

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

April 2026



- Thurs. 02 Maundy Thursday -
CUC Soup Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
Worship Service 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 03 Good Friday - First United
will be open from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
for prayer time (no service)
- Sun. 05 "Son"Rise Easter Service -
CUC Serenity Garden 7:00 a.m.
Followed by Coffee Hour
- Sun. 05 Easter Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m. -
Communion
- Mon. 06 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. 07 Blood Drive - First United Church -
1:0 - 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. 08 Senior Luncheon - Bridgeport UMC
- 11:15 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 8:45 a.m.
- Mon. 13 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. 18 Joint Church Leader Workshop -
9:00 a.m. CUC
- Sun. 19 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m.
- Mon. 20 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. 21 Master Gardeners
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Wed. 22 CUC Board 6:00 p.m.
- Sat. 25 Ginnie & Ed Busco 50th Anniversary
Celebration
- Sun. 26 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m. -
Adopt-A-Highway Pickup
- Mon. 27 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.

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 – 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

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

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

Doug Kliphon (and Sheri too) – 7088 Ferstler Road,

Kirkville, NY 13082

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.

Gill Laroche – recovering from knee replacement surgery –

6660 Collamer Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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

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.



An Easter Message from the Pastor



Greetings Friends and Family of Collamer United Church,

We're so grateful to talk to you this Easter season! I know we're all looking forward to getting outside again, to feeling the sun on our skin, and breathing in fresh air. That is the feeling Christ gives us: a new breath of fresh air, a new lease on life.

Our congregation continues to lean into that calling in this new season, from our Dinners, Rummage Sale, to Coffee Hour, to our Lenten Bible Study! If you're reading this letter, you're part of that loving and caring community. Therefore, you should know that we love you dearly, even and especially in your downtimes.

We know this time of the church year is supposed to mark the end of Lent, and the transition into a happier Easter season. However, if you still feel like you're in the Lenten season, that's okay. God sees your sadness, your sense of being overwhelmed, and loves you even in your deepest struggles. We want you to feel that connection, whether you're able to join us every Sunday, or haven't been in our sanctuary in years.

Loneliness, anxiety, kindness, love-all are valid before God, and all are things you're allowed to feel. None of that will ever keep God or Collamer United Church from loving you.

Jesus is with us through it all, reminding us that none of those things last forever, that new life can always be close at hand. That death will never have the final word, as much as we might assume it does. That love and peace will always triumph, even in the most hateful times. And for that, we are eternally grateful.

With Love and Gratitude,



Rev. Eric Adamcik



04	Jeremy Kliphon
06	Jamie Oswald
07	Emily Breclaw
09	Susan O'Neill
24	James Oswald
24	Ginnie & Ed Busco (A)

Spring Dinners



We will be holding our fabulous drive-thru only chicken and biscuit dinners on:

April 11 and May 9

The price of the dinners will be \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 10.

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.



March 2026 Worship Report



Pastor Eric started the month off with his sermon, "Old Dog, New Tricks", referring to change, something we all struggle with. In Genesis 12:1-4, God sent Abram out on a new venture, and he was 75 years old, imagine that! I guess you can teach an old dog new tricks! As his benediction Pastor recited the Serenity Prayer. Valerie Warfield and Judi Parker served communion to 29 congregants.

On March 8th Pastor Eric preached on "Moving Forward, Together". Moses had to move his people forward...they were thirsty and complaining, was God with them or not? Moses turned to God asking for help and obeyed God's commands and was able to draw water from a stone! God was with them! We can also move forward... together.

On March 15, we celebrated Mr. Rogers' Day. Pastor Eric came in singing "Will you be mine, will you be my neighbor". We wore cardigan sweaters in his honor. The choir sang the song "Jesus, Teach us to be Good Neighbors". The sermon was titled "It's you I Like". Most of the sermon was showing of pictures. Matthew 20:16, Jesus is the advocate. The last shall be first and the first shall be last. Pastor Eric talked about a 1981 show, Jeff, a 10-year-old boy, talks about his wheelchair. Mr. Rogers makes him feel normal. Pastor Eric sang "You I Like". Then he talked about Miss Rachel who had a son who needed speech therapy. She started a YouTube show "Songs for Little". He then sang "It is Such a Good Feeling". (He has a very nice voice!).

