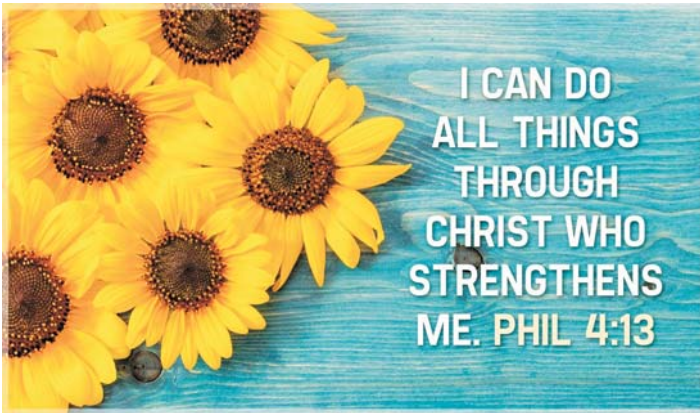




CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWS

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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 . . .*

A cursory read of the Old Testament reveals a pattern about prayer that we can—and should—apply to our church lives. When the people would approach Moses with an issue to adjudicate, he would go to God first. The “good” kings of Judah did the same thing. Jesus did the same thing—starting His day early in prayer. Paul did the same thing.

We consider for this month the foundational need for prayer in both our own lives and the life of the church. Thom Rainer observed that most churches that are struggling (or closed) lacked active corporate prayer. It usually is the first thing to be given up.

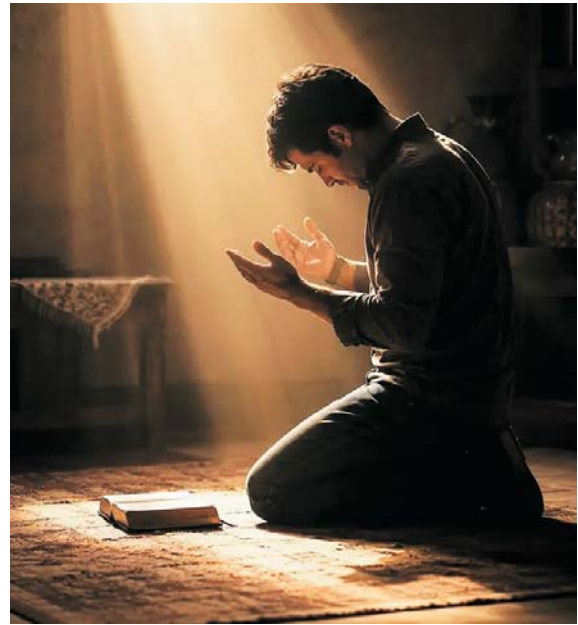
I believe that in the current season of our church with the significant financial struggles before us, the church—more than ever—needs to be praying FOR the church. During our own prayer times, definitely! But, and I might say more importantly, we should be praying together as a church. Now is not a time to think, “someone else will do it.”

Currently we have multiple



opportunities for corporate prayer: worship services (of course), 7:00 PM on Tuesday nights at the church, and 10:00 AM on the third Saturday of each month at the church. Stay tuned for other times and ways you can engage in prayer for your church.

