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Submitted by:

Mike Breclaw

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Celebration!



On Sunday, May 15, 2022, we celebrated those who have been active members of CUC for 50 years or more. Seventeen parishioners have served a total of 1,068 years. Lois Hale Klein was especially honored for her 72 years. Following the service, we enjoyed a time of fellowship, brownies and cake.

We enjoyed the return of Rev. Betty Morey the first 3 Sundays in May. With her gift for preaching, she constantly reminds us that Jesus is with us always, and is also masterful with Joys and Concerns. She served communion to 28 via intinction on May 1. Elder Bill Porter taught on "Philip, Jesus' Advance Man" on May 22nd. During the 'children (of all ages!)' moment, he spoke about how much better we'd get along if we would be a bit more yielding to others. (Yield signs on both ends of a covered bridge)

On Mother's Day, the choir sang 'Mom-isms!'. After church, women could select a flower solar light to place in their yard, flower bed or along a pathway. The attached tag contained a good Bible verse to memorize, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (*Psalms 119:10*) 50+ year members were honored on May 15th. *(write-up in left column)*

Rev. Lauren Swanson will be back on Memorial Day Weekend, May 29th, as well as June 12th and June 26th. Rev. Betty Morey is here on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th (***remember to wear red that day!***). Elder Bill Porter will be with us on Father's Day (June 19th) and Rev. Ed Veaudry will be at CUC the entire month of July!

Please continue to pray for our pastoral search, however it proceeds. The May 15th announcement that Pastor Abid is no longer appointed was unusual, yet we know God is in control of our situation and knows who is being called to our faith community.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Oliver

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

Sarah O'Neill



Sarah O'Neill, will be graduating with honors, from East Syracuse Minoa Central Schools in June. She is receiving a Gold Tassel for earning a 90 average or above every marking period for her entire high school career. She is a member of National Honor Society. Among other activities, Sarah played on the Varsity softball team, worked on the Stage Crew for school plays, and was a member of National Foreign Language Honor Society. Sarah is a member of CUC and volunteers often. She also works full time at Tops in Fayetteville. Sarah will continue her education at Nazareth College in Rochester, where she was awarded the Nazareth Dean's Scholarship, majoring in Biology.

Natalie Pidkaminy



Natalie Pidkaminy, granddaughter of Judi Parker, is graduating from Marcellus High School and will be attending SUNY Oswego, majoring in business administration and minor in economics.

Jaden Christopher Ellis

Jaden Christopher Ellis graduates this June as an ESM Honor student. The doctor said he may never speak, may never drive a car or live a normal life. They were wrong, very wrong. Spartan proud and no stranger to challenges Jaden is a member of the J. F.K. National Honor Society, has received his Gold Tassel and plans to attend OCC this fall as he explores options for his future. He says he's not sure what he wants to be when he grows up, "so what's the rush". Jaden has shown remarkable courage and strength while standing by his mom during her battles as a Pink Ribbon SURVIVOR. His future is bright which ever direction he decides to go.

Wayne O'Neill



Wayne O'Neill recently earned an Associate's degree in Automotive Technology from SUNY Morrisville. Wayne has made the honor roll every semester of his college career. He also earned certification in MOPAR. He works part-time while in school and full-time during college breaks at Fayetteville Dodge, where he is an automotive technician. He will be returning to Morrisville in the fall for his senior year as he works to complete his Automotive bachelor of technology degree. Wayne is a member of CUC.

Nicole "Nikki" Heidt, MD



Nicole "Nikki" Heidt, MD, a chief resident in general surgery, will be graduating residency in June with Maine Medical Center's 2022 Department of Surgery class. She will take her written board exams in July. She and her husband, Cory, reside in South Portland with their 20-month-old daughter, Riley, and their dog, Motley. Nikki is the daughter of proud mama, Connie.





June 5, 2022
Don't forget to wear Red!

What does Pentecost mean to our church today?