Elder Lynn Jacques was in our pulpit on March 22. The choir anthem was "Irish Blessing". The scripture reading was from John 11:1-29, 30-42. Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha, was sick and died. When Jesus came, Lazarus had been dead four days. Jesus lifted up his eyes and said "Father, I thank thee that thou has heard me. Then he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth". And he that was dead came forth. Elder Lynn Jacques' message was "The Women of Easter". The story of Mary and Martha. Lynn asked us, "How many times is 40 mentioned in the Bible?"

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On March 29, the choir sang "Hosanna in the Highest". The scripture reading was Matthew 21:1-11. Jesus sent two disciples to the village to bring him a donkey and a colt. The disciples did as Jesus commanded them. A great multitude spread their garments and branches from the trees in the way of Jesus and were saying "Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he that cometh in the way of the Lord. Pastor Eric's message was "Save Me", the meaning of Hosanna. We had a young visitor, Callen Wright Stiles (7 years old) and he went up to the front during the children's sermon to chat with Pastor Eric about Palm Sunday.

~ Submitted by Judi Parker and Pat Pease

February Monthly Senior Luncheon at Bridgeport UMC



Another enjoyable Young at Heart Luncheon was held at Bridgeport UMC on Wednesday, March 11. Approximately 28 people attended including the following individuals from CUC: Pastor Eric, Ginnie Busco and friend Sue Bliss, Merle Oswald, Judi Parker, Valerie Warfield, and Leslie DuMond.

Shirley Pease again welcomed us. (Diane Taylor is still wintering in Florida!) We played a St. Patrick's Day trivia game and gifts were presented to those with the most correct answers. Shirley then talked about the history of St. Patrick's Day and read some Irish blessings.

Another delicious homemade meal was served including ham, corned beef, parsley potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and rolls. Pistachio bread and pistachio pudding were served for dessert. As usual, coffee, tea, and water were available.

After lunch, Pastor Omar led a lovely Lenten worship service which included several hymns and people taking turns reading scriptures. He talked about determining "what is God's will for my life?"

The next luncheon will take place on April 8. We hope to see you there!

~Leslie DuMond



During March, we collected the following items for Sunnyside Care Center: 90 barrettes, 15 crossword books (Large Print), 9-word search books (Large Print), 2 coloring books, 2 boxes of crayons, 10 body lotion, 60 pencils with erasers, 40 erasers, 3 pencil sharpeners, 52 pens, 5 toothbrushes, and 34 packages of small tissues. The items were dedicated by Pastor Eric on March 29.



February 2026 Mission



During February, we collected \$100.00 for the American Heart Association.



We are continuing to accept donations for the Presbyterian Church USA's One Great Hour of Sharing campaign. Envelopes are located on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary. The deadline is Easter Sunday, April 5.

Adopt-A-Highway



On Sunday, April 26, following the worship service, we will pick up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road up to the Thruway Bridge. Please join us. It is always a good time and you never know what we will find!



In March, we collected two boxes and two bags of food and 71 egg cartons for St. Matthew's food pantry. They were delivered by Wayne Brignall on March 17, 2026.

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:

April: Sugar and Flour



- May: Dish soap
- June: Cereal
- July: Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins) and salt and pepper
- September: Liquid laundry detergent
- October: Boxed stuffing
- November: Liquid hand soap.
- December: Shampoo and conditioner (men's and women's)



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 25, 2026, CUC SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on February 25, 2026, at 6:06 p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge.

ELECTIONS: It was noted that it was necessary to elect a Moderator for 2026. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Valerie Warfield to elect Elder Judith Parker to serve as Moderator. Motion passed.

It was noted that it was necessary to elect a Clerk of Session for 2026. A motion was made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Merle Oswald to elect Elder Leslie DuMond to serve as Clerk of Session. Motion passed.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Valerie Warfield and seconded by Elder Connie Oliver to approve the Session minutes of January 21, 2026. Motion passed.

