

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

September 2024



- Sun. 01 Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. - Communion
First Day to Drop Off Rummage Sale
Donations at Vollmer's Greenhouse
- Mon. 01 Labor Day
Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. 03 Blood Drive - First United Church
- Sun. 08 Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
- Mon. 09 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. 13 Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. -
Vollmer's Greenhouse
- Sat. 14 Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. - Noon -
Vollmer's Greenhouse
- Sun. 15 Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
- Mon. 16 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. 17 Master Gardeners 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Sat. 21 Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. - Noon -
Vollmer's Greenhouse
- Sun. 22 Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
- Mon. 23 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 29 Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
- Mon. 30 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.



- 02 - Victor Oliver
- 05 - Wayne O'Neill
- 15 - Grace & Keith Brignall (A)
- 29 - Lois Klein



- 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 – Iroquois Nursing Home, 4600 Southwood Heights Drive, Jamesville, NY 13078, Room 102 – SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!
- Grace Brignall - 5514 N. Manlius Street, Fayetteville, NY 13066 – SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE!
- Carol Burleigh – 102 Watertree Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057
- Savanna Colabufo and Courtney Clark – at home - 4296 Seeber Road, Canastota, NY 13032
- Maryjane and Joe Molina - 502 Oot Lane, Apt. 2 Kirkville, NY 13082 - 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 – 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
- 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 - 6991 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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



Pastor's Message

Do You Remember?



Do you remember
The 21st night of September?
Love was changin' the minds of pretenders
While chasin' the clouds away"

There is no time in my life when I didn't know these lyrics by heart.

You see, my parents raised me as an Earth Wind & Fire fan essentially from birth. I danced to this and many other songs as a baby, and have continued to dance to it my whole life.

Fun fact: when I went to college in Memphis, Tennessee, I actually lived a 15-minute drive from the childhood home of EW&F's Maurice White! That connection stayed with me through college, and up to today.

As we start this month, a transition from Summer to Fall, I hope we all take the chance to be mindful of that change as a chance to start afresh.

To chase whatever clouds away that haunted us during the summer,

Moving into a time where we can let ourselves relax and cool down just as the weather cools down outside.

We may regret the end of summer, but we can also embrace the start of our routines. A new regularity that will let our bodies and minds be more present in our work, play, school, and yes, church.

I, for one, look forward to a more regular schedule as we look into new member classes, new missions, and other things that will help us grow together as a church. I encourage everyone reading this to take advantage of that new regularity by visiting me during the day, and seeing how we can build this fall together.

Now, everyone may know Earth, Wind, & Fire's version of "September," but I'm delighted to say there's also a cover by famous Gospel artist Kirk Franklin, which joyfully pays tribute to the original. And I want to close with a quote from that cover, to speak to where God is in all of our lives:

- Pastor's Message Continued -

"Everybody has a September in their life
You know, that first time you heard God's voice
Oh, you felt His Love
So, no matter what season you're in right now,
After winter comes spring
So if you love my Jesus help me sing"
Let's all sing of Jesus' love, together, in this new season.

Yours in Christ, Eric Adamcik

Pastor's Office Hours

The following is Pastor Eric's schedule for office hours:

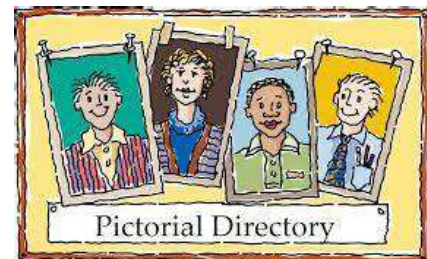
Monday @ Collamer, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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 subject to change. If you would like to schedule a meeting with him, please contact the church office.



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.



July and August 2024 Worship Report



"A Tale of Two Dances"



"Picnic and a Boat Ride"



"Protecting Our Peace"



"Ubuntu"



"Armor Time"

The summer has flown by, hasn't it? Vic and I have been away several more Sundays in July and August. Rev. Eric Adamcik served communion by intinction to 24 on July 7, and to 27 (+ 1 homebound) on August 4th.

His sermons these summer months included preaching on "Prophetic Indifference," "A Tale of Two Dances," "I'll Do It Myself!" "Picnic and a Boat Ride", "Protecting Our Peace", "Ubuntu", "Wisdom... But From Where" and "Armor Time"! Pastor Eric continues to teach by combining Biblical references, life experiences and much research (12 - 15 hours each week!) to provide these engaging and thought-provoking messages. If something he shares strikes your heart, please find a moment to let Pastor Eric know.