So, pray without ceasing! Pray early and often! Go to the Lord first! And commit to participating with your church brothers and sisters to beseech God’s provision for us.



~~~~~ RALLY DAY IS COMING!



On Sunday, September 13, we will gather (hopefully in the back of the CCC parking lot) for our annual Rally Day celebration. Everyone is welcome, and we only ask two things: please sign up in Collins Hall (sign up sheet will be there by mid-August), and bring a large dish to share! We hope that everyone will plan on staying to eat and fellowship together! *Invite friends!*

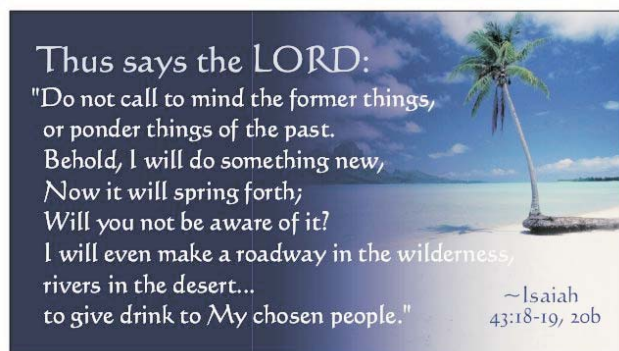
Ideas are needed for a Rally Day theme. Give us yours! *Do you own a 10 x 10 pop-up gazebo/canopy?* We’d like to use 5 or 6 of them for Rally Day so we can be outside under cover without having to use the very large tent that requires punching holes in our back parking lot to set it up. If you have one we can borrow for Rally Day, please let Laura Salch or Patty Bauer know.

PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 7/19

(Some items covered separately in this newsletter. Rose was sick that day so doesn't have detailed notes about the meeting for the newsletter).

- ♦ **FINANCES:** Pastor Chris spoke in detail about the finances of the church. If you were not able to make it to the church and would like to know what was said, please contact Pastor Chris - he can fill you in and send you the handout that was given.
- ♦ **MINISTRY REALIGNMENT PLAN 2.0** - The proposed plan was presented at the June Roundtable. We will have the summer to discuss it before implementing. We will vote on the final version at the September Roundtable. See last page of newsletter for the handout that was distributed. And please pray about becoming part of one of the new or renewed teams!

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SERMON INFO FOR AUGUST

8/2: "The Lord is Coming" Acts 24:10-21

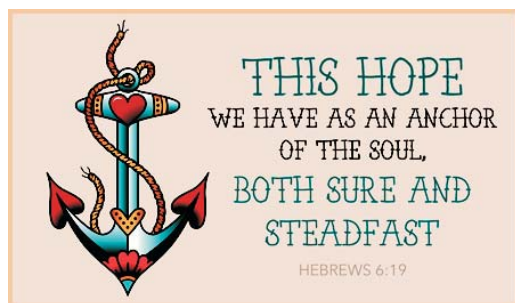
8/9: "The Boldness of the Believer" Acts 26:1-29

8/16: Pastor Chris on vacation - Elder Kevin or Bob is preaching

8/23: Pastor Chris on vacation - Elder Kevin or Bob is preaching

8/30: "Sabbath" Hebrews 4:1-11

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Pastor Chris will be traveling or on vacation August 3-7 & August 10-24. For all prayers and other church related issues, please contact one of the Elders (Bob DuBois, Robb Storm, Dan Dickinson, or Kevin Salch).

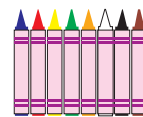
Office Manager Laura Salch will be on vacation August 31-September 7 (Labor Day). Contact her before then if you need anything from her during that time.

## CANTON SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are collecting school supplies for the Canton School District. We received a more updated list from the school, and here's the full list. *The plan right now is to drop them off at the school on August 18. We are waiting to hear if they need them sooner, so please bring them in as you buy them.* Thank you all.

### 1st – 3rd Grade

- Crayola fat markers (10 classic colors)
- Children's rounded tip scissors (Fiskars)
- Laminated folders
- Glue sticks
- Expo low odor markers – thin pencil style
- #2 pre-sharpened pencils
- White plastic latex free erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Retractable 4 color pens (red, blue, green, black)
- Durable plastic pencil box (8" x 5" or 8-1/2" x 5-1/2")
- Quiet handheld pencil sharpener
- Hard cover composition books (100 sheets)
- Dry erase markers (chisel tip or fine tip)



### 4th – 6th Grade (Intermediate School)

- Marbled composition notebook (not spiral)
- Single Subject notebooks
- 3 subject notebooks
- 2 subject notebooks
- Bi-pocket folders
- 2" 3-Ring Binder
- 3" 3-Ring Binder
- #2 Pencils, 12 Pack or 24 pack
- 1 Package blue or black pens
- Pencil box/pouch
- 3" x 3" Packages of Post-it Notes
- Markers
- Colored Pencils, Box(es)
- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters
- Black or blue Sharpie
- Dry Erase Markers
- Eraser(s)
- Basic calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Absorbent paper towels
- Tissues



### Middle School

- Single Subject Notebooks
- Folders
- Post-it Notes
- TI 34 Multiview calculator
- Colored pencils
- Pens/pencils
- Highlighters
- Agenda/Planner book
- Black 3 ring binder – 1" (for chorus)



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



## COFFEE HOUR UPDATE!

So far it seems that the Keurig machines are working well - thank you all for adjusting to this. The Hospitality Team will continue to have regular and decaf coffee; if you would like a specific flavor you like, by all means bring them in!



The Hospitality Team will continue to set up for coffee hour, however, help is still needed.

Snacks/Treats: The sign-up sheet is on the drink table as always. Snacks can be store bought, healthy, homemade - whatever you would like to bring. A couple of treats to go with the coffee would be greatly appreciated. Just sign up and bring them in before the service starts. If you forget to sign up but want to bring something in, that is absolutely wonderful. It's good for the team to know if someone has signed up, to be prepared.



While cleanup is much simpler now, the more help putting things away the better - and that's only for weeks 1 & 3! The gamers are there weeks 2 & 4 so we don't have to clean up!

