



# CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWS

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Paul gives us practical ways to indeed keep our minds set on things that are above and not of the world. In Philippians 4 Paul writes, “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Jesus is truth, Jesus is our noble King, Jesus is righteous. Jesus is holy and pure. Jesus is lovely to our hearts. Jesus is admirable in that we admire Him and want to be like Him. He is the ultimate in excellence and worthy of all praise. Think about those things Paul is saying because he did the same thing. Paul was completely saturated with Jesus and drew him into the presence of the Lord.

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## WELCOME TO THE CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER!

Here you will find news of events inside and outside of the church, articles, opinions, testimonies and other interesting tidbits to inspire and amuse.

If you would like to contribute a short article, testimony, encouraging word or quote, or an interesting or funny church sign, please speak to or send to Rose Beaudry. Submissions due at least 3 days before the end of the month for next newsletter. Contact info on back page of newsletter.

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## From the Pastor . . .

The apostle Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote some of the most awe-inspiring documents that we find in the Bible. The foundational doctrines of our faith are found in his letters. The great doctrines of justification by faith are salvation by grace alone are revealed through Paul.

There is also some psychological counseling that Paul provides that can provide us with great comfort and counsel even today. In Colossians 3:2 Paul tells us to “set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” And to the Corinthians he wrote that “we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” This is literally counsel from heaven above. God created us with a powerful capacity to think and meditate. And these thoughts and meditations can influence how we live our lives. Focusing our minds on the things of this world can—and will—distract us from Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. They can hijack our minds and cloud our thinking. Paul tells us



in Romans 12 that our minds need to be renewed. They need to be refreshed. They need to be transformed so that we think like Jesus.

## SOUP-A-THON!

On Sunday, February 11, we will have a Soup-A-Thon in Collins Hall after the service, to benefit the Canton Food Bank. We have many good cooks in our congregation. We are asking those folks who can to prepare a soup or chili at home, and bring it to church, already hot in a crockpot. Bring it to the kitchen or Collins Hall before the service and plug it in so the soup stays hot during the service.



*Cooks, please sign up in Collins Hall and indicate what kind of soup you are going to make.*

After the service we will set the crockpots up in Collins Hall and we can all partake of the scrumptiousness! The cooks (bring aprons and ladles if possible!) will serve the good stuff and we can sit, eat, and enjoy fellowship.

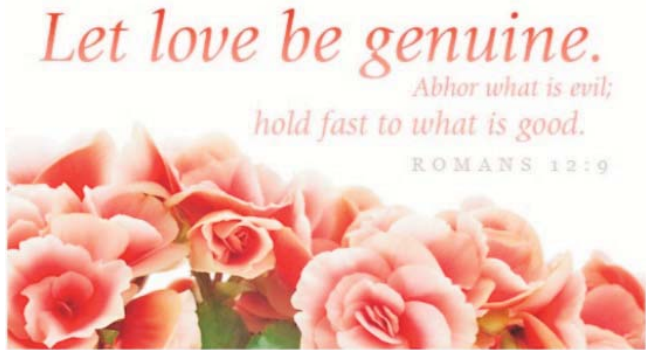
Takeout containers will be available for those who cannot stay, and for leftover soup once the event is over.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the soup, including those who did not bring any.

There is no charge for the soup. Baskets will be set out for free will donations to the Canton Food Bank. We are accepting cash, checks made out to the church, with Canton Food Bank in the memo, or food donations for the food bank.

# ANNUAL MEETING

- ◆ **ANNUAL REPORT** - Was made available to everyone by email and printed copy before the meeting. It was accepted unanimously. If you didn't get a copy, call or email the church office and a copy will be emailed to you.
- ◆ **FINANCE ITEMS DISCUSSED OR VOTED ON**
  - Missions fund will have the \$1,000 replenished that was taken out about 5 years ago. (Unanimous.)
  - Professional cleaning quotes were obtained for monthly and quarterly cleaning and sanitizing. After discussion of options, the final unanimous vote was for quarterly cleaning @ \$1,800/quarter; \$7,200/year, with the option of additional cleaning as needed, especially in winter months.
  - The investment account \$20,000 that was moved to checking account during a recent lean time will be moved back to investment account. (Unanimous.)
  - Both outside doors in the Education wing need replacing and better locks for increased security. Concrete needs repitching in front of Office entrance door to avoid water seeping under door and wrecking new carpeting. Unanimous vote to investigate options and costs.
  - With increased live streaming of services and growing remote audience, \$4-5,000 for updated video equipment would increase our ability to grow this ministry. Current equipment is maxed out; we cannot plug any more cameras, etc. into the control board. (Hope I got this right.) Unanimous vote to proceed with investigating options and costs.



## LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

Here are some quotes we have received (spelling/punctuation as they appeared):

### JANUARY 14:

- ◆ Amen ! I'm thankful for you all ! (As Jay thanked them for watching)
- ◆ Amen (after first 3 songs)
- ◆ That last worship song just touched so deeply that quiet place within, beautiful! (song of Response)
- ◆ That dramatic reading of the Lord was very inspiring. (Robin's reading)
- ◆ Amen! Praise God! The light of Christ covers & rules over ALL darkness!
- ◆ Lord God Almighty, I just love what You've done with the place.
- ◆ Oh yes we look forward to the return of our Jesus! Come thou long expected awaited Jesus!

- ◆ You can listen to any popular preacher found in mainstream media today and you will not hear this kind of insightful teaching.
- ◆ Thank you Pastor Chris, the worship team, and the A/V team to make this all happen remotely.

### JANUARY 21:

- ◆ The ladies match
- ◆ Amen! He speaks to me everywhere! Yes. God is the ruler yet! Great is thy faithfulness. Holy Provision
- ◆ Prayer music..beautiful!
- ◆ Praise! His faithfulness is a miracle! a most Holy gift to us!
- ◆ Beautiful Praise!
- ◆ Heavenly Father Let your Word be heard clear and true without interference from Satan.
- ◆ Our pastor is brilliant in hearing from our Lord & bring us truth through the scriptures! Thank you Lord for our Shepard!
- ◆ I agree Louise. He blows me away. I personally rank him with some of the great expositional preachers such as John MacArthur and Alistair Begg.
- ◆ Yes Galen & Amen! We belong to the Lord & will be with Him in Glory!! Because of our salvation
- ◆ And he's the best in the harmonica world!
- ◆ I also agree with you Louise and Galen. I am so blessed by these sermons..drawn so close to the Spirit of of God, through the sermons spoken by Pastor Chris. Amen!
- ◆ (After thank you response from CCC and that it's all coming from God.) Well, it's true. Expository preaching is rarely found in the pulpits today. Sadly, many people don't recognize the difference between exegetical preaching and eisegetical preaching.
- ◆ Yes we are standing on holy ground. Thank you Lord for Pastor Chris.

### JANUARY 28:

- ◆ (Lord Most High) Michael's voice is really coming through in this song! Sounds awesome
- ◆ The commitment & dedication of the worship team and tech team is to be commended for their resolve to be on post and serving the Lord despite would weather conditions
- ◆ Yes! Glad to see and hear Michael along with the girls today
- ◆ I hope Pastor Chris realizes he's not really preaching to empty pews
- ◆ A sellout remote crowd this morning!
- ◆ Streaming Room Only!
- ◆ Amen Pastor, may we always have a reverential fear of the Lord. The fear of the lord today is so lost.



## OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

If you want Offering Envelopes for 2024, speak to Laura Salch. Also, if you put your offering (cash or check) in a different sort of envelope, please put your name on it, along with where you want your donation to go (general fund, Missions, Deacons, etc. If you put it in a Deacons Fund envelope and don't mark it otherwise , that's where it will go.



Finally, electronic giving is available on our website - look directly under the "Church" in our name for "Online Giving", or ask Patty Bauer for details or a short tutorial.

**COFFEE VOLUNTEERS**

Thanks to all who volunteer to do the coffee service on Sunday mornings. We love you lots! **And we need more of you!!!** (Sign up sheet is in Collins Hall near the kitchen. There are openings in November and December.) PRO TIP: Men can do this too! Ask and someone will show you how.



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**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**

 Saturday, February 20   
at 9:30 AM in Collins Hall

CCC has a Monthly Prayer Meeting on the third Saturday of each month, and it has been a blessed time with the Lord. We'll begin at 9:30 AM, and all are welcome!

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**“OUR DAILY BREAD” DEVOTIONALS**

The new regular-size print and large-size print booklets are available for free in the Lobby / Narthex and on the “Free Table” in Collins Hall. Take them for yourself, friends, and family members.

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**DEACONS ARE HERE TO HELP!**

If you have a physical or financial need, direct communication with a Deacon Board member is always the best and fastest way to receive help! Our board includes Pastor Chris Bauer, Victoria DuBois, Caryn Turek, Carolyn Roberge, Pat and Dorene Grace, and Buddy and Debbie Laws.

You may reach Deacons at home using the church directory or you may email them directly and confidentially at [deacons@christcommunitychurchct.org](mailto:deacons@christcommunitychurchct.org).

