

Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

June 2021



In Need of Prayers 🙏 and Cheering Up!!! 🌻

Darlene Hicks – ALS

*Ginny Hopkins – at home, 7851 State Route 48, Apt. 305,
Kirkville NY 13082*

*John Oswald – recuperating at home, 7832 Bull St.,
Bridgeport, NY 13030*

*Linda Oswald – at home, 5501 Legionaire Dr. Apt 206,
Cicero, NY 13039*

*Shirley Soergel: at home, The Oaks at Menorah Park,
Apt. 135, 18 Arbor Lane, Syracuse, NY 13214*

*Don Turnbull: 6655 Temple Dr., E Syracuse 13057
(prayers for Carol too)*

Joan & Dexter Vosbury: at home

*Mickey & Jean Lorber: at home, 7529 Meadow Wood Dr.,
N. Syracuse, NY 13212*

*Muriel Spier: at Bishop Rehabilitation, 918 James St.,
Rm. 256D, Syracuse, NY 13203*

*Gill Laroche; at home, 6660 Collamer Rd., East Syracuse
NY 13057*

*Helen Fisher; at home, 139 Dormar Drive, North
Syracuse, NY 13212*

*Louanne Smith Rudnick – Back surgery June 2
7888 Myers Road, Kirkville, NY 13082*

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

- Sun. 06 Morning Worship -
Elder Bill Porter -
Recognition of Graduates
- Mon. 07 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. 12 Rose Bonacci Memorial Service
11:30 a.m.
- Sun. 13 Morning Worship -
Rev. James Moore - Communion
- Mon. 14 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 20 **Father's Day** Morning Worship
- Rev. Lauren Swanson
- Mon. 21 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 27 Morning Worship -
Rev. Betty Morey
- Mon. 28 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.



June

- 11 - Jeannine Hudgins
20 - Jean Lorber
29- Marie Czajak



08 - Leslie & Judd DuMond

Welcome

Rev. James Moore



Reverends James and Banu Moore

Rev. James Moore will be with us on June 13 and July 11. He provided the following introduction:

When I was young, my father was in the Navy, and we moved from coast to coast to coast to coast (Gulf-Pacific-Gulf-Atlantic). We later moved to Tennessee. I played soccer one year in high school—I wasn't very good, but it was fun. I came alive in college, studying stuff like history, philosophy, and political science (which I think should be called "political art").

I really didn't care about church or faith before graduation from high school. It was in college where I gradually became drawn to such things. I was baptized when I was 21, and that was in the Assemblies of God. I went to Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, which was across the street from a Presbyterian church. I started attending and felt like I was home.

I met my wife-to-be Banu at Eastern, partly due to our mutual love of Star Trek and vampires. After being ordained in the Presbytery of Philadelphia, we served a church in Nebraska, and from then on, we've been in New York. First Presbyterian, Auburn is our sixth congregation here. (We were interims at our last two churches.)

And last but not least, our dog's name is Ronan, and my favorite hockey team is the Nashville Predators. (And I like the Dallas Cowboys and the Miami Dolphins!)



Our May 8, 2021 dinner was quite an experience. Due to COVID-19 we decided to do a drive-thru only dinner. Thanks to the helpful suggestions by the committee and lots of willing helpers, we pulled it off very successfully. We estimated serving 200 guests. We ran out of food and guests in 1-1/4 hours. We served 184 dinners. The downside was that the workers went home hungry. Several customers complimented our efficiency and even tipped us! Our long-time customer "Fritz" once again gave us an extra \$100!

For the first time ever, 100% of the expenses were donated. Thanks to John and Merle Oswald for most of the groceries and supplies along with the trash service. David Vollmer purchased the veggies. Keith and Grace Brignall provided some groceries. Jeannine Hudgins provided the work day lunch (dessert was provided by Marie Czajak). Milk was donated by Cliffs. We made \$2,034.89! Thank you everyone for your generosity and hard work!!

Submitted by Karen Brignall



We are happy to welcome the Al-Anon group back for its in-person meetings to be held in our Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings starting at 7:30 p.m.

*RECOGNITION OF 50 - YEAR
MEMBERS*

On May 16, 2021, during the worship service, we recognized our 50-year members. Our longest active member, Lois Hale Klein, was presented with a bouquet of beautiful orange roses!



Congratulations Lois and thank you for your many years of service!

Baptism of Autumn Jeanette Smith

On May 16, 2021, Holy Baptism of Autumn Jeanette Smith was performed by Rev. Swanson. Autumn's mom, Stephanie Pease, grandparents Ted and Anita Pease and great grandma Pat Pease were present. Autumn Jeanette is the 6th generation in the line of descendants of the family with the Church as follows:

- William and Bertha Spier
- Chester and Jeanette Wright
- Patricia (Wright) Pease
- Theodore Pease
- Stephanie Pease
- Autumn Jeanette Smith



Our Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...