Our Worship Team met with First United Church of East Syracuse's committee on August 25. Two items are requesting your input, please! As was mentioned August 18 at CUC, we are looking for your favorite hymn(s) from the big UM hymnal. Slips of paper will be provided on the back table for you to record your selections, then place them in the offering plate. Thank you for your help in this effort to bring back into the rotation some hymns from the past!

We are also looking at another method to involve the congregation in service. We hope you would consider volunteering as a liturgist, usher, and/or acolyte, and will provide training for these roles. If you have a reason holding you back from helping, please let me know so we can attempt to mitigate your concern, allowing you to grow in service in this way. Watch for a clipboard going around!

Also, check out the coffee station in the narthex. Help yourself!

- Worship Committee Report Continued -

Please pray for one another and our mission in the community and world. Enjoy these last days of summer, and see you in church!

Respectfully submitted,
~ Connie Oliver



Fall Chicken & Biscuit Dinners

We will be having more chicken and biscuit dinners on: October 5 and November 2. The hope was to have both dinners in-house. However, due to timing issues we are not able to pull together the necessary staff for the October dinner. That dinner will be drive-thru only.

The November 2 dinner will be in-house with take-outs available. As in the past, we will serve family style meals in our fellowship hall complete with pies, brown breads, etc.! We are working on staffing for this meal, particularly the dining room helpers. We hope to see some of our former helpers that have not been needed for the drive-thru dinners. Please contact the church office ASAP to sign up to help! We will also have help from volunteers from the 4-H Program but need experienced staff to work with them.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the chicken and other groceries for these dinners, you may contact the church office or leave a donation in the collection plate clearly marked as funds for the dinner.



Morning Fellowship



We are now offering coffee, tea, and hot cocoa before and after the Sunday worship services. Small treats may also be available. Come early and enjoy!



Calling all Crafters! We are excited to hold our Holiday Craft Sale in December again (in conjunction with First United's Cookie Walk). If you are crafty and would like to make items to donate to the sale it will be greatly appreciated! You can drop off your crafts to the church office anytime. We have had this sale for the past few years with great results and we thank you for your support!

Brown Memorial United Methodist Church



On August 11, 2024, along with First United Church of East Syracuse, we hosted a picnic meal at Brown Memorial United Methodist Church. We provided hot dogs, macaroni salad, potato salad, watermelon, and milk. We obtained discounted hot dogs from Hoffman's and a gift card from Wegman's that covered the cost of watermelon and milk. We served over 50 meals and leftovers were available to provide to others in need. Leslie and Judd DuMond, Ginnie and Ed Busco and Merle Oswald participated from CUC along with Pastor Eric and three representatives of First United. As usual, this was a rewarding experience and provided wonderful fellowship outside our church doors. Thanks to all who helped with this successful project.





by Merle Oswald

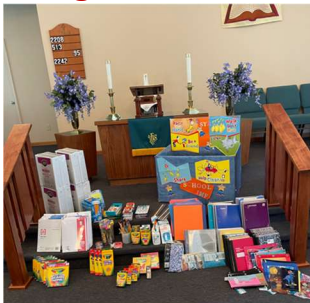
July Missions

For July, we collected items for Helping Hounds Dog Rescue. The items collected are as follows: \$25 Tops gift card, 8 leashes, 8 collars of various sizes, 2 toys, 1 halter collar, 1 bottle of hand soap, 1 container of disinfectant wipes, 1 pair of pillow cases, 3 bath towels, 6 washcloths, 14 rolls of paper towels, 2 dry markers, 1 box (100 count) file folders, and 1 package (8 count) file folders. The donations were blessed by Pastor Beth Quick on July 28, 2024 and delivered to Helping Hounds by Pat Pease and Merle Oswald on August 2, 2024.



We also collected monetary donations to help a family from Canastota that lost everything in the recent tornado. The family is associated with Pat Pease.

August Mission



In August, we collected school supplies to be provided to children in need attending Woodland Elementary School and Pine Grove Middle School. As usual, we had a wonderful response to this mission. The items were blessed by Rev. Adamcik on August 25. The new ESM Director of Counseling came to the church on Monday, August 26 and picked up the supplies. Thank you again for your generosity!

September 2024 Mission



For September, we will provide breakfast items needed by St. Matthew's Food Pantry. Particularly, we will collect boxed cereal. No oatmeal – please! There will be a collection box in the Narthex. The deadline for the collection is September 29, 2024.

Food Collection



In August, we collected 3 boxes of food and 12 egg cartons for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. Thank you for your continuing generosity! They were delivered by Wayne Brignall.



We will be collecting full skeins and partial balls of yarn on a continuing basis to be provided to the nuns at the Franciscan Villa. You may leave the donations at the church door or with the mission donations in the Narthex. Ginnie and Ed Busco will deliver the yarn once we have a significant collection.