**Please: If someone expresses a need to you, direct them to their Deacon right away. Deacons Sector lists are available in Collins Hall. If you are in need, contact your Deacon as soon as possible. This is the best way to receive prompt assistance.**

Thank you for your donations to the Deacon Fund. Your generosity enables us to help those in need. The Deacon Fund envelopes are in the bulletin on the first Sunday of the month.

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**DEACONS & GREETERS**

For the month of February, here are the Deacons setting up Communion:

- Sunday February 4, Buddy & Debbie Laws
- Sunday February 11, Pat & Dorene Grace
- Sunday February 18, Victoria DuBois
- Sunday February 25, Caryn Turek



- Greeter Schedule for February,:
- Sunday February 4, Sepp Markkanen
  - Sunday February 11, Buddy & Debbie Laws
  - Sunday February 18, Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich
  - Sunday February 25, Pat & Doreen Grace

**HEALING PRAYER MEETINGS**

Healing Prayer meetings are hosted at Buddy & Debbie Laws' house on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 PM. *Please let Debbie or Buddy know if you are coming.* You can also send Debbie a note through FB Messenger if you are on Facebook, or email [wallace.laws.jr@gmail.com](mailto:wallace.laws.jr@gmail.com) or [lawsdebbie81@gmail.com](mailto:lawsdebbie81@gmail.com).



You are invited to join us beforehand at 6:30 PM when we gather to enjoy some light healthy snacks. It is our sincere hope that anyone who is in need of encouragement, hope, and prayer for yourself or your loved ones will come and allow us to minister to you.

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**MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP**

At Michel Angelo's Pizzeria Restaurant & Lounge, 256 Main Street (Rt. 44) New Hartford, CT 06057. We usually meet the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!



Men's Fellowship

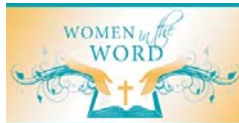
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**“WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?”**

The sermon discussion group meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Room 4. If you cannot make it to the church, we can set up a Zoom Meeting for you to call in and join us! Just contact the church office to let us know by noon on Wednesday. All are very welcome!



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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

This group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 PM- 2:15 PM in Collins Hall. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark with a study guide. If you would like to join us, please let me know so that we have enough study guides. We expect to talk through this scripture of our Lord Jesus's human life before Palm Sunday.



The study guide we are using is by Warren W. Wiersby. For more information, contact Linda Papertsian at [lrkpaper@gmail.com](mailto:lrkpaper@gmail.com) or 860-796-5643 if you are interested or need a study guide.

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**CHURCH DIRECTORY & DEACONS SECTORS LIST UPDATES**

Updated copies are available in Collins Hall.



**MORE THAN WEEDS!**

Our next herbal class will meet on Saturday February 24, 2024 from approximately 10:00 A.M. to approximately 12:00 P.M. At that class you will learn how to make a mentholated, herbal version (Vapor Rub) of “Vicks VapoRub” that can be used to clear up congestion brought on by colds and flu. Additionally we will make a nourishing Magnesium Body Oil that can be used in a relaxing, nourishing bath, as a body massage oil to apply directly to achy muscles or as a relaxing spray after showering.

This and all other classes are being offered free of charge. All I ask is that you please sign up beforehand so I know how much material I will need to bring to teach you how to create your herbal products. And that you bring 2 small glass containers for the samples of Vapor Rub and Magnesium Body Oil that you will learn how to make.

Additionally, each participant will receive a notebook and copies of each recipe with instructions, folklore, fun facts and botanical information. So far there will be no less than 12 chapters/lessons plans.

I hope you will be able to join us and please know that you can attend as few or as many classes as you choose. However, I will hand out the individual chapters/ lesson plans only to those individuals who attend the class being taught. Snacks will be provided. ~ Debbie Laws



**LITTLE FREE PANTRY**



Canned goods, as well as various edible or potable liquids, can freeze in cold weather. This can be a food safety hazard, making people ill under certain conditions. PLEASE limit food donations in the LFP to items that will remain safe to consume after freezing, such as dry foods. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need!



**JOIN THE TECHNOLOGY TEAM!**



You’re invited! Important? Absolutely! Just ask our online “regulars”, or anyone who wants to hear what is said at a meeting. This Team enables remote / hands-free worship; audio / visual enrichment, remote attendance at important meetings; memorial service slideshows; and more. You don’t need much experience for most jobs (none at all for the easiest ones), and we’ll train you. You just need to be able to follow the bulletin and push buttons for the slides, watch the camera feeds, switch between the cameras. and listen for the sound for the recording / livestream. Inquire at the Church Office.

