship
- Mon. 15 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. 19 **Brown Memorial Meal Preparation - 10:00 a.m. CUC kitchen**
- Sat. 20 **8th Gathering of Orphan Cars Lewis Park, Village of Minoa**
- Sun. 21 Morning Worship
Community Meal at Brown Memorial United Methodist Church 3:00 p.m.
- Mon. 22 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 24 CUC Board 6:00 p.m.
- Sun. 28 Morning Worship
- Mon. 29 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.



- 01 - Sheri Kliphon
- 02 - Christine McMahon
- 11 - Beth Vollmer
- 14 - Memphis Reid Clickner
- 16 - Pat Pease
- 29- Courtney Annette Clark

- 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** - The Oaks at Menorah Park, Apt. 135, 18 Arbor Lane, Syracuse, NY 13214. **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE.**
- Joan Vosbury** - at home
- Helen Fisher** - at home, 139 Dormar Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212
- Louanne Smith Rudnick** – Undergoing treatment for lymph node cancer - 7888 Myers Road, Kirkville, NY 13082. **SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE.**
- 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
- Gill Laroche (and Pam too)** – at home - 6660 Collamer Road, E. Syracuse, NY 13057
- 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

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

A Note from Pastor Lauren Swanson



Proverbs 6:6-8 ⁶Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise. ⁷Without having any chief or officer or ruler, ⁸it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest.

The ant knows: there is work to be done in the summer! It is time for vacations, relaxing in the good weather, taking time away from the busyness of employment and holidays and school. But important things happen in the summer that take planning. And summer will not last all that long. We need to be ready for all that Fall and Winter may bring.

In the church it seems like the pace slows. But there are special events in the summer and mission projects that require a lot of work at a time many workers are away. Work continues on the Serenity Memorial Garden. Dinner will be prepared and served at Brown Memorial. The caring work of the church and its prayers continue to pour out. And, of course looking forward to the day a new pastor arrives brings a number of tasks with it. The church officers continue their planning and management of the program and building and, strange as it may seem, pastors and worship teams begin thinking about Advent.

I am no myrmecologist (ant expert), but I do so appreciate the qualities that make the ant hill work. Ants are efficient. They are goal oriented and work hard to achieve their vision. All of them participate. They work in full harmony. They share the load as they share the fruits. They look out for fallen comrades. They persevere when the going gets tough. The life span of the ant is short: males live for only a few weeks and die after mating - workers usually live for several months - Queens can live for decades under the right conditions. (I guess the lesson here is, if you can't be a Queen, be a worker.) What a remarkable and productive insect is the ant.

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Let us take a lesson here. Be as wise as the mighty ant. Use the summer to prepare for a harvest that will carry you smoothly through the difficult stretches to come. Work together in harmony toward the vision God paints for our lives together. Don't let the summer slip away!

Rev. Lauren Swanson

Recent Visitors



On Sunday, July 10, 2022, we were thrilled to welcome visitors Ellie Svendsen and Linda and Terry (not pictured) Rueff. Ellie is Marie Czajak's sister and Linda is Connie Oliver's sister. No resemblances there!

Happy 100th Birthday in Heaven Jeanette Spier Wright July 31, 2022



Right side, second row, first one from left to right.

Serenity Garden Update

July 2022 Worship Report



First Class Freedom was Pastor Ed's sermon title on July 10 and I couldn't help but feel the wind beneath my wings, seeing an image of a bird escaping from its cage! We celebrated Holy Communion with 27 served, including one homebound.

Pastor Ed continued to lead our service the entire month of July, however I was out of town.

Please continue to pray for those on our Prayer Request list, and for the pastor who will eventually arrive at Collamer / First United. May you feel richly blessed and continue to enjoy summer. We hope to see you in church!

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Oliver



We did let Connie go on vacation!



The benches are here! The beautiful benches were delivered. They were assembled and placed in the garden by Vic Oliver on Monday, July 11. Thanks Vic! Shrubs will be delivered and planted soon.

