

# Collamer United Church Circuit Rider

## July 2021

### Calendar of Events



*In Need of Prayers* 🙏 and Cheering Up!!! ☀️

*Darlene Hicks – ALS*

*Ginny Hopkins – at home, 7851 State Route 298, 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*

*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 – Recovering from back surgery, 7888 Myers Road, Kirkville, NY 13082*

*Priscilla Arvidson – at home, 5107 18<sup>th</sup> Av. Dr. W., Bradenton, Florida 34209*

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

Sun. 04 Morning Worship -  
Rev. Betty Morey - Communion

**Independence Day**

Mon. 05 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 11 Morning Worship -  
Rev. James Moore

Mon. 12 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 18 Morning Worship  
- Rev. Karen Chamis

**Special Congregational Meeting**

Mon. 19 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 25 Morning Worship -  
Rev. Betty Morey

Mon. 26 Al-Anon 7:30 p.m.



02 - Tammy Breclaw

07 - Janet Krak

09 - Nancy Kolod

12 - Gill Laroche

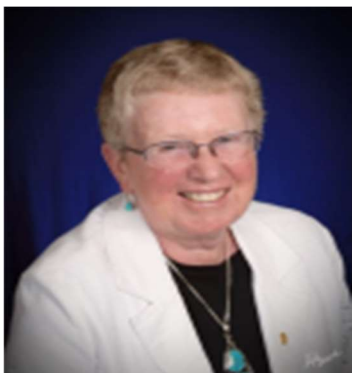
22- David Vollmer

29- Christopher Pease



31 - Jerome & Susan O'Neill

## **Welcome Rev. Betty Morey**



Rev. Betty Morey, a retired elder, will lead our worship services on July 4 and July 25. She served 17 years at Brown Memorial UMC starting as a lay minister and moving from Local Pastor, ordained Deacon and then Elder. After graduation from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in 1998, she was also appointed to West Genesee UMC and served there 12 years before retiring in 2010. Since retiring, she has served as interim at Little Utica, Warners, St. Paul's Syracuse, and Fayetteville UMCs.

Also a Registered Nurse, Betty worked in Public Health for Onondaga County for 27 years in school health, women's health and the Overseas Travel Clinic.

As a Lay woman in our Conference, she has served over the years as a Lay Member to Annual Conference, chaired the NCNY Conference as Council chairperson, served on both the District Commission on Ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Conference, District Lay Leader, District Director for Lay Speaking and attended the Jurisdiction Convocation on Local Church Ministries where she presented several workshops on lay ministries.

Jeff and Betty have been married for 53 years and have two sons, two grown grandchildren and one cat. They are native Syracusans, and presently attend Bellevue Heights UMC.

## **Welcome Rev. Karen Chamis**



Rev. Karen Chamis will lead our worship service on July 18, 2021. Karen serves the Presbytery as its Resource Presbyter. She works with churches and pastors in the Presbytery to provide resources to assist them in their ministry within the church as well as the broader community. When not "resourcing", Karen is researching and writing for her dissertation, knitting, spinning and doing the interior work on a wee cabin in Camden, NY. Karen's spouse, Bill, works as a librarian for an economic consulting firm, and their daughter, Ella, lives in Atlanta with her fiancé. Bill and Ella are owned by McCallister the Cat.

After the worship service Karen will spend some time in the office to meet with anyone who would like to see her. She is one of the Presbytery representatives working with the Pastor Nominating Committee. Please stop in to say "hi" and introduce yourself.

### **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A special Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, **July 18, 2021**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss entering into a shared leadership (pastor) arrangement with First United Church of East Syracuse. We hope you will attend this important meeting.

## A Message from Rev. James Moore



Rev. James Moore will return to our pulpit on July 11, 2021. We look forward to having him back.

Hello, Collamer folks! In July, summer is in full swing. (I must admit it; summer is my least favorite season. When it comes to blazing heat, I'm a bit of a wimp. I love snow—that explains the photo!) Still, I do love the change of seasons. And speaking of seasons, we are now in the church season known as Ordinary Time.

“Ordinary Time.” That sounds so blah, so boring. Would you believe it can be truly inspiring? I want to share with you a prayer/poem I wrote a few years ago. I think you're the first congregation to receive this dubious honor!

