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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.

From the Pastor . . .

We come into the month of November when we celebrate Thanksgiving which, sadly, seems to be forgotten between Halloween and Christmas thanks to the commercialism of the day. But, I digress. I thought I would take my space here this month to encourage all of us to take a few minutes and recall all that we can be thankful for.

In most, if not all, of his epistles, the apostle Paul encouraged the church to be thankful and usually connected that idea with prayer. And so we should let the idea of thanksgiving inform our prayers, thanking God for all things and all people that are in our lives. As the members of His living church, we can also be thankful for how He has provided for our church here in Collinsville.



importantly though is what Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 9:15 where he writes, "Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!" Yes indeed we can be thankful for the gospel of Jesus Christ! We can be thankful for the grace He has shown us! And we can be thankful for the gift of eternal life through Jesus!

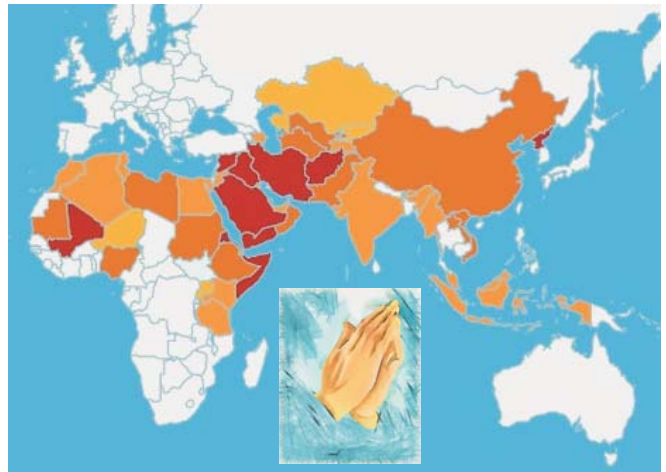
The Psalmist wrote, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him, bless His

name! For the LORD is good, His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations." (Ps. 100:4-5). The goodness of God, the immovable love of God, and His perfect faithfulness to His children are great reasons for our hearts to be filled with thanksgiving towards Him!



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2



Areas of the world where Christians are persecuted



Remember to Change Your Clocks Back One Hour

SUNDAY, November 2, at 2:00 AM!
(or before you go to bed Saturday night)

PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 10/19
(Some items covered separately in this newsletter.)

- ♦ **BUILDING & GROUNDS** - Concrete outside office door has been replaced.
 - Spring St. sidewalk has been repaired.
 - The front sinkhole has been filled in by the town.
- ♦ **VOTES** - All were unanimous:
 - 1) Ratify donation of 2 old tables from Collins Hall to the Canton Historical Society. (Large table was in need of repair). Rachel Salch got new large table for Collins Hall from her place of employment, which was updating. Recommendation was to provide brass plaques for tables at museum, noting donation from CCC. Pastor Chris hopes this gift will soften the Historical Society management toward CCC. (See pg. 2)
 - 2) Spend up to \$2,000 for a new laptop for Newsletter Editor Rose Beaudry to replace crashing old laptop.
 - 3) Spend up to \$8,500 (from Investment Fund) to level and reseal the front stoop. Dan Dickinson said the longer we wait, the worse it will get.
- ♦ **HALLOWEEN PARADE OUTREACH** - See pg. 4.
- ♦ **ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE VISIT** - See pg. 2.
- ♦ **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM** - Bob DuBois said making disciples is a job for every age.
 - New Men's Saturday morning Discipleship Group had first meeting which was well attended. See pg. 3.
 - New Women's Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke led by Linda Papertsian will begin on November 7. (See below.)
 - October is Pastor (And His Wife!) Appreciation Month. THANK YOU! We can't pray enough for them!
 - Outreach: Ask vs. Tell: "Have you ever considered the claims of Jesus?"

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A weekly women's study of the Gospel of Luke will begin Friday, November 7 at 1:00 pm at the church. Our study guide will be: "LUKE: A Physician's Examination of Jesus' Life", by Marilyn Kunz & Catherine Schell, QPlace Printing, 2016.

We have several study guides in the church library. Please pick one up if you are interested.

The study guide summary says this about the Gospel of Luke:

"What are the facts of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection?"

In compiling his account of Jesus's life, Luke, a physician by trade, approaches the task as an investigative journalist would. Talking directly with eyewitnesses and establishing the precise historical context. Luke writes with a clear purpose: "so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."