The last reminder is that the coffee donations are used to buy the coffee, creamers, or other supplies that may be needed. The coffee donation basket is on the snacks table.

Special thanks to Robin for continuing to make her delicious cakes; and to Everett & Jennifer - they help with the supplies they buy!

Speaking of the Hospitality Team, if you would like to be a part of the team, or have any questions about it, please let Patty know. We have Rally Day coming up on Sunday, September 13. Thanks!! ~ Patty Bauer

## GIRLS' NIGHT OUT, MOBILE EDITION



We're taking a new, quarterly Girls' Night Out on the road with new locations, smaller groups, and more flexible meeting times to make it easier for more women to attend, talk, and actually hear each other. *Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 PM at Tomato & Garlic Pizzeria, 102 Wolcott St., Bristol, CT.* All women are welcome from near and far, if you're willing travel. Especially invite those who live near you! Let Laura Salch know if your area should be the next one we visit.

## CANTON FOOD BANK NEEDS



On the 3rd week of each month we ask that you bring in donations for the Canton Food Bank to help those in need. Patty has been checking in with them periodically to see what they need, and the flyer in the bulletin has been updated.

Going forward, we are going to ask for specific items to help stock up on those items. Thank you for your

generosity each month!

**For August, we are asking for:**

- ♦ Canned Tuna ♦ Canned Meat ♦ Pasta
- ♦ Marinara Sauce ♦ Canned Chili
- ♦ 100% Juice ♦ Coffee

## WEEKLY HOUR OF PRAYER

There is a Prayer Hour 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

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Saturday, August 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!

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP



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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!

*There will be no Sermon Discussion Group until after Rally Day. The next meeting will be on September 16.*

## MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP



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This group meets on Saturdays at 9:00 AM in Room 4. All guys are welcome. Bring a friend! Heck, bring two!

The group is taking a break until after Rally Day. The next meeting will be September 19.

MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

We meet at Good Friends Restaurant on Main Street (Rt. 44) New Hartford, CT 06057. (Near the mini mall.) We usually meet the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM to share great fellowship over a meal. All are welcome!



Men's Fellowship

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

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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. It's on the front porch.



(It has been kind of sparsely stocked lately...) to buy something to keep on hand, please let Laura or Patty know, and we can put it out as needed. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need!

## A PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE

Heavenly Father,

I come before You in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. You alone are my refuge, my fortress, and my deliverer. Your Word declares that if the Son sets us free, we shall be free indeed. Today I stand on that promise.

Lord, search my heart and expose anything within me that is not pleasing to You. I confess my sins before You and ask for Your mercy. Wash me clean by the blood of Jesus Christ. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Father, deliver me from every chain that seeks to bind me. Break the grip of fear, anxiety, pride, bitterness, lust, addiction, deception, unbelief, and every stronghold that exalts itself against the knowledge of Christ. Let every lie of the enemy be replaced with the truth of Your Word.

In the authority of Jesus' name, I renounce every work of darkness and every influence that seeks to draw me away from You. I belong to Jesus. I have been bought with a price. I declare that no weapon formed against me shall prosper, and greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world.

Lord, surround me with Your holy angels. Be my shield and my defender. Lead me away from temptation and deliver me from evil. Fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit, producing in me love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let my life become a testimony of Your power to rescue and restore.

Teach me to walk in obedience, for true freedom is found in following Christ. Give me the courage to flee what is sinful, the wisdom to discern what is true, and the strength to stand firm when I am tested.

I praise You because You are the God who hears the cries of Your people, and You continue to deliver all who call upon Your name. I trust You with my life, my family, my future, and my soul.

I surrender everything to You. Let the peace of Christ rule in my heart, the Word of Christ dwell richly within me, and the glory of Christ be seen through my life until the day I stand in Your presence.

I ask all of this in the powerful and victorious name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.

Amen.

~ Chad Prather on Facebook

## PATRIOTIC CONCERT



The Farmington Valley Band performed an outdoor patriotic concert to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the USA on Saturday, July 4, on our church lawn.

