



# CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH IN COLLINSVILLE  
*Conservative Congregational Christian Conference*

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

## From the Pastor . . .

This time around I'd like to remind us all about the proposed name change for the denomination that we belong to. Mind you as a Congregational church, we are autonomous and are not under any kind of direct supervision of a denomination. Wisely though, this church many years ago became part of what we call the 4-C's which stands for the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference. The benefit of belonging to this conference essentially means we are not going it alone and we have a network of churches that we can partner with as we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## What's in a name?

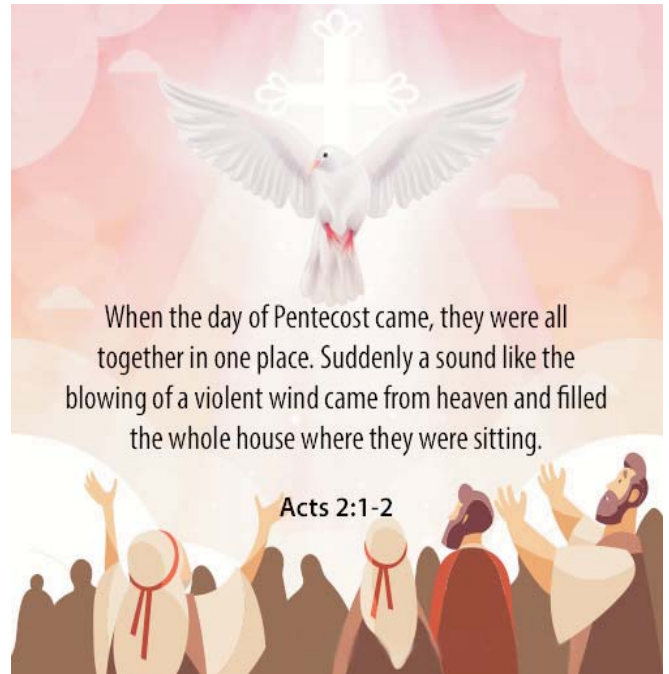
So why the name change? One reason is most folks in the 4-C's can't get the four words right or in the right order. It takes practice! And then after the name is stated an explanation of what it means usually follows. The conference gathering last summer voted overwhelmingly for a name change. And it should be noted that this has been an ongoing effort for 20 years now!

The current name was decided on by the conference many years ago and it was to firmly state that the churches that belong to it seek to conserve Christian biblical values and living through congregational churches. However we all know that the meanings of words can change overtime and the word "conservative" sure has taken a beating.

So the 4-C's leadership engaged with a team to develop a new name and, after some lively discussion at last year's conference, the proposed name is: Centerpoint: A Biblical Congregational Conference. The thinking is that the word Centerpoint can be explained as Jesus is the center of everything and all things point to Him. Including the phrase "Biblical Congregational Conference" removes any misinterpretation of the word "conservative."

Why do I bring this up? At this years Annual Gathering in Orlando the conference will vote on the name change. I will be attending as a pastor and delegate of our church and will cast the vote as our congregation sees fit. So, pray on it. Ask questions. And let me know how you'd like me to vote!

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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:1-2

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## PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 5/25

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

- ♦ **ANNIVERSARY** - Congratulations to Kevin and Laura Salch on their 35th Anniversary!
- ♦ **FINANCIAL** - CCC received an anonymous gift which will be applied to the exterior paint job. (Thank you!)

- Painting quote was \$57,000 + any repairs required. We estimate a \$70-75,000 total. \$20,000 deposit required to start. Job will begin on June 14, and should take 4-6 weeks. (Pressure washing has already begun.)

- In May we received a gift from an online attendee for audio visual tech upgrade. (Thank you!) We also received an additional mone from Paul Witmer's estate, which will also be applied to the tech upgrade. We now have enough to begin the upgrade.

- Quotes are in progress to replace the entrance doors to the Education wing, and level the foundation stones of the front portico.

♦ **RECENT EVENTS** - The Ladies' Lunch and the Creativity Celebration were great successes. Thanks to all who organized, assisted and participated!

♦ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Nan Schleich said the bible study will wrap up by the end of May. (Thank you for leading it for so long, Nan!) Linda Papertsian will lead a monthly Bible Book Club in July/August/September. See pg.3.

### ♦ UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/7 Sisters in Christ Bible Journaling Club - See pg. 3.

- 6/14 FREE Classical Concert - 12 Noon in Sanctuary. See pg. 5. Followed by Collinsville Street Fair.

- 6/21 Monthly Prayer Meeting, 9:30 AM. See pg. 2.

♦ **EXALT TEAM** - Robb Storm said the team is involved in planning worship elements. All are welcome to join, for a rollicking good time or just to listen. Team meets after the service on first Sunday of the month.

♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM** - Will meet on 6/8 after the service, along with the Make Disciples Team.

♦ **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM** - Bob DuBois said they will be meeting with the Proclaim Team for the next few months, since upcoming events include overlapping involvements.

♦ **BAPTISM** - We have a possible candidate for believer's baptism. If you are thinking about doing it, or know someone who is, please contact Bob DuBois or Pastor Chris. Baptism will happen sometime in the summer.

♦ **GREETING CARDS** - Laura Salch said we have a quantity of scripture greeting cards left over from when we used to sell them to raise money for the Youth Group. we will be selling them for \$10 for a package of 12 cards. See Laura.

### ♦ DEACONS

- See pg. 4 for 2 reports on people whom we have been assisting.

- An updated Deacons Sector list will be available soon.