~ In God's peace and joy, Linda Papertsian
 lrkpaper@gmail.com or 860-796-5643 (cell)

**CCC TABLES TO
 CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Here is one of the tables that we donated, being appreciated and used. They will be using them during the Christmas season for the Christmas trees they have up every year. We have been told it's also being planned to have them refurbished by a local person that specializes in this type of thing.



~ Patty Bauer



ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE VISIT

On Sunday, October 26, this very special group shared inspiring testimonies and led us in worship. A presentation was given on the wonderful work of this ministry and their hoped for plans for expanding their facilities. After the service, they had a table selling some of their wares that they make to raise money for the ministry.
<https://www.rehab.com/teen-challenge-connecticut-new-haven>

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

PRAY FOR AMERICA

How I Will Vote in November

I will vote for the most pro-life candidate, because God hates the shedding of innocent blood
 (Proverbs 6:17).

I will vote for the most pro-Israel candidate, because God blesses those who Bless Israel and curses those who don't
 (Genesis 12:3).

I will vote for the most pro-debt reduction candidate, because the borrower is servant to the lender
 (Proverbs 22:7).

I will vote for the most pro-work candidate because God says if a man won't work let him not eat.
 (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

I will vote for the most Pro-Marriage candidate because God is for marriage as defined in
 (Genesis 2:24).

I will vote for the candidate who most closely believes government's purpose is to reward good & punish evil
 (Romans 13).

I will vote based as close as I can on God's Word
 (2 Timothy 3:16)

COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Nan Schleich has been going through the directory and asking for coffee hour treats (store bought is just as wonderful as baked), along with Nan and Chuck bringing in Dunkin Donuts and Kayla Underkoffler bringing Cake Gypsy cupcakes. - Additional goodies will ALWAYS be welcome without notice!!! Chuck & Nan will start the coffee, but we need help each week to clean up (except when the gamers are here). Thanks to Nan and Chuck for keeping this organized and going!



NEW YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY



Andrew and Victoria Papacoda will be leading this new group, which will meet one Sunday a month at 3:00 PM at CCC. The next meeting will be on November 16. All young adults are welcome!



NEW MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

This new group meets on Saturdays at 9:00 AM in



Collins Hall. They will be discussing the book "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. Bring your own food and drink if you choose. We will pray and talk about one chapter per week. All guys are welcome.

Bring a friend! Heck, bring two!

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)



Current needs include:

- ♦ Breakfast Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup
- ♦ 100% Fruit Juice ♦ Peanut Butter ♦ Jelly
- ♦ Coffee ♦ Tuna ♦ Pasta Sauce

The Canton Food Bank is grateful for ANY nonperishable food items received, but really appreciate:

- ♦ Vegetable, Chicken, or Beef Broth
- ♦ Canned Tuna/Salmon
- ♦ Low sodium canned goods
- ♦ Rice mixes ♦ Low sugar canned fruit
- ♦ Low sugar applesauce

WEEKLY PRAYER HOUR

A new Prayer Hour has begun at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evenings at CCC. We will meet in the Prayer Room until we outgrow it and move into the Sanctuary. The focus will be prayer for our congregation, its leaders, its



ministries, and its mission. Please join us on Tuesday evenings. You may pray silently with us if you don't choose to pray out loud.

In the meantime, if you need healing prayer, it's always available at the end of Sunday services. You may also call the church office to schedule a time of individual prayer ministry from the prayer team.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Saturday, November 15
at 10:00 AM in Collins Hall

CCC has a Monthly Prayer Meeting on the third Saturday of each month. We will also prayer walk the church pews after the meeting. All are welcome!

"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!

MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

At Good Friends Restaurant on Main Street (Rt. 44) New Hartford, 06057. (Near the mini mall; formerly Portobello's.) We usually meet the Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!



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Mens Fellowship last

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER!



CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the Church Directory. If you are new to the church and would like your information to be in the directory, please see Patty Bauer or Laura Salch. ALSO, if you are currently in the directory and have changes, please let them know that too! THANKS!!