The church was born at Pentecost and it is a sacred holiday on our church calendar. For the church, Pentecost, is a great harvest of the Spirit. Because of Pentecost, we reap a Harvest of Power to be a witness; an ability to be renewed, transformed, and live life in the presence of the Holy Spirit. His power is abundantly available to us who believe. God's intention was that His people be filled with His Spirit. They were promised power, guidance, presence—that was God's specific purpose. When we are full of the Spirit, it makes a difference. We know when someone is excited about something because they are passionate about it; they are full of it!

On Pentecost, the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit's power to proclaim the risen Christ to the ends of the earth. God wants everyone to be included in the Church of Jesus Christ. He is no respecter of persons. It doesn't matter to God where we have come from. What matters to Him is where we are going.

excerpt from MVUMC



We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

*In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.
 Amen*

- Rev. Chuck Currie



by Merle Oswald

June Mission

TAKE A WALK WITH OUR FATHERS



To honor our fathers, in June 2022, we will be collecting used shoes (men's, women's, and children's) to be delivered to Ralph Rotella, Discount Shoe Repair. They will then be cleaned up or repaired and donated to the Rescue Mission in Syracuse. There will be a collection box in the Narthex. The deadline for collecting shoes is Sunday, June 26.

For the past 10 years, Ralph Rotella, Discount Shoe Repair has been collecting shoes, repairing them and then donating them to the Rescue Mission to give to people in need. It all started with a chance encounter. "It was a real snowy day in February. You know it gets cold, you get a lot of snow," Rotella recalled. "I saw this guy walking right out front of the door with torn out shoes. I called him, I said, 'Come in sir, come inside.'" Ralph gave him a pair of shoes, and has not stopped giving since. The first year, he collected 35 pairs. In 2021, he collected 37,370 pairs of shoes.



*Blue Star Mothers
of America, Inc.*

In May, we collected personal care items, snacks/treats and monetary donations for Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. They were blessed by Rev. Swanson on May 29. Thank you all for your generous donations!

Adopt- A – Highway

On Sunday, May 1, 2022, following the worship service, 5 hearty souls picked up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge. They filled 3 bags plus collected an animal trap. We would like to thank Mike Breclaw for heading up this project!



Jerome O'Neill (photographer) Victor Oliver, Jim Schuyler, Susan O'Neill, Marie Czajak and Merle Oswald.

St. Matthews Food Pantry



We are continuing to collect donations of nonperishable food items to be delivered to St. Matthews Food Pantry. In May, we collected 3 boxes of food and 25 egg cartons. They were delivered to St. Matthews by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald. The Food Pantry is still in need of empty cardboard (not Styrofoam) egg cartons.



A jar containing over 3,800 can tabs collected over the years was delivered to the Masons in North Syracuse for donation for St. Jude's Children's hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS LYDIA



Lydia Coombs (Granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall) to Represent Empire 8 as an Associate Member of NCAA Division III SAAC

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- *Lydia Coombs*, a freshman on the Nazareth field hockey team, will represent the Empire 8 Conference on the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as an associate member. Her two-year appointment will run through January, 2024.

Coombs played in all 17 games as a defender for the Golden Flyers in 2021. A native of Jamesville, NY, Coombs, who also serves on Nazareth's SAAC, holds a 3.93 grade-point average as a biochemistry major. She was named to the Empire 8 President's List for the Fall 2021 semester for her strong work in the classroom.

"I am truly honored to be selected as the SAAC representative of the Empire 8 conference at the national level," said Coombs. "There is a great deal of reform needed to emphasize the importance of the student-athlete voice. I'm beyond excited to work with our team to improve all aspects of the student-athlete experience."

The mission of the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-athlete welfare and fostering a positive student-athlete image.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) represents the Division III student-athlete voice in the Division III governance structure by reviewing legislation; identifying significant student-athlete issues; implementing national student-athlete based initiatives; encouraging community outreach; and enhancing Division III student-athlete involvement in and understanding of Division III in general. The SAAC is also the committee that is primarily responsible for maintaining and coordinating the division's nationwide partnership with the Special Olympics.