Dad

~Author Unknown

Technology Update

I have been having trouble with the wireless connection on the office computer. After meeting with Verizon, it was determined that the best option was to run an ethernet cable from the router in the Narthex to the computer in the back office. I would like to thank Gill Laroche for helping with the solution and Jerome O'Neill for crawling through the attic to run the wire across the building. The computer is running much faster now! Thanks guys!!

Leslie DuMond

Congratulations, Graduates!

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58:11

Emily Breclaw



Emily Breclaw is graduating from LeMoyne College with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Lydia Coombs



Lydia Coombs, granddaughter of Keith and Grace Brignall, will graduate from Fayetteville-Manlius High School and will attend Nazareth College. She plans to major in Biochemistry and is committed to play Field Hockey. She is a member of National Honor Society, National Art Society and National Science Society.

We will be recognizing our graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

May 2021 Worship Committee Report



Pentecost Sunday was observed the Sunday just prior to this going to print, and what an encouraging service we shared. Rev. Lauren Swanson preached a timely message, and the sanctuary was filled with much light and red everywhere you looked. Rev. Swanson has been sharing meaningful messages for several weeks in a row, and we enjoy having him and his wife Vicki with us! Thanks to all who pitched in to prepare the sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday — especially Jerome and Susan, for risking the wobbly ladder to hang the 'ring of fire' from the center light! Susan's creativity really helps highlight Pentecost.

Due to recent changes in NYS guidelines, all those who are fully vaccinated may worship without a mask, if they so choose. How wonderful to see so many unmasked, smiling faces.

Looking ahead to next month, Bill Porter will be with us June 6, Rev. James Moore will journey in from Auburn for the June 13 service, Rev. Swanson will return again for Father's Day, June 20, and on June 27, Rev. Betty Morey will be joining us again. We will recognize our graduates during the June 6 service. Special recognition of Fathers will happen during the Father's Day service.

My heart is full from our worship experience each week, and little reminders of things I heard pop up as the Holy Spirit works throughout the weekdays before we come together again. Does that happen to you, too? I pray you are finding meaning in our gatherings.

See you in church!

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Heidt-Oliver

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST CUC BOARD MEETING

April 28, 2021

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on April 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Elder Pamela Laroche opened the meeting with prayer and Elder David Vollmer served as Moderator.

A motion was properly made by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver and seconded by Elder David Vollmer to approve the regular Session minutes of March 24, 2021.

Elder Pam Laroche reviewed the financial reports of the church. A motion was made by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver and seconded by Elder Susan O'Neill to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2021.

VITAL STATISTICS: None

PASTOR'S REPORT: There will be a Presbytery meeting on May 11, 2021.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: The Town of Dewitt conducted the annual inspection of the church building and it passed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Elder Jeannine Parks has completed the required Safe Sanctuary training. She is compiling a letter to send to children who have attended Christian Education in the past as well as one to the parents. She is reviewing the standard curriculum for future needs. She noted developing interim lessons on connection between physical and spiritual health. She indicated that many articles on spiritual health have come to her and she feels God is guiding her to this work as a means to re-connect and reinvigorate our Christian learning.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Susan O'Neill reported that cards were sent and phone calls were made to shut-ins and those who have not attended Sunday services. We continue to plan the 50-year celebration for May but have decided against doing a reception.

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

St. Matthews Food Pantry: We collected 4 boxes of food that were delivered to St. Matthews Food Pantry by Wayne Brignall. Adopt-A-Highway: On April 25, 2021, after Church, the following hearty souls collected and bagged up garbage from the corner of Route 298 and Fly Road to the Thruway bridge: Wayne Brignall, Jerome and Susan O'Neill, Marie Czajak, Pat Pease, Jim and Judy Schuyler, Merle Oswald, Connie Heidt-Oliver, Mike Breclaw, Jr. and our leader/organizer, Mike Breclaw. Thanks to all. Special thanks to Mike!

One Hour of Sharing: We collected \$360 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. How wonderful. Thanks to all!

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Paper Goods for Vera House: Vera House is a women's shelter with an office on James Street in Syracuse. During the month of April, we collected paper goods to be provided to Vera House. Items collected included: Paper Plates (415), Paper Cups (240), Napkins (450), Paper Towels (8 rolls), Tissues (6 boxes) and Toilet Paper (38 rolls). The items were blessed by Rev. Swanson on Sunday, April 25, and delivered to Vera House by Merle Oswald and Pat Pease on April 26, 2021.