CCC FREE FOOD PANTRY



It's wonderful that we donate to the Canton Food Bank on the 3rd Sunday of every month, but please remember our Little Free Pantry too. If you happen to go by and see that it's a little empty, feel free to put something in it. OR if you would like to buy something to keep on hand, please let Laura or Patty know, and we can put it out as needed. Thanks!!! ~ Patty Bauer

LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

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

9/28

- ♦ Wonderful songs (after the 1st 3)

DURING SERMON

- ♦ I've heard before that "explanation without revelation is meaningless". The Holy Spirit revealing truth is a miracle indeed!
- ♦ It's amazing and humbling when the Holy Spirit reveals the truth to us

10/12

- ♦ Sending greetings from Belgrade Lakes, Maine
- ♦ Thanks for asking. My wife is back to normal. Many thanks for all your prayers. He is the great physician.
- ♦ Thanks for making it possible to join you. I'm grateful.
- ♦ Amen!
- ♦ He gave His everything! Hallelujah!

10/19

(There was a terrible sound problem - and I kept apologizing throughout the service)

- ♦ Good morning and thanks for making it possible to be here
- ♦ No worries, I'm grateful for your help
- ♦ Good word Jay. Thanks
- ♦ (After an apology about the sound). No weapon formed against us will prosper. Praying.
- ♦ Jay - When I grow up I hope to play guitar as good as you.
- ♦ Oh now I see it's a guitar duet. Sounds great here!
- ♦ Amen

A LIVING SACRIFICE - NOT DEAD

Romans 12:1-2 says this, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

What does God ask of us? To present ourselves to Him, not as a dead sacrifice on some bloody altar, but as a live sacrifice, including our mind, will, and emotions. Paul writes that it is a reasonable thing to do. It is very similar to the statement, "Here am I, send me." Where? Anywhere. When? Any time. What? For any purpose. God created us with His special design to be used as He chooses. I believe He placed within us passions, abilities, and capacity. During our lives, it is like there is a magnet out there that lures or draws us to certain things. We cannot explain it, but likely our friends and relatives recognize it. It may be directions toward compassion, artistic abilities, engineering, healing, teaching, constructing things, sports, children, or youth, or a thousand other things. Just as a tadpole was born to be a frog, or a caterpillar was born to be a butterfly, you were born to be a special person with a specific destiny.

In this passage, the word conformed means to be pressed in a mold by outward pressure. It is to be shaped by circumstances, the world, life, chance, people...but not God! God created us and does not put us in a mold. He

slaps us on the potter's wheel and gives us shape throughout our lives, forming us to match that which He placed within us from our creation.

Now, what is really awesome is the word "transformed". That is actually the Greek word from which we get our word "metamorphosis". Get it?

Even though we were born dead into sin and rebellion against God, He had already placed within us this "lure" to draw us to the purpose for which He created us, but He also gave us choice. It is a lure, not a mandate.

We can choose to ignore it and allow ourselves to be molded, or we can offer ourselves to be transformed by the master's hands into vessels of honor. The world, including our peers, our culture, and our choices, molds us. However, the potter takes some water and works it into the dry and crusty clay, and God takes his oil and wine and softens our hearts and gives our lives meaning. It is time to break the mold. No matter how old you are, no matter your circumstances, no matter your challenges ...break the mold!

Some day you will look back and remember the pit from which you were dug.

As Keith Green wrote, "My eyes are dry, my faith is old, my heart is hard, my prayers are cold, and I know how I ought to be, alive to You and dead to me. (present your body a living sacrifice). Oh, what can be done with an old heart like mine, soften it up with oil and wine (so the potter's hands can do their work), the oil is You, your Spirit of love, please wash me anew in the wine of Your love."

~ Tom Stewart on Facebook

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### HALLOWEEN PARADE OUTREACH

On Saturday, October 25, CCC reached out to the public by giving out water, tracts, and Gospels of John, and inviting them into our sanctuary to be exposed to the Gospel. The Canton Jazz Combo played on our front porch before the parade started. The CCC Worship Team shared beautiful worship songs and scriptures.

~ Photos by the Bauers

Canton Jazz Combo



CCC Worship Team



Sharing water and the light and love of Jesus and the Gospel

## DEACON'S CORNER

### The Deacon Board's Report for September 2025

This month the Deacon board was able to assist 2 church families. Both wish to express their gratitude to the members of Christ Community Church. These gifts have helped to ensure that one family will be able to get to and from the husband's job and the other helped bring peace of mind and safety to yet another family. The Deacon Board also wishes to express their thanks to this congregation. Your loving generosity to the members of the community in our own backyards will have an impact on the wellbeing of these families going forward.