## GREETINGS FROM THE DEACONS CORNER

Dear Friends and Family,

July and August are typically the months that the Deacons have their summer break and are not meeting. However, we are still working to meet the needs of our church family as well as the wider community of the Farmington Valley. With your help we have been able to



meet the physical needs of families, but we have had the opportunity to pray with and share the Gospel with some of the families the Deacons have ministered to. Please pray for

us as we continue to pray for the needs of the families we have met with and pray too that they are open to the Gospel as we share the love of Christ in very tangible ways. We never know when we will have the opportunity to share the Gospel and to pray for those we come in contact with. But we pray that God will continue to provide opportunities to do exactly that.

Specifically, we have met the needs of 5 families, providing help with anything from meals, groceries, car repairs, help with moving and medical needs. All of this has cost approximately \$4,500.00 and we never would have been able to provide the much-needed assistance without your generous help! Please know how much your generous help is appreciated. And please continue to pray for the individuals who have heard the Gospel. We thank you all for your generosity...

Warmly In Christ,

The CCC Deacon Board

## DEACONS & GREETERS

(Thank you for your faithful service!)

### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

8/2: Dorene Grace

8/9: Caryn Turek

8/16: Buddy & Debbie Laws

8/23: Victoria DuBois

8/30: Buddy & Debbie Laws



### GREETERS SCHEDULE

8/2: Buddy & Debbie Laws

8/9: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich

8/16: Dorene Grace

8/23: Buddy & Debbie Laws

8/30: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich

## GREETERS NEEDED!

Debbie Laws is looking for Greeters to join the team. This is a crucial ministry. Greeters are the very first faces that newcomers and current attendees alike will see upon entering our church. Please speak to Debbie if you are interested.



## 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.

### SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

Taking a break until September 16. See pg. 3.

### MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Taking a break until September 19. See pg. 3.

### DEACONS MEETING

Taking a break until September.

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EXALT TEAM MEETING

Sunday, August 2, after the Service, in Conference Room.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT, MOBILE EDITION



Wednesday, August 12

7:00 PM at

Tomato & Garlic Pizzeria
in Bristol. See pg. 3.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING



Saturday, August 15

10:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.



PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, August 16, after the Service, in Room 4.

MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP



Men's Fellowship

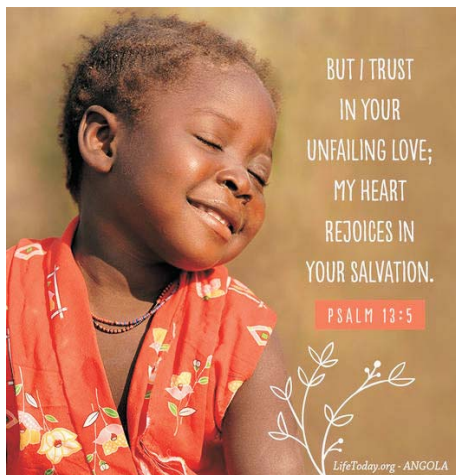
Thursday, August 27, at 6:00 PM.

PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE



Sunday, August 30, after the service, in Collins Hall.
See pg. 3.

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

(No August Birthdays)

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sena Hornby, September 1

Norm Wilson, September 1

Laura Crowley, September 14

John Cudworth, September 23

Bob Papertsian, September 25

Pastor Chris Bauer, September 29

Rose Beaudry, September 29



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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2026 Ministry Re-Alignment Plan 2.0

SHEPHERDS OF THE CHURCH:

Elders: (includes Pastor): Prayer, Spiritual direction, pastoral care, theology of Church, disciplinary actions

Deacons: Show the love and compassion of Jesus thru mercy ministry (food, financial, prayer)

Prayer: Prayer needs of church (healing, emergencies, etc.)

EXALT: To exalt the Lord Jesus Christ

Worship: (includes Technology Team): All worship service elements (music, liturgy, special ministry, sound, graphics, online)

Greeters: Coordination of greeters for all services

Communion: Preparation, set up, and clean up

PROCLAIM: To proclaim the Gospel

Outreach: Brining the gospel to the community (community events in And outside of the church)

Missions: Supporting the work of briing the Gospel to the World

MAKE DISCIPLES: (2 TEAMS)

Team 1:

Small Group Ministry: Deepening church life, fostering community

Men's Ministry: Equipping and cultivating Godly men (fellowship and study)

Women's Ministry: Equipping and cultivating Godly women (fellowship and study)

Team 2:

Young Adults Ministry: Equipping the next generation for the church (fellowship, encouragement, leading)

Children's Ministry (includes Children's church and VBS): Teaching and training children in the ways of the faith

OPERATIONS OF THE CHURCH:

Church Manager: coordinate office, finance, facilities, security, and hospitality

Church Admin: Bulletin, correspondence, readings, signage, phones

Finance (two people): Steward finances of church income and expense

Facilities (two people): All things building and grounds

Security and Safety: Implement security and safety measures

Hospitality: Coordination of memorial services, after church fellowship, Rally Day, church-wide meals (Advent, Palm Sunday), etc.