Grace and peace, James

### “Prayer for Ordinary Time”

It's true, Ordinary Time is about the ordinals—  
the 3rd, the 13th, the 23rd Sunday.  
But we usually just think of it as...  
ordinary time.

It's ordinary; it's everyday.  
It's a placeholder in between times.  
It's in between Epiphany and Lent.  
It's between the light shining over the whole world  
and the call to reflect, renew, and repent  
(you know, do an about face).

It's in between Pentecost and Advent.  
It's after the fire has fallen  
and the Spirit has set the church on her course.  
It's before your Son arrives as the God-baby  
and returns in glory and power.

But that's not where most of life is lived.  
We don't spend much time in those grand, majestic  
moments.  
No, we live in between.

In ordinary time.

That's where life happens.

## June 2021 Worship Committee Report



Summer is here! People, including myself, are traveling, spending time at camp, or fulfilling other commitments, and the first three Sundays in June found me away from you.

Bill Porter brought the message June 6, and also spoke from the heart to Lydia Coombs, when she was honored for her high school graduation. Rev. James Moore led the June 13<sup>th</sup> service, which included serving communion, and Rev. Swanson returned to lead on Father's Day, June 20. All have shared meaningful messages. On June 27, Rev. Betty Morey joined us again.

Rev. Morey will also lead our services July 4 (communion will be available) and July 25, and Rev. Moore will return for the second time on July 11. Rev. Karen Chamis, the Presbytery Resource Presbyter, will be back on July 18, and will remain after the service should anyone wish to meet with her. (Collamer will have its own private 'Office Hours' session with her).

Join us this summer! The doors are open in the coolness of the morning every Sunday for our 9 am service. An hour is 4% of your day, and worshipping together is a great way to start off the week! I continue to pray that you are finding meaning in our gatherings. See you in church!

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Heidt-Oliver

\*See Rev. Morey's introductory statement on page 2 of the July Circuit Rider



## Serenity Garden Update



We anticipate the brick installation phase to happen in the August timeframe. If you wish to order engraved bricks, don't wait! Please ask Connie for help, or place your order on-line at [4everbricks.com/donor/CUC](https://4everbricks.com/donor/CUC). Several orders are pending, and we would like another delivery in time to include them with the initial installation, so please order right away.

Once the weather turns cooler, those that enjoy gardening will be invited to a work party to plant what we have. Since the desire is for the garden to be a quiet, peaceful spot, a few benches will be placed. Watch for an upcoming opportunity to donate a shrub, tree, or a bench.

Recently we met with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County's 'Coordinator of Master Gardener Volunteers' (Coop Ext. is our new neighbor on Collamer Road), and are exploring the possibility of a master gardener assisting with plant selection, design and tips!



Hello from CCE Onondaga

Hello to our neighbors at the Collamer United Church. We moved into the neighborhood the first week of March 2020. Because of Covid, it has been a slow start getting established at our new office. We thought it would be a good idea to introduce our selves.

- Cornell Cooperative continued -

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County (CCE Onondaga) was established in 1913 (108 years ago) as Onondaga Farm Bureau. Over the years Onondaga Youth Bureau and Onondaga Home Bureau were added to the organization. In 1951 the education function of Farm Bureau was separated from the political advocacy function. The education function became CCE Onondaga and Onondaga Farm Bureau remained as the advocate for agriculture. The essence of CCE Onondaga has not changed in 108 years; our mission is to bring the research-based knowledge created at Cornell University to the people, communities and businesses of Onondaga County to make lives better. We are not a service organization but, rather an educational organization. If we had a saying it would be, "Give a person a tomato, they will eat for a day. Teach a person to grow tomatoes and they will eat for the rest of their lives."

We have four main program areas; agriculture, natural resources, 4H Youth, and health and nutrition. Under these four program areas we are running 38 different educational projects including; the Master Gardeners, the Tree Stewarts, 4H Clubs, Skaneateles Lake Water Quality, Deer tick and Lyme disease, Nutrition Education, Farmland Protection, ON Farm Fest and, much more.