Warmly,

The Christ Community Church Deacon Board

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DEACONS & GREETERS

(Thank you for your faithful service!)

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday November 2: Caryn Turek:
Sunday November 9: Buddy & Debbie Laws:
Sunday November 16: Dorene Grace:
Sunday November 23: Victoria DuBois:
Sunday November 30: Caryn Turek



GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sunday November 2: Buddy & Debbie Laws
Sunday November 9: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich
Sunday November 16: John & Karen Green
Sunday November 23: Dorene Grace
Sunday November 30: Buddy & Debbie Laws

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### TEXT / VOICE MESSAGING

The software we use at CCC allows us to send out text and voice messages for emergencies - if church is closed due to weather and things like that. Patty will be making sure that everyone is set up for this feature. If you are not currently set up to receive these, she will be contacting you in the next few weeks - thanks!!

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"The real test of discipleship is when following Jesus means stepping into risk."

~ Chad Prather, Before the Noise 10/3/25

MORE THAN WEEDS HERBAL CLASS

At the Saturday, November 29th, 2025, More Than Weeds Class, we will be doing something a little different. At this class I will be showing class members how to create their own cordials and liquors. Specifically, I will be teaching members how to make their own version of



Kahlua, a raspberry cordial, a cherry cordial and brandied cherries for hmmm maybe Cherries Jubilee. This should be a fun and interesting class, taking a step off our beaten path of healing herbal preparations. And it was planned so that students might have

time to make a recipe or two to be used as gifts during the holiday season.

As always, the class will be divided into sections. Partial "lecture" and partial "lab". Followed by some samples being enjoyed during class as well as samples provided to take home. Additionally, students will each receive hand-outs of the recipes to add to their ever-growing book of healing herbal preparations. As always, if you are interested in this class, please sign up ahead of time. That way I will have an accurate count of attendees which will ensure that all will be able to go home with the recipes and samples.

~ Warmly, Debbie Laws

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2025

Operation Christmas Child...here before you know it!

**The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party will be on Sunday, November 9, during coffee hour.** We still have shoeboxes and adhesive stickers (indicating boy/girl and age group) available in Collins Hall. If you have items to contribute as "filler" or "WOW" gifts, please leave them in the box under the sign-up table in Collins Hall.

**We will dedicate our shoeboxes in the Sunday service on November 16,** so if you are packing boxes at home, please bring them in that day. You may also contribute to the shipping costs for boxes packed at the church. The \$10/shoebox cost includes shipping and evangelistic materials that Samaritan's Purse includes with each box.

~ Info from Laura Salch & Samaritan's Purse website  
<https://samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



## EVENTS

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

### HOOR OF PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING



Tuesdays, 7:00 PM at CCC. See pg. 3.

### “WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?”



Sermon discussion meeting. Resumes on October 15!  
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM in Room 4. See pg. 3.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fridays, 1:00 PM in Room 4. See pg. 2.

### MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Saturdays, 9:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

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DAY OF PRAYER

 **FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH** 
Sunday, November 2, all day. See pg. 1.

EXALT TEAM MEETING

Sunday, November 2, after the service, in Conf. Room.

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, November 9, after the service, in Conf. Room.

 **OCC SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY** 
Sunday, November 9, in Collins Hall after service

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

 Saturday, November 15 
9:30 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

OCC SHOEBOX COLLECTION & DEDICATION

Sunday, November 16, in Sanctuary

PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING

MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, November 16, after the service, in Room 4.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY



Sunday, November 16, at 3:00 PM at CCC. See pg. 3.

PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE



Sunday, November 23, after the service, in Collins Hall.

THANKSGIVING



Thursday, November 27, all day!

 **“MORE THAN WEEDS” CLASS** 
Saturday, November 29, 10:00 AM.
in Collins Hall. See pg. 5.

Celebrating the day God blessed the world with YOU!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Salch, October 9
Brayden Aitken, October 10
Nan Schleich, October 13
Don Orcutt, October 18
Chuck Schleich, October 21
Zachary Clark, October 23
Caryn Turek, October 23
Dawn Smith, October 25
Marty Tobey, October 28



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gabby Orcutt, November 2
Rachel Salch, November 5
Robin Cmiel, November 8
Kyra Clark, November 12
Linda Kulick, November 20
Karen Green, November 27
Carol Wilson, November 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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Tuesday,
November 11
is Veterans' Day!
Thank you!
God bless you!