Our Mother's Day weekend, May 7, 2022, dinner was very successful. We are so fortunate to have such generous donors. John and Merle Oswald again donated most of the groceries and trash service. Dave Vollmer supplied the vegetables. The four Brignalls donated some groceries too. Cliff's gave us the milk, once again. Lunch on work day was compliments of Leslie DuMond, Judi Parker and Jeannine Hudgins. Dessert was provided by Emeline McShane. Our friend Fritz gave a generous check again. We are so thankful for all of the aforementioned. A special thank you to all the hard-working staff.

We were blessed with beautiful early summer weather and served 214 guests. Our profit was \$2,740!

Karen Brignall

A quick Serenity Garden Update



Here is a wee update... Three benches will be delivered sometime mid-June. As soon as is feasible, Aspinalls will be replacing 4 of the 5 trees planted last November, and we are preparing to split/transplant grasses from other church gardens, and plant several shrubs in the near future.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CUC BOARD MEETING April 27, 2022

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 27, 2022, at 6:06 p.m. in the lounge. Elder Merle Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Leslie DuMond served as Moderator.

A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 23, 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 March 2022.

VITAL STATISTICS: Geraldine Veaudry was welcomed as a member on April 24, 2022.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder Jerome O'Neill reported the building passed the Town of Dewitt inspection on April 5, 2022. Wayne Brignall met with the inspector. Judd DuMond replaced the mailbox. Gill Laroche replaced the outside lights in front of the building with LED bulbs. Pam and Gill Laroche cleaned up brush.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Susan O'Neill reported Jeri Veaudry was welcomed as a new member on April 24, 2022. A reception was held after the worship service. Grace Brignall and Pat Pease sent cards and made phone calls to shut-ins throughout the past month. The donated stamps were used to send cards.

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

One Great Hour. During April, we collected \$293.40 through our One Great Hour of Sharing campaign.

St. Matthew's Food Pantry. Also in April, our Mission Fund donated \$50 to St. Matthew's Food Pantry to help defray their costs of purchasing eggs for families in need. We also received an anonymous donation of \$100. The money was used by St. Matthews Food Pantry to purchase eggs and Peeps to be provided to families for Easter. We also collected and delivered 39 egg cartons for use in distributing eggs to the families.

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Adopt-A-Highway. The highway cleanup will take place on Sunday, May 1.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Michael Breclaw reported a meeting with District Superintendent, Nola Anderson, took place on April 18, 2022 regarding the appointment of Rev. Ejaz Abid.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Judith Parker reported she reached out to First United Church of East Syracuse to ask who installed their monitors. She then reached out to those people and awaits a response. She distributed and reviewed data regarding website usage.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported as follows: May pulpit supply: May 1 and May 15, Rev. Betty Morey, May 22, Bill Porter, May 29, Rev. Lauren Swanson. She was unable to schedule anyone for Mother's Day, May 8, after Pastor Ed had a conflict. Communion was served by intinction on April 3 - 23 were served. On Good Friday, we had Stations of the Cross from noon until 3:00 p.m. and a Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m. Pulpit supply has been scheduled for every Sunday in June.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that, between meetings, the Board approved a weekly salary for Christy Knowlton and she has been put on payroll.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion took place concerning left-over Upper Room booklets. They will be given to Blue Star Mother's of America, Inc. in May. Elder Leslie DuMond noted that copies have been placed in the Fellowship Hall for members of Al-Anon to take if desired.

Elder Judith Parker noted that Revs. Jenna and Patrick Heery have adopted a second child. A card will be sent.

Discussion took place concerning an article entitled "50 Ways to Increase Worship Attendance". This will be further reviewed.

Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that, due to timing issues related to organist Christy Knowlton getting to their worship service in time for choir practice, First United Church of East Syracuse has asked that we start our worship services 15 minutes earlier. It was noted that they previously moved their service back by 15 minutes to accommodate the shared organist. Discussion took place concerning options to allow Christy to leave our service on time. It was decided to slightly shorten the service and to move the announcements to the end of the service to

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see if that will provide enough time to transition to the second service.

Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported she had a discussion with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding a need for a place for its 80 Master Gardeners to conduct monthly meetings. Those meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. It has been suggested allowing the Master Gardeners use of our Fellowship Hall for a few meetings in exchange for assisting with maintenance of our gardens.

Discussion took place concerning possible reasons for the poor attendance at our recent Chicken & Biscuit dinner. It was determined to make adjustments to the slides on the LED message board when announcing the upcoming dinner.

It was decided that high school and college graduates will be recognized during the worship service on June 12, 2022. As a high school graduate, Sarah O'Neill will be given the customary scholarship.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported we were contacted by the Adirondack Mountain Club with a request to use our Fellowship Hall on November 5 for its fall 2022 meeting. She told them that it was not available due to our scheduled dinner. However, the dinner committee has decided to change the date of the dinner to accommodate this. ADK has been advised. They have also asked to reserve the Fellowship Hall for November 4, 2023. After discussion, the requests for use of the Fellowship Hall for the referenced dates for 2022 and 2023 were approved.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported we received the new Maintenance Agreement for the copier as well as the annual invoice. The invoice included an overage charge for color copies. She contacted 5 Star to discuss the contract in an effort to align the number of copies covered with actual usage, i.e., less black and white copies and more color copies. They reviewed our usage and provided a proposed updated Maintenance Agreement. They also offered to waive the overage charge. **A motion was made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Michael Breclaw to approve the updated copier Maintenance Agreement.**

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Does this Jacket Belong to you?



It has been hanging on the coat rack at the church since fall.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 23, 2022. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline. We are still transitioning our Circuit Rider to e-mail distribution. If you have not already done so, please provide your e-mail address to:

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net. Of course, we are happy to continue to mail it if you prefer.



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.

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.



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.



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Staff - Pastor- Parish Relations Chair

Celebration!



On Sunday, May 15, 2022, we celebrated those who have been active members of CUC for 50 years or more. Seventeen parishioners have served a total of 1,068 years. Lois Hale Klein was especially honored for her 72 years. Following the service, we enjoyed a time of fellowship, brownies and cake.

We enjoyed the return of Rev. Betty Morey the first 3 Sundays in May. With her gift for preaching, she constantly reminds us that Jesus is with us always, and is also masterful with Joys and Concerns. She served communion to 28 via intinction on May 1. Elder Bill Porter taught on "Philip, Jesus' Advance Man" on May 22nd. During the 'children (of all ages!)' moment, he spoke about how much better we'd get along if we would be a bit more yielding to others. (Yield signs on both ends of a covered bridge)

On Mother's Day, the choir sang 'Mom-isms!'. After church, women could select a flower solar light to place in their yard, flower bed or along a pathway. The attached tag contained a good Bible verse to memorize, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (*Psalms 119:10*) 50+ year members were honored on May 15th. *(write-up in left column)*

Rev. Lauren Swanson will be back on Memorial Day Weekend, May 29th, as well as June 12th and June 26th. Rev. Betty Morey is here on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th (***remember to wear red that day!***). Elder Bill Porter will be with us on Father's Day (June 19th) and Rev. Ed Veaudry will be at CUC the entire month of July!

Please continue to pray for our pastoral search, however it proceeds. The May 15th announcement that Pastor Abid is no longer appointed was unusual, yet we know God is in control of our situation and knows who is being called to our faith community.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Oliver

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

Sarah O'Neill



Sarah O'Neill, will be graduating with honors, from East Syracuse Minoa Central Schools in June. She is receiving a Gold Tassel for earning a 90 average or above every marking period for her entire high school career. She is a member of National Honor Society. Among other activities, Sarah played on the Varsity softball team, worked on the Stage Crew for school plays, and was a member of National Foreign Language Honor Society. Sarah is a member of CUC and volunteers often. She also works full time at Tops in Fayetteville. Sarah will continue her education at Nazareth College in Rochester, where she was awarded the Nazareth Dean's Scholarship, majoring in Biology.