Planting and weeding in the garden are continuing. We would like to thank Kim Warner, Leslie DuMond, Connie Oliver and her sister Linda Rueff for recently pulling a new supply of weeds. We would also like to thank Leslie and Marie Czajak for watering. Volunteers for weeding the church grounds and watering the new plants and live tree in the Memorial Garden will be appreciated. There is a hose and watering can outside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen.



St. Matthews Food Pantry



We are continuing to collect donations of nonperishable food items to be delivered to 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. They are currently stocked up on egg cartons.



by Merle Oswald

August Mission



Once again, in August, we will be collecting school supplies to be provided to children in need attending East Syracuse Elementary School, 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
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Rulers
- Jumbo Markers
- Folders with Pockets
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pens
- Pencil Case
- 1 or 3 Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Tissues
- Clorox Wipes Hand Sanitizers

A box has been placed in the Narthex for collection of the donations. The deadline for donations is Sunday, September 4, 2022. Thank you!

July Mission



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.

Brown Memorial United Methodist Church



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 has been invited to join us in this mission project. We will obtain discounted hot dogs from Hoffman's as well as donations of other items. We have also received a \$100 gift card from Wegman's for this project. Please let Leslie know if you can help serve the meal.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CUC BOARD MEETING June 22, 2022

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on June 22, 2022, at 6:05 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 Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of May 25, 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 Judith Parker to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2022.

VITAL STATISTICS: The funeral of Jessica McGuire, a non-member, was held on June 1, 2022. Rev. Betty Morey presided.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder Jerome O'Neill reported that he mowed the lawn through May. David Vollmer has been mowing since then. Judd DuMond weed whacked and edged the property. Leslie finished weeding the flower beds in front of the church. Mulching will be done when time permits. The handicapped sign post will be repaired.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: A graduation celebration took place during the June 12 worship service. Sarah O'Neill was given the customary scholarship for high school graduation. Jaden Ellis and Natalie Pidkaminy were provided with small gifts in recognition of their graduation from high school. Wayne O'Neill was recognized for completing his associate degree. Nicole "Nikki" Heidt, a chief resident in general surgery, was recognized for graduating residency. A reception followed the service.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Cards and calls to shut-ins are continuing. We received an e-mail from First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro, NC, concerning Christine McMahon's request to transfer her membership. She is currently on the inactive list. A motion was made by Elder Pamela Laroche and seconded by Elder Jerome O'Neill to accept the request for transfer of membership. Motion passed.

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

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St. Matthew's Food Pantry. In June, 3 boxes of food and 11 egg cartons were delivered to St. Matthew's Food Pantry by Wayne Brignall.

June Mission – Shoe Collection. In June, we collected shoes to be donated to Ralph Rotella, "the shoe repair guy" in Syracuse. He will clean and repair them. The shoes will then be donated to the Rescue Mission around Christmas time. We collected more than 146 pairs of shoes. Many were dropped off at the front door in response to the announcement on the LED message board. The shoes will be blessed by Rev. Swanson on Sunday, June 26.

Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. They cannot accept the donated items until October 2022. We will be sending the monetary donations of \$100 in the meantime.

July Mission. Our mission for July will be to purchase reusable grocery bags to be provided to St. Matthew's Food Pantry. They will be provided to people picking up groceries at the Food Pantry for carrying the items home. The bags will be customized with information concerning Collamer United Church. They will be purchased with funds from a mission grant received from the Presbytery.

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 has been invited to join us in this mission project. We will seek to obtain discounted or donated hot dogs from Hoffman's as well as donations of other items.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: On June 12, the congregation approved resuming our search for a Presbyterian minister. On June 20, we had a Zoom interview with a potential minister. We are presently following up on that and expect to conduct a second interview in the near future.

