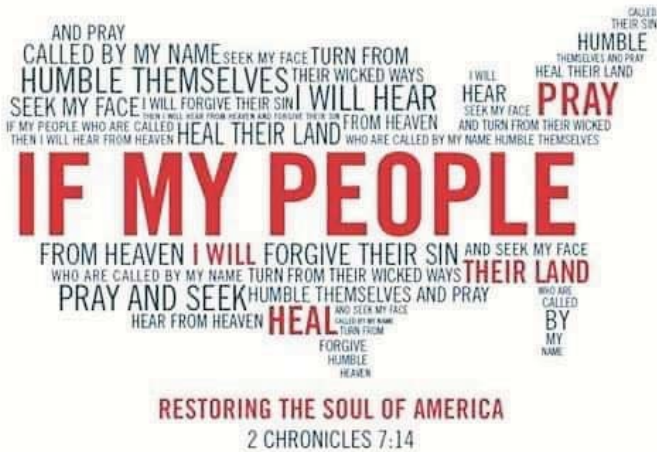




# CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWS

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 . . .

Springtime is finally here! What a joyous time of renewal! As we see flowers blooming and grass coming back we can be reminded of the perfection of God's creation.

It's also a time for the church to be open for many activities, both church related and community related. The month of May is chock full of events at the church that I am encouraging you to be a part of. On May 10 at 4:00 PM we are hosting a free concert for the Canton Schools Chamber Singers which features groups of all ages. It's not to be missed! It's an opportunity to support our community by appreciating the work of the teachers and students. It also gives us a chance to connect with the families that come to the concert and invite them to join us in worship on Sunday mornings.

On Saturday May 17 at 8:00 AM the "Focus on Canton" folks are running a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" day with some light yard work projects. Again, another opportunity to connect with our community as servants. The Ladies Luncheon is later that day at noon featuring Karen Rissenger of Standing Stone Ministries which will be a blessing for sure! And the next day we will have our own "Creativity Celebration" right after service where folks in our church will share their creative gifts. Thanks Nan!

Monday May 26 is Memorial Day and we'll be

participating IN the parade featuring our worship team. The idea is to be a visible presence in our community and share the gospel through music. We also will once again provide water bottles and tracts at the top of the hill before the end of the parade. We need folks to come out for that outreach as well!

Finally, Debbie will host another "More Than Weeds" workshop at the church on May 31 in the morning. This is not only packed with information, it also is open to anyone you want to invite.

I mention these things because each of them provide us all with the ability to meet our neighbors and share the love of Christ with them. These events are times when many folks who have never been to our church come and visit, or times when we can connect with them while serving in the community. Be praying about how you can be a part of this!

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Invite friends and neighbors! Sign up in Collins Hall by May 11 so we know how many to set up for and what you're bringing. We always have a very blessed time!



## PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 4/27

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

- ♦ **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** Gabi Orcutt gave history of NDP and a pitch for the event on May 1 at CCC. Meet at CCC on Thursday May 1 at noon.
- ♦ **TENEBRAE:** Went well. Thanks to musicians and readers.
- ♦ **EASTER:** The music was outstanding.
  - We had lots of visitors. 65 total attendance.
  - Our online ministry is extremely important. We had 206 views of our Easter message!
  - YouTube views include people from Cameroon, Chile, and Greece.
- ♦ **PAINTING CHURCH EXTERIOR:** Quotes are in process, along with quotes for replacing doors in Education wing. It will be expensive, so a members vote will be required to OK the cost.
- ♦ **SIGN UP SHEETS:** The corner table in Collins Hall holds all sorts of sign up sheets, such as Coffee Hour, Children's Church, and upcoming events.
- ♦ **THE 4 C'S:** Voted to change the name of the denomination. (Evidently the word "Conservative" freaks some people out.) Thinking of Centerpoint Biblical Congregational Conference. It will be voted on during the August conference in Orlando. Please give your input to Pastor Chris.
- ♦ **UPCOMING EVENTS**
  - 5/1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: Meet at CCC at noon.
  - 5/10 FREE CONCERT: At CCC, 4:30 PM. Canton High School, Middle school and elementary school singers will participate, so lots of local parents will be in attendance. GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND INTERACT WITH THE community. (Yes, that's a hint...)
  - 5/17 NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS: Focus on Canton needs volunteers to help with tasks for seniors. Meet at the Canton Community Baptist Church at 125 Dowd St. at 8:00 AM. See pg. 3.
  - 5/17 CCC MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING: meet in Rm. 4 at 9:30 AM. See pg. 4.
  - 5/17 LADIES' SPRING LUNCH: 12:00 in Collins Hall. See pg. 1.
  - 5/17 SET UP FOR CELEBRATE CREATIVITY EVENT: after the lunch.
  - 5/18 CELEBRATE CREATIVITY EVENT: after the Sunday service. Let Nan Schleich know ASAP if you will be participating so we know how many tables to set up. See pg. 5.
  - 5/26 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: We need volunteers to donate water bottles and to be involved in handing them out at the parade. See pg. 4.
  - 5/31: MORE THAN WEEDS CLASS - at 10:00 AM. See pg. 5. Debbie shared that she was invited to give a class at Praise Christian Fellowship and 50 ladies attended!



- ♦ **EXALT TEAM:** Robb Storm invited folks to join the team, which focuses on worship. They meet the first Sunday of the month after the serviced.
  - The next big event they will be planning is Pentecost Sunday service.
  - In 2026, CCC will be celebrating a 200 year anniversary. Lots to plan for that.
- ♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM:** Dan Dickinson will not be here for the month of May, but encouraged us all to participate in events to interact with the community. Use your special gifts.
- ♦ **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM:** Bob DuBois said they met with PROCLAIM Team on the third Sunday. The teams often work together on big events.
  - The 5 Day Vacation Bible School will be offered at CCC the first week of August. Hoping to find a nicer place to put up the presenters this year, either a nicer motel, or possibly someone has guest accommodations they can offer.
- ♦ **DEACONS:** Debbie Laws shared the following:
  - Working with 3 different people including a young woman being helped to get her to graduation from nursing school.
- ♦ **TINA DOLAN:** Her daughter Emily called Victoria DuBois. Emily will be out of town this week and her mom is not used to being alone after Peter passed on. Emily requested Victoria be Tina's emergency contact during this week. Contact Victoria for Tina's phone number if you would like to call her with encouragement while Emily is away.
- ♦ **MISSIONS TEAM:** Rachel Salch said the next ZOOM meeting will be on 5/15.



## Verse Of The Day



~Colossians 1:9 (KJV)~

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

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## 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. I went over the church directory to count up the number of possible providers.



Anatomically correct  
Angel Food Cake

With one person (in addition to me) each week, it would take nearly 2 years to exhaust the list!!!! I will be including men as well as women, but couples will count for one week each.

I will start at the beginning of the directory and hit one after the other down the list. In the event someone can't do it the week I call, I will swap them with the next person, keeping track on a separate calendar. 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!

Chuck and I plan to start the coffee weekly, but we can't be counted on to do the cleanup. I'm not sure how cleanup can be arranged; any ideas?? In the event of an abundance of goodies brought in from time to time, surplus stuff should be packaged for the freezer to fill in when needed.

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



## 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!

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## LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Thanks!!! ~ Patty Bauer

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.

## 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 [wallace.laws.jr@gmail.com](mailto:wallace.laws.jr@gmail.com) or [lawsdebbie81@gmail.com](mailto:lawsdebbie81@gmail.com).

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.

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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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## 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.



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## MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

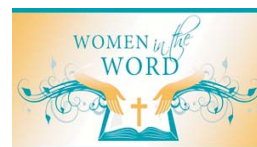
At Good Friends Restaurant on Main Street (Rt. 44) New Hartford, CT 06057. (Near the mini mall; formerly Portobello's.) We usually meet the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!