♦ **MISSIONS** - One of the missions that CCC is supporting

is involved in Bible distribution around the world. the CCC Facebook page periodically posts updates.



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE OUTREACH



CCC participated in the parade with Pastor Chris's truck, bedecked with banners promoting our church, and a big sign advertising our August 5-Day Club vacation bible school. We also gave out water bottles, tracts, and information about our church. Many thanks to all who donated water bottles and/or participated!



*Nice job on the signs and banners!*

*~ Photos by Linda Kulick*



## 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!

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN-UP



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.



## 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.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The bible study on the Beatitudes led by Nan Schleich ended in May. Thank you Nan for all your efforts with this and previous studies!



## 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.

## "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, 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 is the point of contact for this study.

## LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

5/23

- ♦ Yes Pastor, I am glad to be here, if only online
- ♦ THANK YOU FOR THAT REMINDER!! We are mourning the loss of warriors who died in battle defending this country. It's not a party nor a time to be merry
- ♦ How blessed we are to have Pastor Chris as our preacher! Can I get an Amen!?
- ♦ Amen
- ♦ Oh yeah, a super AMEN for Pastor Chris.
- ♦ Amen

5/18

- ♦ Lots of prayers for Patty
- ♦ When Pastor Chris was talking about how friends who knew him before he became a believer & a pastor are surprised: I get that same thing - about being a Pastor's wife. But here we are
- ♦ Yeah, I would never have thunk it. God works in mysterious way for sure
- ♦ Actually Patty, There's no biblical mandate for a Pastor's wife; but if ever a definition were needed we only need to look to you as an example.
- ♦ Thank you. I've been told that I'm not a traditional Pastor's wife - I am who God made me - I wouldn't know do things any other way. I actually take it as a compliment. I'm who God made me and quite comfortable with that
- ♦ I'm blessed to call Chris the pastor of my church. Today I'm hearing of his great insight.
- ♦ I too am blessed to call Pastor Chris my pastor and my friend. I wonder if Christ Community Church truly appreciates the man of God, Pastor Chris is.
- ♦ This was a great sermon today. I'm glad I didn't miss it.

5/11

- ♦ Good morning everyone. I spent the week in the hospital battling an attack of A-Fib. All good now. Praise the Lord. Said to me once Wait on the Lord and be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart (ps 27:14) I pass His word along to you. Be blessed. Brad
- ♦ SONG IN THE GARDEN: This has been a favorite song since childhood and before I ever really understood what Christ did for me.
- ♦ Exegetical, expository preaching like this is so difficult to find in mainstream churches today. It's all just empty worship.
- ♦ Thank you. You know that it's not Chris - he's just a vessel
- ♦ Yes, I am aware of that; because Chris submits to God's leading.

5/4

- ♦ DURING THE SERMON: It keeps us dependent on Him
- ♦ Yes it does. In Him we always have hope



## DEACONS REPORT

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.

At the May Roundtable, Debbie Laws read a report from Deacon Caryn Turek on the nursing student we have been assisting through nursing school. The student is finishing her fourth year at St. Joseph's college and was chosen to enter the accelerated phase of St. Joseph's nursing program. She is very grateful for all the gifts that made it possible.

Victoria DuBois reported that several phone calls were made to Peter Dolan's widow Tina while their daughter was on vacation. They have not requested any financial or food assistance. Please pray for them, especially Tina.

A new deacons sector list is coming soon.

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### DEACONS & GREETERS

*(Thank you for your faithful service!)*

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday June 1: Dorene Grace  
Sunday June 8: Victoria DuBois  
Sunday June 15: Caryn Turek  
Sunday June 22: Caryn Turek  
Sunday June 29: Dorene Grace



#### GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sunday June 1: Buddy & Debbie Laws  
Sunday June 8: Buddy & Debbie Laws  
Sunday June 15: Dorene Grace  
Sunday June 22: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich  
Sunday June 29: John & Karen Green

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#### CREATIVITY CELEBRATION

On May 18 we enjoyed a wonderful time viewing a great big selection of arts and crafts, and even a display of architectural creativity, all accomplished by our talented CCC family. The event was accompanied by a lavish offering of goodies, making a feast for the tastebuds as well as for the eyes. Many thanks to Nan Schleich for instigating, as well as to Diana Appleton and everyone else who made it such a delightful time!



~ Photo by Pastor Chris



## 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 meeting, Wednesdays, 7:00 PM.  
See pg. 3.

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### EXALT TEAM MEETING

Sunday, June 1, after the service, in Conf. Room.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, June 8



### PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING & MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, June 8, after the service, in Room 4.

### DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, June 8, after the service, in Conference Rm.

### FREE CONCERT AT CCC

Saturday, June 14, at noon, in Sanctuary. See pg. 5.

### FATHERS DAY

Sunday, June 15



### MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Saturday, June 21  
9:30 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 4.

### PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE

Sunday, June 22, after the service, in Collins Hall.

### MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

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

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Robb Storm, June 2  
Jay North, June 4  
Ryan Lindemayer, June 16  
Dan Dickinson, June 23  
Hilda Sand, June 27



### 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

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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and edifying the church body.*

*We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

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The Halley Ensemble presents

## MOVEMENT & MACHINES



CELIA MORIN



ISABELLE NICHOLS



JAMES GIKAS



ELLIOTT DAVIS

JUNE 14  
12 PM

JUST PRIOR TO THE  
ANNUAL COLLINSVILLE  
FAIR!

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SHOSTAKOVICH - STRING QUARTET NO. 3