**HEAVEN’S MILK**

...“All across the world, in almost every language on earth, you can hear the word for mother, the cry of a baby: *mamma, mom, amma, ema, mai, and ma*. It comes from those first longings, the longing for milk. And all these words bear witness that to our longings there existed an answer.”

“But this is not about babies...”

“No. Our longing for milk passes away, but we find another longing within our hearts...another emptiness... another hunger ...but deeper...a longing for that which the world never answers. We long for the perfect, for a perfect love, a perfect happiness, a perfect contentment, and a perfect peace. We long for that which doesn’t fail, that which never disappoints us, or grows old, or passes away. We long for the eternal and the perfect. But the world can never answer those longings...and still they stay with us all the days of our lives. We long for it though we’ve never tasted it. And our very longings bear witness that what we had never seen or tasted was real.”

“We long for the perfect because the perfect exists... as we once longed for milk?”

**“Yes, and we long for a perfect love because there is a Perfect Love. We long for the Eternal because the Eternal exists and the Eternal put that longing into our hearts so we would seek Him...and find Him.”**

“So in the same way that our longing for milk once bore witness that although we had never yet seen it, milk existed, now the longing that is now in our hearts for the perfect, for the Eternal, for heaven bears witness that, although we have not yet seen it, heaven exists. Heaven is real.”

“Yes,” he said, “our deepest longings are the witness of the milk of heaven.”

The Mission: What are the deepest needs and longings of your heart? Join them to Him. Bring them to Him, and receive their filling.

*Ecclesiastes 3:11; Romans 8:22-23; Philippians 4:6-9*  
~Excerpt from *Heaven’s Milk,*  
in *The Book of Mysteries* by Jonathan Cahn



**CANTON FOOD BANK NEEDS**

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

~ 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

Please bring your donations to church, and we will pray over the food and deliver it to the food bank.

The need is for nutritious, non-perishable food items such as:

- Breakfast cereal ♦ Peanut butter ♦ Jelly
- Canned fruit ♦ Bottled juice
- Small boxes of sugar ♦ Coffee & tea
- Canned tuna ♦ Macaroni & cheese
- Soup ♦ Canned vegetables
- Pasta sauce ♦ Canned pasta (ex., Chef Boyardee)
- Canned meat (ex., Beef stew)
- Low salt and sugar free items

We cannot accept any food item that is past its expiration or "best by" date. Thank you!

## EVENTS

(NOTE: Please see weekly bulletins and church emails for cancellations or updates to date, time, and/or location.)

### HEALING PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM at Debbie & Buddy Laws' home.  
See pg. 3.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Wednesdays at 1:00 PM, in Collins Hall, See pg. 3.

### "WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?"



Sermon discussion meeting - At CCC or via ZOOM  
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. See pg. 3.

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### EXALT TEAM MEETING

Sunday, February 4, after the service, in Conf. Room.

### SOUPATHON



Sunday, February 11, after the service, in Collins Hall.  
See pg. 1.

### MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, February 11, after the service.

### VALENTINE'S DAY



Wednesday, February 14, all day.  
Share the love of Jesus with someone!

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins. Wednesday, February 14, all day.

### MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Saturday, February 17  
9:30 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

### PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING

Sunday, February 18, after the service, in Room 4.

### "MORE THAN WEEDS" CLASS

Saturday, February 24, 10:00 AM. in Collins Hall.  
See pg. 4.

### PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE



Sunday, February 25 after the service in Collins Hall

### MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP



Thursday, February 29, 6:00 PM. See pg. 3

*Celebrating the day God blessed the world with YOU!*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Mahnensmith, February 4  
Ken Roberge, February 10  
Pat Grace, February 18  
Isaac Clark, February 23  
Victoria Arel, February 25  
Linda Papertsian February 29



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Genevra Bunnell, March 5  
Everett Hanley, March 6  
Marilyn Drs, March 11  
Ashley Faucher-Farrell March 12  
Ethan Roberge, March 21  
Luke Dickinson March 23  
Jovan Clark, March 27

Birthday blessings to everyone!  
Please let me know if your birthday is not on this list or is incorrect and I'll fix it. You don't need to be a CCC member to be celebrated! ~Rose

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We reserve the right to edit submissions.*



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You can also check online at [wtic.radio.com/storm-center-school-closings](http://wtic.radio.com/storm-center-school-closings)

WFSB-TV, channels 3 and 30: The information scrolls continuously at the bottom of the screen.

You can also check online: [www.wfsb.com/weather/closings/](http://www.wfsb.com/weather/closings/)  
Please do not call Pastor Chris or Patty Bauer at home to check on possible cancellations!