TECHNOLOGY: It was noted that Elder Jerome O'Neill and Gill Laroche will be addressing installation of the monitor for the rear or the sanctuary in the near future. Elder Merle Oswald reported that she has contacted an electrician about doing the necessary wiring.

Elder Judith Parker reported that Shawn Ellis assisted her in preparing a video tour of the church to be sent to potential pastors. He has agreed to join the committee

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and will help with the website and setting up a YouTube account.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver submitted a written report as follows: Pastor Ed Veaudry will be 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 June 5 - 28 were served (including one homebound). Graduates were honored on June 12.

OLD BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported Kim Warner (a friend of Judi Parker), Judi, Marie, Connie and Leslie weeded the Serenity Garden. They also planted several plants donated by Vollmer's. Volunteers to help with watering the downstairs gardens and the living tree would be appreciated. Shrubs have been ordered from Aspinall's - in the near future they will be delivering and planting them, along with replacing the four dead trees. The three benches have been received. They will be assembled and placed in and near the garden soon.

The office computer crashed again. Between meetings, the Board approved the purchase of a new computer at a cost of approximately \$800. The computer was purchased at Best Buy, along with updated Microsoft Office software to work with the new operating system. An adapter to allow use of the old monitor as a second screen was also purchased. The total cost was \$794. All data was successfully transferred by the Best Buy Geek Squad and the new computer is up and running. 5 Star set up access to the copier/printer and will be setting up scanning capabilities on Thursday.

It has been suggested that we use approximately \$400 remaining in the WUCS (former women's group) account to help defray the cost of the computer. A motion was made by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to accept funds from the WUCS to offset the cost of the new computer. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Judith Parker asked to borrow three tables from the Fellowship Hall for use at her granddaughter's graduation party on July 23. Permission was granted.

Elder Judith Parker contacted Rob Clifford (a neighbor of the Church) to offer use of the basketball hoop. It is hoped that this would attract other neighbors to participate in activities on the church grounds.

Discussion took place concerning some interaction with other neighbors of the Church and inviting them to attend worship services. It was noted that the neighbors have a number of small children and that we should be prepared to offer Sunday school lessons should they attend. Elder Jeannine Parks indicated that she would put some lesson plans and activities together for use should children attend the worship service.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be July 27, 2022 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

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is August 24, 2022. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline.

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.



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.

8th GATHERING OF ORPHAN VEHICLES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2022 11 AM – 3 PM *

Lewis Park, Village of Minoa

featuring

MUSIC !
FOOD TRUCKS !
CHARITY EVENT !

Plenty of parking

2 shows in 1!! the Orphan Show + the Oneida Lake Region AACA show, **AND** a Cruise-In!
(cruise-in is open to all makes)

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT 3 LOCAL AGENCIES

Project Healing Waters (veterans),
the Law Enforcement Foundation,
& the Minoa Fire Department

Not sure what constitutes an 'orphan'? Contact Vic!

Contact Victor Oliver (315) 569-1075
Information: email: cnyorphancars1@gmail.com

CNY Orphan Car Fans Facebook

Only pre-registered orphan vehicles that are on the field by NOON will be judged!

* Show car gate opens at 9

----- Pre-Registration forms must be postmarked by August 10, 2022 -----

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (\$10)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ Make / Model: _____



Mail this form with check payable to 'Project Healing Waters' to: Connie Oliver, 6833 Loucks Rd., East Syracuse, NY 13057

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COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL ONCE AGAIN HOLD IT'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022, 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022, 9:00 A.M. – Noon
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022, 9:00 A.M. – Noon



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 are giving you this advance notice so that you can start cleaning out your houses, garages, basements, attics, closets, and drawers.

WE NEED

Donations of clothes, small furniture, kitchen items, books, toys, small appliances, jewelry, tools, etc. (but we do urge you to 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.) Further information will be forthcoming in the September issue of this publication. We will then inform you of the date when you may start dropping off items. If you have any questions in the meantime you may call the church office at 315-463-4939.