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Thank You, Lord, for the freedom to worship you!

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.

*** If you are new to CCC, we'd love to get to know you! Write an introduction (whatever you'd like us to know about you, including interests if you like), and email along with a photo to Rose. You can submit anything from a few paragraphs up to a full page. (She can take a photo of you with her phone on Sunday if you prefer.)***

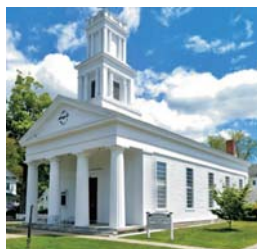
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All text should be Word documents, .txt documents, or typed in an email. Contact info on back page of newsletter.

From the Pastor . . .

As Robb Storm has mentioned a few times in our Pastor's Roundtable meetings, Christ Community Church is coming upon it's bicentennial year. It was in 1826 when a Bible study started in the Collins Axe Factory and a few years later, probably 1832, that group became a church. When we think about all of the souls that have been ministered to, who have worshiped here, and who have been part of this Christian family in the past two centuries, it's remarkable to think of the impact that small Bible study has had for the kingdom of God.

So it is for that reason that we have undertaken some significant improvement/repair projects for the church. And, of course, when we say significant we also mean expensive. I see this



expense as investing in the future of the church in Collinsville so that even more souls and families can be ministered to in the coming years. We should be thankful for how God has provided for our church financially, putting us in a position where we can pay for this work without having to incur any debt. There are many churches that are not able to do this sort of work and are, therefore, limited with what they can do.

By the end of the summer, we will have a fresh coat of paint and some significant repairs done to the building itself. We will have the rear section of the parking lot repaved and safe to walk across. By the Fall, we should have the exterior doors in the education wing replaced with the concrete in front by the office door re-pitched to prevent water from seeping into the building. We are also hoping to have the portico slabs of the portico leveled soon. The hope is to have all the work done by next year so we can mark the first bicentennial milestone for the church.

I have always believed that a church should be the best looking property in town to reflect our thanksgiving for what God has given to us and to also declare how we hold what He gave us in high regard. This takes trust in God to provide and to put it to use wisely. Some call that good stewardship. Again, I call it an investment in the future.

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## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN-UP

Jesus said,  
"Let the little children  
come to Me,  
and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven  
belongs to such as these."  
— Gospel of Matthew 19:14



We are looking for people to sign up to teach Sunday School, to commit to at least one Sunday per month. Contact Karen Green for more information.

Background checks are required, which the church will do.

## PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 6/22

*(Some items covered separately in this newsletter.)*

- Exterior paint job will take 4-6 weeks and has begun. (Dan asked if upper windows can be opened. They were painted shut 20 years ago. That will be investigated.)
- Tech upgrade is in process, including fourth camera for Livestreaming.
- Back parking lot must be repaved, it's a tripping liability. Getting 3 quotes. Will cost about \$15,000.
- Education wing doors need replacing. Concrete outside office entrance needs repatching to keep water from coming in under door.
- After doors are replaced, we need to install a security system.

♦ **HALLOWEEN PARADE OUTREACH** - We need 20 people to have an effective outreach. We need to start thinking about it now. Do we still do it? What would we change? Think and pray about it, and let Pastor Chris know your thoughts.

### ♦ NEW HARTFORD DUNKIN DONUTS THANKS

- Nan Schleich has a contact at Dunkin. They will be giving us their Saturday leftover donuts for our Sunday Coffee Time. (If they don't have leftovers, they will give us fresh ones!) We passed around a thank you card to sign for Dunkin. How sweet it is! Thank you, Nan!

♦ **EXALT TEAM** - Robb said we will celebrate CCC's 200th Anniversary in 2026. The Exalt Team's next meeting is on 7/6 after the service, in Conference Room. All are welcome to come and share ideas and help decide how we will celebrate.

♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM** - Dan said we are revisiting the annual Ladies Luncheon. The ladies are experiencing burnout. The event usually takes place in May, which also has other CCC big events like the Memorial Day Parade outreach. CCC guys used to help set up and serve the luncheon, but most of those who did (like Bob Stacy and Phil Hanson) have gone on to glory. So now the ladies do all the work. We are discussing possibilities going forward: Discontinue the event? Do it differently? Cater it? (where would funds come from?) Have it at a restaurant? (much more expensive than in-house potluck.)

- Working on a Gideons Conversations Class for July, date to be determined.

- Working on a missionaries visit for July, date to be determined.

- Rally Day date to be discussed at next Elders meeting.

♦ **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM** - Bob said they are still looking for a better place than The Alcove to house the folks that will be coming to put on the 5-Day Club vacation bible school.

♦ **DEACONS** - Debbie shared financial information and the thanks of those helped by Deacons Fund. We also received several generous gifts for the Fund. See pg. 4 for details.

♦ **MISSIONS TEAM** - Rachel said that at their May meeting they discussed doing a bulletin board, and how to disburse second quarter donations. Their Missions Fund

is currently over \$6,000.

- Next zoom meeting will be on 8/21.

♦ **BIBLES TO WIHS** - Victoria DuBois said she brought boxes of our old pew bibles to WIHS radio station, for which they were very thankful. Their bible collection event brought in 1,278 bibles! Our old bibles will find good homes! Thanks, Victoria!



♦ **4 C's NAME CHANGE** - The current suggested {by the conference) name change for the Conservative Congregational Conference that CCC belongs to is "Centerpoint Biblical Congregational Conference." Pastor Chris will have to vote on the name change in the August conference gathering. Let him know your thoughts.

### DEACONS & GREETERS

*(Thank you for your faithful service!)*

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

July 6: Dorene Grace

July 13: Caryn Turek

July 20: Buddy and Debbie Laws

July 27: Victoria DuBois



#### GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sunday July 6: Dorene Grace

Sunday July 13: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich

Sunday July 20: Buddy & Debbie Laws

Sunday July 27: John & Karen Green

*Deacons will NOT be meeting in July or August.*

#### HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

On June 29, Debbie Hudobenko and her partner in running Hope Pregnancy Centers (in Cheshire and Unionville, CT) shared with us their precious Christ centered Pro-Life ministry, providing life-affirming abortion alternatives that empower women to choose life. They requested our prayers, and donations as the Lord leads. They are a 501C3 non-profit organization.



25 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT 06085  
hopepregnancycenterct.org



## COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Since not enough folks have been signing up to do coffee hour, Nan and Chuck Schleich are stepping up to make it happen. (Thank you!!!)

"My intention is to solicit one item each week, (in addition to mine), to go with whatever other goodies show up. No one needs to expect to be asked more than once until we've gone through the whole list. But additional goodies will always be welcome without notice! to start the coffee weekly, but we can't be counted on to do the cleanup.

When someone is asked to bring food item(s) for a Sunday coffee hour, something you buy from the store is always acceptable, if you choose not to bake!"

~Nan Schleich

## SISTERS IN CHRIST CREATIVELY PURSUING GOD

Gabby Orcutt's bible journaling group meets at CCC in Collins Hall on the first Saturday of each month, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Singing, prayer, and scriptures. All women are welcome to come to learn and share Bible journaling techniques and use their creativity to grow in God's Word.

## "WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?"

The sermon discussion group is taking a break for the summer! It will resume in the fall.

Have a great summer!

## CANTON FOOD BANK NEEDS

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

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

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

## LITTLE FREE 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

## HEALING PRAYER MEETINGS



Healing Prayer meetings happen at the home of Debbie and Buddy Laws on Tuesday evenings. Fellowship and snacks will begin at 6:30 PM. Prayer will begin at 7:00 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

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, June 21

at 9:30 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. If you can't make the meeting, you may still join us at 10:00 AM to pray over the pews. All are welcome!

## MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

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



Men's Fellowship

## LADIES SUMMER BIBLE BOOK CLUB



The Ladies Summer Bible Book Club (BBC's) will meet once per month this summer of 2025 to discuss our readings of

PROVERBS. We will meet on the second Friday of the month: July 11, August 8, and September 12 at 1:00 pm in Room 4 of the church. The plan is to discuss the Book of Proverbs in three parts. Please come to any or all BBC's. I will be sending out questions at least a week before we gather if you let me know you are interested, but you are also welcome to just drop in any day we meet.

Chapters 1 - 9 (July 11): Essays on how to live a life shaped by wisdom

Chapters 10 - 22 (August 8): Rhythmic, parallel Proverbs associated with Solomon

Chapters 23 - 31 (September 12): Wise sayings of others, including Solomon.

May you be blessed by this study of God's word.  
Linda Papertsian: Lrkpaper@gmail.com or 860-796-5643

## LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

6/22:

♦ When Pastor Chris first got up - talking about middle east

- ♦ GOD GOT US
- ♦ CARYN: Amen
- ♦ I know that (Know that he heals)
- ♦ YES
- ♦ TRUTH!

♦ It's wonderful to have such a wonderful explanation of this psalm

- ♦ I agree...so important
- ♦ That's. why is so important to seek a church with an expository preacher who uses an exegetical method of preaching rather than eisegetical. Dr. Bauer has this gift.
- ♦ I agree, well said!
- ♦ Now to re-read it later today after hearing this
- ♦ Amen! Excellent Word
- ♦ Thanks Pastor. Ps 103 is a precious gift

6/15:

- ♦ ME: Chris received word that his dissertation was approved - so he is now Reverend Dr. Chris Bauer!
- ♦ Thanks Pastor I love the psalms
- ♦ WHAT GREAT NEWS!! Praise God. I hope Chris publishes his dissertation as a book.
- ♦ He has to wait to see if the school is going to publish it. If not then he will

6/8:

- ♦ Good morning everyone. Church curmudgeon from Virginia here. I see Donna is back.
- ♦ It's always a joy to hear Pastor Chris get Jiggy with it
- ♦ Happy to be here; meant to say ty for sending love, I'm so blessed to be in this extremely lifting church

6/1:

- ♦ If I'm not feeling my best, how can I give my best?
- ♦ You simply pray and look to God and give him what you can. That would be your best considering how you're feeling. Keep looking to Him.
- ♦ That's encouraging. Thanks
- ♦ And while you do that I will pray that you will return to feeling your best
- ♦ Thanks. I 'preciate that.
- ♦ Brilliant exposition of this passage.

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DEACONS REPORT

We received 2 extremely generous gifts this month. One for \$2,225.00 and another for \$500.00. This brought the Deacons checking account to \$3,400.00. Your gifts have made a difference in the lives of so many people, past and present. People in our own communities. Additionally, your gifts will make life-changing surgery possible for one individual in our community who otherwise would never have been able to pay for it. The family would like to express its gratitude to the congregation that has made what seemed an impossible situation a reality. Thank you.

Our Deacon's Fund has been able to pay 2 substantial bills. One for an individual and another for a family. Your kind generosity has given peace of mind to these people.

One check for \$875.00 went out to pay rent. The family is very grateful for your generosity! They were able to relax knowing the rent would be covered while

the individual recovered from an injury that left them unable to work.

Another check for \$375.00 went out to cover the cost of school. Your gift has made it possible for this individual to enter an advanced nursing program! They too are very grateful for your generous gift.

We also continue to check in on families that are recovering from illnesses and who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Once again, we thank the congregation for their generous gifts to the Deacon's Fund. You have made a great difference in the lives of your neighbors and in your community.