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 MAY 22, 2024 CUC BOARD MEETING

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on May 22, 2024, at 6:05 p.m. in the Collamer United Church lounge. Elder Jerome O'Neill opened the meeting with prayer and served as moderator.

MINUTES: A motion was properly made by Elder Judith Parker and seconded by Elder Jeri Veaudry to approve the regular Session minutes of April 24, 2024.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Eric Adamcik reported that he has made some hospital visits in the past few weeks. He attended a Clergy Network gathering at Robinson Elmwood United Church on May 15 and the stated meeting of the Presbytery on May 18 at First Presbyterian Church of Liverpool. He reported that the Presbytery appointed Lynn Jacques of First United Church of East Syracuse as Vice-Moderator. Rev. Adamcik was seated as a member of the Presbytery and appointed to the Social Justice Committee. The Presbytery is considering a merger with the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley (Binghamton). The next meeting will take place in September.

He will attend the UMC Annual Conference to be held May 30 – May 31, 2024 at the SRC Arena. First United paid the registration fee of \$300. We will need to reimburse them for \$150. He will be attending "Developing Faithful boundaries Training on June 1 at the United Presbyterian Church of Cortland.

Rev. Adamcik's first Sunday off will be July 28. The Rev. Dr. Beth Quick will serve as pulpit supply for both churches.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder Jerome O'Neill reported Gill and Pam Laroche cleaned up, weeded, planted new flowers and mulched the upper gardens. They also cleaned up, weeded, and mulched the Eagle Scout garden. Leslie DuMond and Connie Oliver cleaned up and weeded the Serenity garden. Gill Laroche mowed. Five silky dogwood shrubs were planted near the problem neighbor's property line. The shrubs were provided and planted by the 4-H program at no cost to CUC.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: We have been notified that there are four graduates affiliated with church members. Desiree' DeForest, granddaughter of Pat Pease, will graduate from Chittenango High School. Aeron Kliphon, son of Josh Kliphon and grandson of Sheri and Doug Kliphon, will also graduate from Chittenango High School. Jael Neidermaier, daughter of Christy Knowlton, graduated from Mansfield University in PA with a Bachelor's Degree in Music

Education. Michael Breclaw, son of Mike and Tammy Breclaw, graduated from LeMoyne College with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology.

It was suggested that we recognize these graduates on Sunday, June 30. We will need to put together slides. A reception should be planned. Motion was made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Judith Parker to recognize graduates on June 30 with a reception following the worship service.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Emeline McShane reported that cards are continuing to be sent. Preparation of the church directory is in progress.

The 50-Year member recognition took place on Sunday, May 19. Lois Klein, our longest member, was not present but she was presented with a card and gift card. A reception was held after the worship service.

A movie night will take place on Saturday, June 15, in the CUC Narthex and Sanctuary. Snacks will be provided at 6:30 p.m. The movie, Noah, will be shown at 7:00 p.m.

The next Membership Committee meeting will take place following the worship service on Sunday, June 2.

Brief discussion took place concerning putting together monthly coffee hours following the worship services in the fall.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry: - In May, we collected 3 boxes of food and 32 egg cartons for St. Matthew's Food Pantry. They will be delivered by Wayne Brignall. The food collection has been down. For the summer months, we would appreciate it if everyone would clean out their cupboards and make more food pantry donations since many families do not benefit from meals provided by the schools during that time.

April Missions: For April, we collected 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. We collected 134 skeins and 176 rolls of yarn, 8 quilt kits, 1 scarf, 2 flowers and 1 baby hat. They were blessed by Pastor Eric on Sunday, April 28. They were delivered to the Franciscan Villa by Merle Oswald, Pat Pease, and Ginnie and Ed Busco. They were given a tour of the beautiful facility. We will be collecting full skeins and partial balls of yarn on a continuing basis to be provided to the nuns at the Franciscan Villa. Ginnie

and Ed Busco will deliver the yarn once we have a significant collection.

May Mission: In May, in memory of Jameson, a little boy who went too soon, we are collecting pajamas and other baby clothes to be donated to New Hope Family Services. A collection cradle is in the Narthex. The deadline for collection is June 2.