Natalie Pidkaminy



Natalie Pidkaminy, granddaughter of Judi Parker, is graduating from Marcellus High School and will be attending SUNY Oswego, majoring in business administration and minor in economics.

Jaden Christopher Ellis

Jaden Christopher Ellis graduates this June as an ESM Honor student. The doctor said he may never speak, may never drive a car or live a normal life. They were wrong, very wrong. Spartan proud and no stranger to challenges Jaden is a member of the J. F.K. National Honor Society, has received his Gold Tassel and plans to attend OCC this fall as he explores options for his future. He says he's not sure what he wants to be when he grows up, "so what's the rush". Jaden has shown remarkable courage and strength while standing by his mom during her battles as a Pink Ribbon SURVIVOR. His future is bright which ever direction he decides to go.

Wayne O'Neill



Wayne O'Neill recently earned an Associate's degree in Automotive Technology from SUNY Morrisville. Wayne has made the honor roll every semester of his college career. He also earned certification in MOPAR. He works part-time while in school and full-time during college breaks at Fayetteville Dodge, where he is an automotive technician. He will be returning to Morrisville in the fall for his senior year as he works to complete his Automotive bachelor of technology degree. Wayne is a member of CUC.

Nicole "Nikki" Heidt, MD



Nicole "Nikki" Heidt, MD, a chief resident in general surgery, will be graduating residency in June with Maine Medical Center's 2022 Department of Surgery class. She will take her written board exams in July. She and her husband, Cory, reside in South Portland with their 20-month-old daughter, Riley, and their dog, Motley. Nikki is the daughter of proud mama, Connie.





June 5, 2022
Don't forget to wear Red!

What does Pentecost mean to our church today?

The church was born at Pentecost and it is a sacred holiday on our church calendar. For the church, Pentecost, is a great harvest of the Spirit. Because of Pentecost, we reap a Harvest of Power to be a witness; an ability to be renewed, transformed, and live life in the presence of the Holy Spirit. His power is abundantly available to us who believe. God's intention was that His people be filled with His Spirit. They were promised power, guidance, presence—that was God's specific purpose. When we are full of the Spirit, it makes a difference. We know when someone is excited about something because they are passionate about it; they are full of it!

On Pentecost, the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit's power to proclaim the risen Christ to the ends of the earth. God wants everyone to be included in the Church of Jesus Christ. He is no respecter of persons. It doesn't matter to God where we have come from. What matters to Him is where we are going.

excerpt from MVUMC



We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

*In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.
 Amen*

- Rev. Chuck Currie



by Merle Oswald
June Mission

TAKE A WALK WITH OUR FATHERS



To honor our fathers, in June 2022, we will be collecting used shoes (men's, women's, and children's) to be delivered to Ralph Rotella, Discount Shoe Repair. They will then be cleaned up or repaired and donated to the Rescue Mission in Syracuse. There will be a collection box in the Narthex. The deadline for collecting shoes is Sunday, June 26.

For the past 10 years, Ralph Rotella, Discount Shoe Repair has been collecting shoes, repairing them and then donating them to the Rescue Mission to give to people in need. It all started with a chance encounter. "It was a real snowy day in February. You know it gets cold, you get a lot of snow," Rotella recalled. "I saw this guy walking right out front of the door with torn out shoes. I called him, I said, 'Come in sir, come inside.'" Ralph gave him a pair of shoes, and has not stopped giving since. The first year, he collected 35 pairs. In 2021, he collected 37,370 pairs of shoes.



In May, we collected personal care items, snacks/treats and monetary donations for Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. They were blessed by Rev. Swanson on May 29. Thank you all for your generous donations!

Adopt- A – Highway

On Sunday, May 1, 2022, following the worship service, 5 hearty souls picked up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge. They filled 3 bags plus collected an animal trap. We would like to thank Mike Breclaw for heading up this project!



Jerome O'Neill (photographer) Victor Oliver, Jim Schuyler, Susan O'Neill, Marie Czajak and Merle Oswald.