New Mission – Collection of Pennies for Mother's Day: Garden Gate Ranch is a Christian organization that provides safe housing and restorative and transitional services for sexually-exploited women and their children. To honor our mothers in May, let us donate one penny for each year of her life. Our mission team will match the donations to Garden Gate Ranch.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: It was noted that Elder Leslie DuMond reported that the Pastor Nominating Committee will be meeting with the representatives of First United Church of East Syracuse and the Presbytery during the first week of May.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported that the letter concerning reimbursement of apportionment/per capita expenses will be sent out the first week of May.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Pam Laroche reported Gill Laroche fixed the ear piece for the microphone.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Oliver-Heidt reported as follows: Pulpit supply: May - Rev. Lauren Swanson, June 6 – Elder Bill Porter, June 13 – Rev. James Moore. Communion was served on Easter Sunday, April 4 with 27 in attendance. Communion was also served on February 7 with 20 in attendance and on March 7 with 20 in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that on March 25 she and Elder Merle Oswald completed the food insecurity survey. She is continuing to look at designs for the memorial garden and continuing to explore options for a new electronic sign.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Elder Pamela Laroche and seconded by Elder David Vollmer to allow the Al-Anon group to rent the Fellowship Hall and return to in-person meetings as long as they follow the government regulations regarding COVID. Motion passed

Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver made a motion to allocate additional funds for the pulpit supply of Rev. James Moore. Elder Pamela Laroche seconded - Motion passed

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Elder Merle Oswald reported that Dependable Trash removal will be coming May 10th for trash removal following the dinner instead of the scheduled May 7th removal.

The next meeting of the CUC Board will be May 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is June 23, 2021. 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

We have received some very generous donations for postage for mailing the Newsletter and are all set for a while for mailing to those who prefer to receive the paper copy. Thank you to those who provided the donations!



Serenity Garden Update

The garden committee has been working with a couple local landscaping businesses, and are close to solidifying the design!

Excitement is building on the committee, and we hope amongst you as well, to see the first phase of the Serenity Garden take shape this summer, with a subsequent phase this fall. If you wish to order engraved bricks, it is not too late! Please go to 4everbricks.com/donor/CUC.

A groundbreaking ceremony is being planned for this summer, after which the engraved bricks will be installed, along with (hopefully) beds being prepared for planting. In the fall, the second phase will commence, with those that enjoy gardening being invited to help plant shrubs. Since the desire is for the garden to be a quiet, peaceful place, we would like to place a few benches. Opportunities to donate a shrub or a bench will become available in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS VOLLMERS!



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.



The Vollmer family has welcomed a new addition! Cora Charlotte Mincey was born on May 22, 2021 weighing in at 7.8 pounds. Cora Charlotte is the daughter of Beth Vollmer and Tim Mincey, grand daughter of Dave and Janet Vollmer and great granddaughter of Lorraine Vollmer.

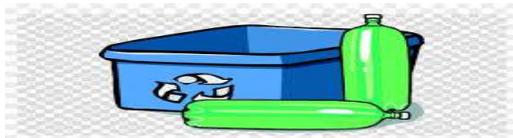


"Pennies for Garden Gate Ranch"

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To honor our mothers, our mission project for May was to donate one penny for each year of her life, (or your life or your children's life!). As of the date of publication, the total donations received has not yet been tallied. The Mission Committee will match the donations received. Thank you for your generous donations to this worthy cause!

BOTTLE & CANS



The East Syracuse Bottle & Can Return, located in the Plaza next to the Thrifty Shopper in the Village of East Syracuse, provides 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.

JUNE MISSION PROJECT



To honor our fathers, our June mission is to collect men's casual shirts, any size. The shirts should be button or golf shirts. No T-shirts please. They will then be donated to the Syracuse Rescue Mission. The deadline for these donations is June 27, 2021.

St. Matthews Food Pantry

We collected 2 boxes of food that were delivered to St. Matthews Food Pantry by Wayne and Karen Brignall. This need continues to be significant.

Brown Memorial United Methodist Church



We will be providing and serving a community dinner at Brown Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 22, 2021. Stay tuned for more details.



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Pentecost Sunday - May 23, 2021



It was very fitting to celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the Church, by implementing the recent CDC updated guidance regarding masks and social distancing. Fully vaccinated people may resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, including congregational singing. Unvaccinated persons, on the other hand, must continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing to safeguard their health and the health of others. Of course, if you are more comfortable wearing a mask you may do so. We look forward to seeing you back in the Sanctuary!