June Mission: For June, we will be collecting items for 2 young women that will graduate from East Syracuse – Minoa High School and need help with items needed to attend college. The items being collected are as follows: twin size extra-long comforters and sheets, pillows, and towels. One set should be light blue and the other light green. We will be collecting monetary donations for purchase of the comforters. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The deadline for collection is Sunday, June 30, 2024 (the day we will recognize our own graduates!). They will be blessed by Pastor Eric at that time.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Geraldine Veaudry reported she will be meeting with Rev. Adamcik on May 23. She noted he should provide his telephone number to members so that he may be reached directly in the event of an emergency.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported letters requesting contributions toward the per capita and apportionment were sent out on April 29.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Judith Parker reported that a DVD player was purchased for use at the movie night. The CVLI license was renewed.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver was not present but provided a written report as follows:

- Communion – On May 5, Rev. Adamcik served communion by intinction to 35. Elders Connie Heidt-Oliver and Jeannine Parks assisted. Christy Knowlton was on vacation May 12 and YouTube was utilized for the music. The video for 'Make Me A Channel of Your Peace' displayed beautiful images.
- On May 13, Ed and Ginnie Busco, Marie Czajak, Merle Oswald, and Connie Heidt-Oliver met in the fellowship hall to begin crafting woven crosses. Two of them were finished in a Pentecost theme by the Busco's, who hung them on the sanctuary doors.
- Emeline McShane organized a coffee hour, decorated, and provided food for the 50+ year celebration, also part of Pentecost Sunday.
- A combined Worship Committee meeting will take place at First United Church of East Syracuse.

OLD BUSINESS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported we have tentatively scheduled the Installation Service for Pastor Eric to take place on Sunday afternoon, June 23. The service will be led by representatives of the Presbytery. A lunch reception will take place in the Fellowship Hall following the service. A motion was made by Elder Merle Oswald and seconded by Elder Leslie DuMond to approve the date of the installation service as indicated. The time of the service and reception will be determined at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS: It was noted we need to determine whether to hold the fall dinners in house. The 4-H program is volunteering to help with the dinners. This would include adult leaders, volunteers, family members and children. It is suggested that a meeting take place with the 4-H representatives and the dinner committee to discuss what help is needed so that they can recruit the necessary people to help. We could then have a training session prior to the dinners. A motion was made by Elder Jerome O'Neill and seconded by Elder Emeline McShane to hold the fall dinners in-house as was done in the past before COVID.

Elders Connie Heidt-Oliver and Leslie DuMond met with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners on Tuesday, May 21 prior to their monthly meeting. Discussion took place concerning compost, watering, plant identification, etc. Some weeding was also done.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be June 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Children in Church

**The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike,
And as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform,
Jerking the mike cord as he went.
Then he moved to one side,
Getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again.
After several circles and jerks,
A little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered,
"If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"**

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 September 24, 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.

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.



It has come to our attention that we are experiencing increasing incidences of the church doors being left unlocked. This presents not only the chance of harm to one of us entering an unsecured building, but the possibility of damage to the facility itself. Secondly, lights are being left on resulting in increased National Grid bills. Please take a moment upon exiting the church to double check these things. Thank you.



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.

Bottles & Cans



We have an arrangement with ESM Bottle Return, 600 West Manlius Street, East Syracuse, NY 13057. 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 to the church.

CUC T-Shirts



We would like to extend a big Thank You to Ginnie and Ed Busco for organizing and ordering new CUC t-shirts. They came out great and the price was very reasonable!



I would like to thank everyone who sent cards during my recovery from knee replacement surgery and for all of the calls. I would especially like to thank Merle for taking me to all of my physical therapy appointments and for staying with me and helping afterwards. A BIG THANKS!!

Pat Pease

Ryan Hill

Update

From Donna Stanley

I saw Ryan when I was in Syracuse. He is doing well!! He is going back to college at SUNY Geneseo this fall. He had a summer job. He does a lot of charity work for cancer organizations. He is awaiting results of a recent scan. Thank you all for your continued prayers!

Judy and Jim Schuyler



Veterans day celebration at San Perlita School. All 4 schools put on a feed and entertainment for veterans.



LAKESIDE FARMERS MARKET 2023 SUPPORT LOCAL!!

In the parking lot of the

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

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

June 29 – Sept. 28

Fresh Vegetables and Fruits

Baked Goods and Crafts

Children's Activity, Prayer and Wellness Tent

Chicken Dinners Every Week \$12

(includes 1/2 chicken & 2 sides)

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

377 RT 31 PO Box 369

Bridgeport NY 13030 315-633-9745

Pastor Omar Hall

The Young at Heart Senior Luncheons at Bridgeport United Methodist Church will start again in October. Stay Tuned for more details!



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COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL ONCE AGAIN HOLD OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024, 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024, 9:00 A.M. – Noon
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024, 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 NEED

Donations of clothes, small furniture, kitchen items, books, toys, small appliances, jewelry, tools, etc. (but we do urge you, PLEASE do not bring us broken or soiled items.) You may drop off donations at Vollmer's greenhouse at any time. **The deadline to drop off donations is Wednesday September 11, 2024.**

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 future issues of this publication. If you have any questions in the meantime, you may call the church office at 315-463-4939.