St. Matthews Food Pantry



We are continuing to collect donations of nonperishable food items to be delivered to St. Matthews Food Pantry. In May, we collected 3 boxes of food and 25 egg cartons. They were delivered to St. Matthews by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald. The Food Pantry is still in need of empty cardboard (not Styrofoam) egg cartons.



A jar containing over 3,800 can tabs collected over the years was delivered to the Masons in North Syracuse for donation for St. Jude's Children's hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS LYDIA



Lydia Coombs (Granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall) to Represent Empire 8 as an Associate Member of NCAA Division III SAAC

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- *Lydia Coombs*, a freshman on the Nazareth field hockey team, will represent the Empire 8 Conference on the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as an associate member. Her two-year appointment will run through January, 2024.

Coombs played in all 17 games as a defender for the Golden Flyers in 2021. A native of Jamesville, NY, Coombs, who also serves on Nazareth's SAAC, holds a 3.93 grade-point average as a biochemistry major. She was named to the Empire 8 President's List for the Fall 2021 semester for her strong work in the classroom.

"I am truly honored to be selected as the SAAC representative of the Empire 8 conference at the national level," said Coombs. "There is a great deal of reform needed to emphasize the importance of the student-athlete voice. I'm beyond excited to work with our team to improve all aspects of the student-athlete experience."

The mission of the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-athlete welfare and fostering a positive student-athlete image.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) represents the Division III student-athlete voice in the Division III governance structure by reviewing legislation; identifying significant student-athlete issues; implementing national student-athlete based initiatives; encouraging community outreach; and enhancing Division III student-athlete involvement in and understanding of Division III in general. The SAAC is also the committee that is primarily responsible for maintaining and coordinating the division's nationwide partnership with the Special Olympics.



Our Mother's Day weekend, May 7, 2022, dinner was very successful. We are so fortunate to have such generous donors. John and Merle Oswald again donated most of the groceries and trash service. Dave Vollmer supplied the vegetables. The four Brignalls donated some groceries too. Cliff's gave us the milk, once again. Lunch on work day was compliments of Leslie DuMond, Judi Parker and Jeannine Hudgins. Dessert was provided by Emeline McShane. Our friend Fritz gave a generous check again. We are so thankful for all of the aforementioned. A special thank you to all the hard-working staff.

We were blessed with beautiful early summer weather and served 214 guests. Our profit was \$2,740!

Karen Brignall

A quick Serenity Garden Update



Here is a wee update... Three benches will be delivered sometime mid-June. As soon as is feasible, Aspinalls will be replacing 4 of the 5 trees planted last November, and we are preparing to split/transplant grasses from other church gardens, and plant several shrubs in the near future.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CUC BOARD MEETING April 27, 2022

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 27, 2022, at 6:06 p.m. in the lounge. Elder Merle Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Leslie DuMond served as Moderator.

A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to approve the regular Session minutes of March 23, 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 March 2022.

VITAL STATISTICS: Geraldine Veaudry was welcomed as a member on April 24, 2022.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder Jerome O'Neill reported the building passed the Town of Dewitt inspection on April 5, 2022. Wayne Brignall met with the inspector. Judd DuMond replaced the mailbox. Gill Laroche replaced the outside lights in front of the building with LED bulbs. Pam and Gill Laroche cleaned up brush.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Susan O'Neill reported Jeri Veaudry was welcomed as a new member on April 24, 2022. A reception was held after the worship service. Grace Brignall and Pat Pease sent cards and made phone calls to shut-ins throughout the past month. The donated stamps were used to send cards.

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

One Great Hour. During April, we collected \$293.40 through our One Great Hour of Sharing campaign.

St. Matthew's Food Pantry. Also in April, our Mission Fund donated \$50 to St. Matthew's Food Pantry to help defray their costs of purchasing eggs for families in need. We also received an anonymous donation of \$100. The money was used by St. Matthews Food Pantry to purchase eggs and Peeps to be provided to families for Easter. We also collected and delivered 39 egg cartons for use in distributing eggs to the families.