We have a terrific staff and volunteer core and we are always looking for new volunteers. We were fortunate to have some of your members welcome us to the neighborhood and attend a planting demonstration with our 4H'ers and Master Gardeners. We look forward to meeting more of your members!

All the best,  
David Skeval, Executive Director and Agriculture Program Leader



# CHILDREN IN CHURCH

## Part I



A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

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3-year-old Reese:

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

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A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you."

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I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."

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One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Thanks, Marie for sharing these!



Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.

Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ Andy Langford, UMC Discipleship Resources, *Prayer for Independence Day*



...One Nation Under God...

# MISSION NEWS

by Merle Oswald



## "Pennies for Garden Gate Ranch"

**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, our mission project for May was to donate one penny for each year of her life, (or your life or your children's life!). We had a fabulous response to this project. We collected a total of \$415.21. Thank you for your generous donations to this worthy cause!



To honor our fathers, our June mission was to collect men's casual shirts, any size, for the Syracuse Rescue Mission. Once again, we had a wonderful response to this project. A total of 24 shirts and 2 pairs of patriotic socks were collected. The shirts and socks were delivered to the Rescue Mission the week of June 27, 2021, by Merle Oswald and Pat Pease. Thank you for your participation!

## St. Matthews Food Pantry



In June, we collected 3 boxes of food that were delivered to St. Matthews Food Pantry by Wayne Brignall.

## JULY MISSION



### Sparklers for Pets

Many animals are afraid of all of the noise made by fireworks, etc. during Independence Day (4<sup>th</sup> of July) celebrations. To make up for this trauma, our July mission is to collect **unopened pet food and litter** to be donated to the CNY SPCA. We will also collect **gently used blankets, towels and wash cloths** used to care for the animals. There will be a collection box located in the Narthex. The deadline for collection of these items will be July 25.

Thank you!



## Brown Memorial United Methodist Church



We will be providing and serving a community dinner at Brown Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 5, 2021. (The original date of August 22, 2021 has been changed). Stay tuned for more details.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST CUC BOARD MEETING

May 26, 2021

This regular meeting of the Board of the Collamer United Church was called to order on May 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the lounge. Elder Susan O'Neill opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Leslie DuMond 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 April 28, 2021.

Elder Pam Laroche reviewed the financial reports of the church. A motion was made by Elder Merle Oswald and seconded by Elder Leslie DuMond to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2021.

VITAL STATISTICS: Baptism of Autumn Jeanette Smith on May 16, 2021. It was noted that Christine McMahon had submitted a written request to be removed from the active list. A motion was made by Elder David Vollmer and seconded by Elder Pamela Laroche to accept the request. Motion passed.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Elder David Vollmer requested that Superior Seal provide an estimate for sealing the driveway. Marie Czajak weed wacked the property. Leslie and Judd DuMond mulched some of the flower beds.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Elder Susan O'Neill reported that cards and phone calls are continuing to shut-ins. The 50-year member celebration took place on May 16, 2021.

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.

New Mission – Collection of Casual Men's Shirts: 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.

Brown Memorial Meal: We will prepare and serve a community dinner at Brown Memorial United Methodist Church on August 22, 2021.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS: Elder Leslie DuMond reported that the Pastor Nominating Committee met with the representatives of First United Church of East Syracuse and the Presbytery on May 5, 2021 concerning the possibility of sharing

## - Board Meeting Minutes Continued -

a minister. First United's Council has approved the process for shared ministry. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver to approve the process for shared ministry. Motion passed.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: Elder Leslie DuMond reported that the letter concerning reimbursement of apportionment/per capita expenses was sent out on May 4, 2021. It was sent to 6 couples, 6 families, and 38 single persons.

TECHNOLOGY: Elder Leslie DuMond reported she and Gill Laroche met with a Verizon technician to discuss options to improve the connection for the office computer. As a result, it was determined the best course of action was to run an ethernet cable from the router to the computer. Gill Laroche and Jerome O'Neill did this on May 24, 2021.

WORSHIP: Elder Connie Oliver-Heidt reported as follows: She attended the May 5, 2021 meeting at First United Church of East Syracuse regarding potential search for a Presbyterian minister to be shared with them (led by Rev. Karen Chamis and Rev. Lorrie Cooney).