Men's Fellowship

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



This group meets on Fridays at 1:00 PM in Room 4. They are studying the Sermon on the Mount by John Stott. Study guides are \$8.00. Contact Nan Schleich. All are very welcome!

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## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DAY

May 17, 8:00 AM - 12 NOON

Meet at Canton Community Baptist Church  
125 Dowd Avenue, Canton

Volunteer service to benefit Canton's elderly and disabled residents with light duty household tasks and yard work. Each volunteer will need a signed waiver. Minors require parent signature. Group leaders will have waivers and information about specific assignments on that day.



## LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

4/13:

- ♦ Love the beat of jewish music
- ♦ (After Robin did her reading): She should tell children stories at the library!
- ♦ (After the Sermon) Needed to hear this today Amen
- ♦ AMEN! Thank you Jesus! Our precious Lord will not forget us, He will equip us with what we need when and if the time needed. Amen
- ♦ Yes - even when we think He's not listening, we need to remember that HE is!!!
- ♦ Yes..we can be sure
- ♦ Thank you! excellent sermon!

4/20:

- ♦ Jesus is Alive
- ♦ Hallelujah!
- ♦ Yes...crown our precious Lord with many crowns!
- ♦ "I am he that liveth and was dead , and behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen; and...have the keys of hell and of death!" Amen! (VICTOR'S CROWN)
- ♦ We have a new band member. Is he permanent or just for today?
- ♦ Not sure Galen. Josh is here helping us with Easter, hoping that he stays!
- ♦ I'm hoping same. Drums add to the impact music has on people. Not that harmonica players aren't mesmerizing
- ♦ ANNIE: Looking to that day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!
- ♦ ME: Amen to that Annie! What a glorious day that will be!
- ♦ MARTY: Hallelujah. He is risen!
- ♦ (during the service) - Say it again, Preacher!!
- ♦ Happy Resurrection Sunday brothers & sisters!
- ♦ Happy Resurrection Sunday Linda!! Glad you are here after your sunrise service
- ♦ and I the guilty shall go. Free. Amazing love!
- ♦ We are all guilty - and what Christ did for us - is unfathomable.
- ♦ Love Pastors excitement
- ♦ Pastor Chris displays a passion for the Passion of Christ.
- ♦ Excellent Easter message! Thank you Lord Jesus!
- ♦ Thanked all for joining
- ♦ Thank you
- ♦ Thank you
- ♦ Thank YOU all for figuring out how we can all join in..bless yes!
- ♦ Yes, thank you!
- ♦ Sending the love of Christ to you all this Easter Sunday and always
- ♦ We appreciate you streaming the service for all of us to join you; and appreciate you acknowledging our presence. I do wish I knew about the local members and could communicate with them.

4/27:

- ♦ Yes of course I am praying for all my brothers and sisters at CCC.
- ♦ Finally on..had a bit of trouble but I could hear Jay on Stan's lap top. Yes, good word Jay, and I am committed to prayer for all in our Congregation as one in Christ!
- ♦ Good morning all!
- ♦ Good morning Bob

- ♦ I like the 5 R's to seek forgiveness. This is an excellent sermon.
- ♦ Good Word! Amen.
- ♦ Yes, I wrote them down and am going to send them out in the weekly email!
- ♦ Great idea. Something to stick on your refrigerator as a daily reminder.



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## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

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Saturday, May 17  
at 9:30 AM in Collins Hall  
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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!

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## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE OUTREACH



Pastor Chris's truck with a banner will carry our Worship Team doing what they do best. Other CCC volunteers will pass out water bottles and tracts. (We need donations of the smallest size water bottles!) See CCC emails and Sunday bulletins for updated information.

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## EASTER BUCKET DONATIONS



Thank you to all that helped us fill 19 Easter Buckets for the Hope Pregnancy Center in Unionville. Pastor Chris and I visited with Debbie Hudobenko, the Public Outreach Director for the center. She was overjoyed at all that we were able to donate!! She showed us around and we visited with her and she filled us in on all that the Center is doing. Pastor Chris is working with Debbie to see when we can get her to come to the church and let everyone know about the Center. If you would like to look up the Center online, here is the website:

<https://www.hopepregnancycenterct.org/>

~ Patty Bauer



## DEACONS REPORT

Finances were discussed - balance, along with how much has been given out for the month of April.