In April, we collected 5 boxes of food. They were delivered to St. Matthews by Wayne Brignall.

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May Mission. In May, we will be collecting items and monetary donations for Blue Star Mothers of America Inc.

Adopt-A-Highway. The highway cleanup will take place on Sunday, May 1.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Michael Breclaw reported a meeting with District Superintendent, Nola Anderson, took place on April 18, 2022 regarding the appointment of Rev. Ejaz Abid.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Judith Parker reported she reached out to First United Church of East Syracuse to ask who installed their monitors. She then reached out to those people and awaits a response. She distributed and reviewed data regarding website usage.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported as follows: May pulpit supply: May 1 and May 15, Rev. Betty Morey, May 22, Bill Porter, May 29, Rev. Lauren Swanson. She was unable to schedule anyone for Mother's Day, May 8, after Pastor Ed had a conflict. Communion was served by intinction on April 3 - 23 were served. On Good Friday, we had Stations of the Cross from noon until 3:00 p.m. and a Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m. Pulpit supply has been scheduled for every Sunday in June.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that, between meetings, the Board approved a weekly salary for Christy Knowlton and she has been put on payroll.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion took place concerning left-over Upper Room booklets. They will be given to Blue Star Mother's of America, Inc. in May. Elder Leslie DuMond noted that copies have been placed in the Fellowship Hall for members of Al-Anon to take if desired.

Elder Judith Parker noted that Revs. Jenna and Patrick Heery have adopted a second child. A card will be sent.

Discussion took place concerning an article entitled "50 Ways to Increase Worship Attendance". This will be further reviewed.

Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that, due to timing issues related to organist Christy Knowlton getting to their worship service in time for choir practice, First United Church of East Syracuse has asked that we start our worship services 15 minutes earlier. It was noted that they previously moved their service back by 15 minutes to accommodate the shared organist. Discussion took place concerning options to allow Christy to leave our service on time. It was decided to slightly shorten the service and to move the announcements to the end of the service to

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see if that will provide enough time to transition to the second service.

Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported she had a discussion with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding a need for a place for its 80 Master Gardeners to conduct monthly meetings. Those meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. It has been suggested allowing the Master Gardeners use of our Fellowship Hall for a few meetings in exchange for assisting with maintenance of our gardens.

Discussion took place concerning possible reasons for the poor attendance at our recent Chicken & Biscuit dinner. It was determined to make adjustments to the slides on the LED message board when announcing the upcoming dinner.

It was decided that high school and college graduates will be recognized during the worship service on June 12, 2022. As a high school graduate, Sarah O'Neill will be given the customary scholarship.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported we were contacted by the Adirondack Mountain Club with a request to use our Fellowship Hall on November 5 for its fall 2022 meeting. She told them that it was not available due to our scheduled dinner. However, the dinner committee has decided to change the date of the dinner to accommodate this. ADK has been advised. They have also asked to reserve the Fellowship Hall for November 4, 2023. After discussion, the requests for use of the Fellowship Hall for the referenced dates for 2022 and 2023 were approved.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported we received the new Maintenance Agreement for the copier as well as the annual invoice. The invoice included an overage charge for color copies. She contacted 5 Star to discuss the contract in an effort to align the number of copies covered with actual usage, i.e., less black and white copies and more color copies. They reviewed our usage and provided a proposed updated Maintenance Agreement. They also offered to waive the overage charge. **A motion was made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Michael Breclaw to approve the updated copier Maintenance Agreement.**

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Does this Jacket Belong to you?



It has been hanging on the coat rack at the church since fall.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 23, 2022. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline. We are still transitioning our Circuit Rider to e-mail distribution. If you have not already done so, please provide your e-mail address to:

CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net. Of course, we are happy to continue to mail it if you prefer.



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.

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.



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.



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Special



There will be a brief special congregational meeting directly after the worship service on Sunday, June 12, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to address the pastoral search.