~ Debbie Laws

MORE THAN WEEDS CLASS

It has been a bit less than a year since Debbie Laws, a member of Christ Community Church began teaching her herbal classes: More Than Weeds. Debbie has been a Christian herbalist for over 15 years and always clarifies that she is a Christian Herbalist. A distinction she makes whenever she begins a new class. She believes that all good things, all that is, all that was, and all that is to come, have been gifted to us by God. This includes the plants. AKA "weeds". It became clear to Debbie many years ago that these plants are a gift to us, and to be used to bring healing and comfort and to be enjoyed by us. What a good Heavenly Father we have. Debbie wants others to know about the goodness that God has surrounded us with.

When she was a very young herbalist her mom took her aside and told her a story about her childhood growing up with very little money. And certainly, no money for doctors. If one of her 3 siblings cut, scraped, or burned themselves, her mother (Debbie's grandmother) would go out to the garden pull several leaves from the variety of plants that had been planted, make a poultice (come to Debbie's class to find out more about a poultice!), apply it to the wound, wrap it with clean cotton strips and allow it to heal. Debbie's mom told her that her grandmother would be so surprised to know that Debbie had returned... please forgive me... to her roots.

Debbie hopes that teaching this class will help participants understand how God has gifted us with these plants, and that they are "More Than Weeds."

After several months of class, learning about the various plants, how they are used, and making several recipes, such as Quick Stop which slows down or stops minor bleeding, to Wild Lettuce used to alleviate bone and joint pain due to injury, arthritis, or overuse.

Here is what one class participant had to say about the Wild Lettuce Pain Salve: "Since I began to use the Wild Lettuce Pain Salve, I have found that it worked all day. Better than the over-the-counter pain relievers. It was not affecting my kidneys or liver and as a bonus, I didn't smell like Ben-Gay!" V.

For the June class, Debbie taught her class how to make an Arnica Skin Cream. The July class will be using Jewel Weed, which is used to treat the rash that comes with poison ivy, as well as a pro-phylactic use to stop the rash alto-gether. There will be two different methods and recipes for administration that will be taught. Let Debbie know if you would like to join her on Saturday, July 26, 2025, in Collins Hall, at 10:00 am!!



EVENTS

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

HEALING PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
at the Laws' home. See pg. 3.

"WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?"

Sermon discussion group will not meet during the summer.

DEACONS

Deacons will not meet during July and August.

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### INDEPENDENCE DAY



Friday, July 4, all day!

Thank the Lord for our freedom to worship Him!

### WOMEN'S BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

Saturday, July 5, 10:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

### EXALT TEAM MEETING

Sunday, July 6, after the service, in Conf. Room.

### LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE BOOK CLUB

Friday, July 11, 1:00 PM in Room 4.

### MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, July 13, after the service, in Room 4.

### MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

 Saturday, July 19  
9:30 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 4. 

### PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING

Sunday, July 20, after the service, in Room 4.

### PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE



Sunday, July 27, after the service, in Collins Hall.

### MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP



Thursday, June 26, 6:00 PM. See pg. 3.

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Celebrating the day God blessed the world with YOU!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gay Markkanen, July 3
Debbie Laws, July 3
Madeline Orcutt, July 8
Saarin Appleton, July 8
Carolyn Roberge, July 9
Stephanie Griffin, July 16
Marge Van Dusen, July 18
Orion Orcutt, July 25
Sally Griffin, July 25
Steve Oakes, July 28



(There are no August Birthdays)

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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AUGUST 4TH - 8TH 6-8 PM
CEF 5-DAY VACATION
AGES 5-12
BIBLE SCHOOL
"DISCOVERING JESUS"
Christ Community Church
7 South Street
Collinsville, CT 06019
860-693-6333
FREE!
Scan to register
#REALVERBETTER

Please pray for this event, for children, adults, and everyone involved. If possible, distribute posters and invite people. Greeting card packs are \$10 in Collins Hall. Proceeds will help defray housing costs for our guests from CEF. Thank you!