A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Connie Oliver to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2026, Annual Congregational Meeting, as amended. Motion passed.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Adamcik reported that through February, he was doing an online program about preaching with creation. He completed the course last night.

He will be attending an Emerging Leaders Cohort that will gather March 22-25, 2026, in Lake Tahoe. This is presented by Auburn Seminary. There will be no cost to the church. During this time away, Elder Lynn Jacques will provide pulpit supply and will lead the Bible study on March 22. He distributed a list of other conferences he plans to attend in the first half of 2026, including the following: May 18 – 22, Early Ministry Institute hosted by the Synod of the Northeast, will take place in Silver Bay, New York. June 22 – July 2, General Assembly, hosted by PCUSA General Assembly, will take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pulpit supply will be needed on May 24 and June 28 while he is attending these conferences. Elder Lynn Jacques has offered to cover the pulpit on these dates. Registration fees will be split between the two churches.

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Pastor Eric reported he has located a refurbished computer. The cost of this computer and the Best Buy Geek Squad service will be split between the two churches.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Dave Vollmer has plowed the parking lot as needed. Ginnie Busco, Leslie and Judd DuMond, Wayne Brignall, and Shawn Ellis shoveled the entrance ways and emergency exits. Ginnie Busco is continuing to do weekly cleaning. Judd DuMond changed some light bulbs in the Narthex/Hallway.

The Board was presented with a proposal provided by Cooney Air Conditioning and Heating for replacement of the boiler system. It was noted that the system is quite old and in disrepair. It was noted that this would be a capital expense and use of the funds in the New Covenant Funds would be appropriate. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Valerie Warfield to accept the proposal for replacement of the boiler system and to use funds from the New Covenant Funds investment. Motion passed.

The Board was also presented with a proposal provided by Cooney Air Conditioning and Heating for installation of air conditioning units in the sanctuary. It was determined to table the matter and to investigate other options.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: During Lent, we will be studying the book *Turning Over Tables* by Kathy Escobar. The five-week study will start Sunday, March 1, at noon at CUC. We will then alternate with FUCOES for the remainder of the study and will conclude March 29. Lunch will be served.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Valerie Warfield reported this committee includes the following individuals: Karen Brignall, Amy Caldeira (replacing Grace Brignall), Dan Christen, Marie Czajak, Judy McCallops and herself. Cards/calls/visits are continuing. We are now placing cards on the podium in the Narthex each Sunday to be signed by the congregation and sent to various individuals. She will be holding a meeting soon to address new duties passed on to the committee.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry - "Soup"er Bowl Sunday was February 8, 2026. During January and the first week of February, we collected 86 cans of various kinds of soup and 27 boxes and 1 bag of crackers to be donated to the St. Matthew's Food Pantry. They were dedicated by Pastor Eric on February 8 when we were dressed in our favorite sports garb. The collection was delivered to St. Matthew's Food Pantry by Wayne and Karen Brignall on February 10, 2026.

Hat & Mitten Tree - During December and January, we had many donations placed under the hat and mitten tree! Our church congregation donated the following: 24 hats, 10 pairs of gloves, 11 scarves, 2 combination sets, 1 facemask,

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3 ear warmers, and 3 pairs of socks. Our friends from 4-H provided the following: 24 hats, 29 pairs of gloves, 1 scarf, and 26 combination sets. The items were delivered to the Rescue Mission by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on February 6.

American Heart Association- During February, we are collecting monetary donations for the American Heart Association.

Sunnyside Care Center – During March, we will collect the following items for Sunnyside Care Center: puzzle books (large print), crossword books (large print, word search books (large print), hand cream, body lotion, pencils with erasers, pens, and shoulder shawls. The deadline for collection is March 29.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Connie Oliver reported that she is working on recruiting individuals to serve on this committee. The CUC Bylaws indicate that the committee should consist of 5 – 9 members. Rev. Kenneth Wonderland, our Presbytery representative, advised that members of the committee do not need to be members of the church. She has reached out to the 4 committee members that served in 2024 and will reach out to others.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported that during Lent, we will be collecting donations for the Presbytery USA One Great Hour of Sharing campaign. She noted that based on information recently received, this should be a function of the stewardship committee and not missions as we have done in the recent past.