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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## MORE THAN WEEDS CLASS



*Valerian Root*



*Passion Flower*



*Wild Lettuce*



*California Poppy*

May's class will be about a pain salve that not only helps relieve pain but helps relax so that people can sleep. Made with Valerian root, California Poppy, Wild Lettuce and Passion Flower. There will also be a tincture. (We will discuss the difference between a liniment and a tincture) that will utilize some of the same ingredients. Please sign up in Collins Hall so Debbie knows how much supplies to prepare. Class is on Saturday, May 31 at 10:00 AM in Collins Hall.

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## DEACONS & GREETERS

*(Thank you for your faithful service!)*

### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday May 4: Dorene Grace  
 Sunday May 11: Victoria DuBois  
 Sunday May 18: CarynTurek  
 Sunday May 25: Buddy & Debbie Laws



### GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sunday May 4: Buddy & Debbie Laws  
 Sunday May 11: Doreen Grace  
 Sunday May 18: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich  
 Sunday May 25: John & Karen Green



## 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.



*Now may the Lord of peace Himself  
 continually grant you peace in every  
 circumstance!*

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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**Sunday,**  
**May 18**

*Creativity  
 Celebration*

We are inviting everyone to think about how you can share your God-given uniqueness! The Celebration will NOT be a fundraiser, simply a way to enjoy closer fellowship and appreciation of one another.

Ideas to consider might be: samples of your artwork, photography, needlework, crafts, hobbies, special interests, etc.

**SEE NAN FOR MORE INFO!!**

This event will take place after the service on May 18 in Collins Hall. **Please sign up with Nan Schleich ASAP,** She needs your name and what you are exhibiting so we can set up enough tables. This is not about selling, it's about showing, telling, visiting, and enjoying!

## 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.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fridays, 1:00 PM. See pg. 3.

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### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 1, 12:00 Noon at CCC.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

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

### EXALT TEAM MEETING

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

### FREE CONCERT AT CCC

Saturday, May 10, in Sanctuary. See pg. 2.

### PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING

Sunday, May 11, in Rm. 4.

### MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, May 11, after the service, in Room 4.

### DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, May 11, after the service, in Conference Rm.

### MOTHERS DAY

Sunday, May 11



### MISSIONS TEAM ZOOM MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 7:00 PM. Contact Rachel Salch.

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Saturday, May 17, 8:00 AM. See pg. 3.

### MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Saturday, May 17  
9:30 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 4.

### LADIES' POTLUCK LUNCHEON



Saturday, May 17, 12:00. in Collins Hall.  
See pg. 1.

### CELEBRATE CREATIVITY EVENT

Sunday, May 18  
After the service, in Collins Hall. See pg. 5.

### PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE

Sunday, May 25, after the service, in Collins Hall.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE OUTREACH



Monday, May 26, 6:00 PM. See pg. 3.

### MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

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

### MORE THAN WEEDS CLASS

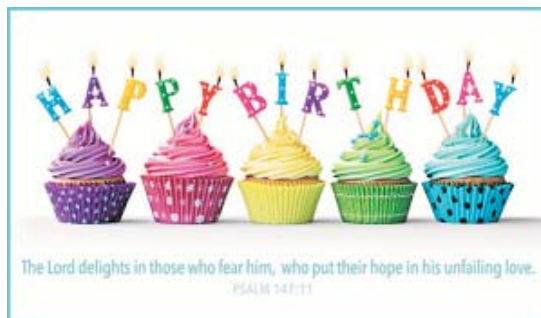
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*Celebrating the day God blessed the world with YOU!*

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Zimmerman, May 1  
Buddy Laws, May 2  
Laurie Crowley, May 5  
Marylou Dickinson, May 6  
Victoria Dubois, May 16  
Bob Dubois, May 19  
Diana Appleton, May 23



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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