Pulpit supply: June 6 – Elder Bill Porter, June 13 – Rev. James Moore, June 20 (Father's Day) – Rev. Lauren Swanson, and June 27 – Rev. Betty Morey.

Communion was served twice this month: May 2 with 23 in attendance and May 23, Pentecost Sunday, with 25 in attendance. She noted that communion is scheduled to be served on June 6, 2021 and suggested that it be changed to June 13. A motion was made by Elder Leslie DuMond and seconded by Elder David Vollmer to change the communion date as suggested. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that the garden committee met a second time with Michael Grimm Services. The company will provide revised design and pricing for the hardscape portion of the memorial garden project.

Elder Connie Heidt-Oliver reported that she listened to an April 13 recorded session of the SALT workshop.

It was noted that a decision by the Board was made between meetings concerning following the recent CDC guidance providing those vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks or socially distance.

NEW BUSINESS: It was decided that high school graduates (Lydia Coombs) and college graduates (Emily Breclaw) will be recognized during the worship service on June 6, 2021. As a high school graduate, Lydia Coombs will be given the customary scholarship. Emily Breclaw will be provided with a small gift.

**- Board Meeting Minutes Continued -**

Adirondack Hiking Club would like to rent the Fellowship Hall on November 6 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. for a meeting with presentations. The Board approved this request via e-mail between meetings. Elder Leslie DuMond reported that the Adirondack Hiking Club and also Al-Anon were provided with the Policy on use of building and Application for use of Church.

We were contacted by Madeline Squires concerning a request to hold a memorial service for her mother, Rose Bonacci, at our Church on June 12, 2021. The Board approved this request via email between meetings. Rev. Swanson has agreed to perform the service and has met with Madeline Squires.

Elder Leslie DuMond inquired concerning whether we will hold the rummage sale and indicated that the suggested dates are September 17 and 18. Elder David Vollmer offered use of the greenhouse. It was determined that inquiries will be made of members concerning willingness and ability to do the work required for this event.

*The next meeting of the CUC Board will be June 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM.*



**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](mailto:CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net).



We were truly sorry to hear of the recent passing of Don Turnbull after a lengthy illness. Please keep Carol and their family in your prayers.



The deadline for any items for the upcoming Circuit Rider is July 28, 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](mailto:CollamerUnitedChurch@verizon.net)

**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.



## *A Blast from Collamer's Past*



*Front row, l-r*

*Ken Hill, Eddie Carter, Ben Donzella, Jim Freebern, Michael Brennan, Dennis Maxwell, Tom Eggert, David Krak, John Oswald.*

*2nd row, l-r*

*Karen Brizee Brignall, Barbara Hale, Patricia Wright Pease, Linda Bush, Mrs. Halpin, Miss Brown, Barbara Eggert, Judy Baldwin, Mary Ann Graham, Sharon Ward.*

*3rd row, l-r*

*Maynard (Butch) Wright, unknown, Sam Donzella, Dick Houck, Billy Teller, Adela Teller, Gordon Daily, Carol Maxwell, Jack Eggert, Mary Jane Wheadon Molina, Dick Wheadon.*

*--Submitted by Karen Brizee-Brignall  
and Susan Brignall-O'Neill*



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**COLLAMER UNITED CHURCH**  
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL ONCE AGAIN HOLD IT'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE  
@ VOLLMER'S GREENHOUSE ON  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021, 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021, 9:00 A.M. – Noon  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021, 9:00 A.M. – Noon



We are thrilled to be able to hold this event after a year's hiatus due to COVID! 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 COVID cleaning. We are giving you this advance notice so that you can start cleaning out your houses, garages, basements, attics, closets, and drawers.

**WE NEED**

Donations of clothes, furniture, kitchen items, books, toys, small appliances, jewelry, tools, etc. (but we do urge you to please, do not bring us broken or soiled items.)

**IMPORTANT**

(We cannot accept donations of microwaves, TV's, large appliances, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, skis, computers or large exercise equipment as we have to pay to dispose of some of these items if they are left over after the sale.) Further information will be forthcoming in the September issue of this publication. We will then inform you of the date when you may start dropping off items. If you have any questions in the meantime you may call the church office at 315-463-4939.