TECHNOLOGY: On behalf of Elder Georgia Clifford, Elder Judith Parker reported the Facebook page and website continue to be updated on a regular basis. Joe Hudgins has updated the website. Research was done on getting a website manager to improve the site. We are working with First United to put together a shared Google calendar.

WORSHIP: Elder Judith Parker submitted a written report as follows:

Communion Service on February 1

On February 1, communion was served to a total of 25 individuals using the intinction method. Valerie Warfield and Judi Parker assisted in distributing communion during the service.

Committee Meeting on February 1

The committee met on February 1. During this meeting, it was noted that Jodi Jones and Debbie Lanty have joined the committee, replacing Susan Brignall and Marie Czajak. The group discussed plans for the upcoming Lenten services. As a

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new approach for this year, the Lenten litany will feature candle lighting instead of the traditional candle extinguishing.

On February 8, she attended a joint worship meeting at First United. The main topic was planning for joint Lenten services. Additional points discussed included the introduction of Praise and Worship music into the Sunday service format, arrangements for pulpit supply during the pastor's absence, the creation of a shareable Google calendar, and organizing a joint committee workshop day, which is scheduled for April 18. Details about the workshop day will be provided soon.

Lynn Jacques will provide pulpit supply on March 22, May 24, and June 28, all at our usual service time.

Changes to Summer Communion and Services

- Sunday, July 5: Joint service at FUCOES at 9:30 AM.
- Sunday, July 12: Both churches will celebrate Communion (instead of July 5).
- Sunday, August 30: Both churches will celebrate Communion (instead of Sept. 6).
- Sunday, September 6: Joint service at CUC at 9:30 AM.

Ten people attended the Ash Wednesday noon service.

NEW BUSINESS: In January, we were contacted by the 4-H program concerning its camp program. The camp program will run from July 20 – 24 and July 27 – 31. They are scheduled to hold camp at Long Branch Park and Oneida Shores. These parks do not have the facilities/structures needed to be able to hold camp on days when there are thunderstorms or other inclement weather. They asked if they could use the fellowship hall as a backup location in the event of bad weather. They would provide us with as much notice as possible. We do not have any conflicts with these dates. As a result of an e-mail poll of the Board, it was decided to permit this use of the fellowship hall by the 4-H program. They have been advised of this decision.

Arise – Exceptional Family Resources has asked to extend their use of the Fellowship Hall for Fantastic Fridays through March 2026. There are no conflicts. Motion was made by Elder Merle Oswald and seconded by Elder Connie Oliver to approve this request. Motion passed.

Elder Pamela Laroche reported that the required annual reports have been completed and submitted to the Methodist Conference and Presbytery.

Elder Leslie DuMond noted that several years ago, we started to put together job descriptions for all of the Board members and committees. This effort was eventually abandoned

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without being completed. She and Elder Judith Parker have been working on completing the descriptions that were not done at that time and updating others. Copies of the descriptions were distributed, and the Board members were asked to review the descriptions and provide any changes, comments, or updates to Elder Leslie DuMond.

Elder Leslie DuMond reported we were contacted by Angela Cushing concerning use of the kitchen as a commissary kitchen for her catering business. She was referred by Judy McCallops. Elder Leslie DuMond will meet with her to show her the facilities and provide the necessary paperwork.

Elder Judith Parker discussed the nursery and suggested that diaper changing stations be installed in both women's restrooms. The matter was tabled.

The next regular meeting will take place on March 18, 2026.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is April 27, 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.



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PLANET AID DONATION BOX



Reminder:

CUC benefits from donations placed in the Planet Aid box located at Vollmer Farms. Please drop off your donations to benefit our church!

Fellowship Hall and Kitchen 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.

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.



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.

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

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Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Drive-Thru Only



Saturday, April 11, 2026

@ COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH

6865 FLY ROAD IN COLLAMER (315-463-4939)

Serving will start at 4:30 P.M.

***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:

\$15.00 for ALL Adults; \$6.00 for Children 10 and under.

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