



# CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH IN COLLINSVILLE  
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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 . . .

In my “down” time, I try to read books that are encouraging and a little less “academic” and “scholarly.” Currently I am reading a wonderful book on ministry by one of my favorite authors, R. Kent Hughes. In a chapter on the necessity of prayer in our lives Hughes points out that, even though God knows our prayers before we utter them, the act of praying is for our own spiritual growth. Hughes then shared a wonderfully encouraging quote from the 19th century Scottish poet and congregational minister, George MacDonald, that I now share with you:

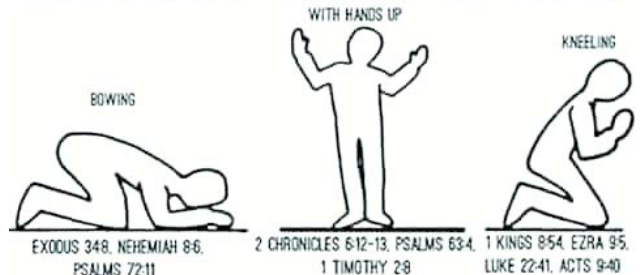
“If God is so good, and if He knows all that we need, and better far than we do ourselves, why should it be necessary to ask Him for anything?” I answer, “What if He knows prayer to be the thing we need first and most? What if the main object in God’s idea of prayer be the supplying of our great, our endless need—the need of Himself? What if the good of all our smaller and lower needs lies in this, that they help to drive us to God? Communion with God is the one need of the soul beyond all other need; prayer is the beginning of that communion, and need is the motive of that prayer.”



May we see our need for a constant and sweet time of prayer. May we be disciplined in prayer. May we be diligent in prayer. May we be fed in our souls through prayer. May we be changed through prayer. May our wills be conformed to His through prayer. May we see our Lord in prayer early in the morning upon that mountain and follow His example.



## DIFFERENT WAYS TO PRAY



### “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!



## PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 5/26

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

- ♦ **FINANCIAL** - April income \$13,635; expenses \$15,254.  
- Checking account balance was \$39,465 at end of April.  
We will continue to transfer \$5,000/quarter to our savings account.
- ♦ **MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS & SERMON INTROS**  
- Videos are now accessible online via Facebook and CCC website (click on DEVOTIONS on top of banner), or directly on YouTube channel @ccccollinsville. Links are also being emailed each week. These are designed to continue spiritual development. Look at the comments! Someone commented from Athens!
- ♦ **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** - Thanks to Gabby Orcutt for organizing our event.
- ♦ **RECONSTITUTING OUR CCC CONSTITUTION**  
- Chuck Schleick worked on a template to start the process. The next step will be the elders reviewing it.
- ♦ **CCC NEWSLETTER** - Will now have a column by Patty Bauer explaining sections of the new Churchtrac software. See pg. 3 for the first one.
- ♦ **UPCOMING EVENTS** -  
(NOTE: The Canton Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to weather.)
  - 6/1 - Start of the **Women's Bible Journaling Group** led by Gabby Orcutt and meeting the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at CCC. See pg. 2.
  - 6/15 @ 9:30 AM. **Monthly Prayer Meeting**. Planning to prayer walk the pews after the meeting. Come at 10:30 if you want to participate in pew prayer only.
  - 6/30 after the service - **Pastor's Roundtable**.
- ♦ **EXALT TEAM**- Sepp Markkanen said the team worked on Memorial Day Parade preparations. (Sadly, the parade was cancelled due to rain.)
  - Starting to think about Rally Day in September. Start now to talk it up with family and friends and invite them as the event approaches.
  - Thinking about possibility of an Ice Cream Social next summer.
  - 2032 will be the 200th anniversary of our church. Starting to think about how to celebrate it.
- ♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM** - Dan Dickinson said they've been very busy.
  - The 6/8 CCC Tea has been postponed until early October.
  - **Christmas in July** - We will be collecting socks, toiletries and other necessities for Adult and Teen Challenge. Stay tuned for details.
  - Investigating a possible **Mental Health Training** day.
  - **Halloween Parade** is on our radar.
- ♦ **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM** - Kevin Salch said there are plans for an August adult baptism. One person has signed up so far. We encourage anyone else who is interested to talk to Chris or one of the elders.
  - Team was planning Memorial Day Parade outreach support, but parade was cancelled due to rain.
- ♦ **MISSIONS** - Rachel Salch said the last midweek meeting went well and they are planning another for June. (via Zoom?) They considered guidelines for choosing a mission to support, and will hopefully choose at this next meeting.

## 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!



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## SISTERS IN CHRIST CREATIVELY PURSUING GOD



Gabby Orcutt's bible journaling group will start meeting at CCC in Collins Hall on the first Saturday of each month, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Singing, prayer, 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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## HEALING PRAYER MEETINGS UPDATE

Healing Prayer meetings will resume at the home of Debbie and Buddy Laws after the summer, on September 3. Fellowship and snacks will be at 6:30 PM, and prayer will begin at 7:00 PM. 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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**ADULT AND TEEN CHALLENGE** participated in the May 12 Sunday service and blessed us with songs and testimonies. A luncheon followed the service, and we raised \$300 for them!

The Proclaim Team will be organizing a Christmas in July collection of toiletries, socks, and more to meet the needs of our brothers. Stay tuned for more details!



**COFFEE VOLUNTEERS**

Thanks to all who volunteer to do the coffee service on Sunday mornings. We love you lots! **And we need more of you!!!** (Sign up sheet is in Collins Hall near the kitchen. Men can do this too! Ask and someone will show you how!)



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**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**

 Saturday, June 15   
at 9:30 AM in Collins Hall

CCC has a Monthly Prayer Meeting on the third Saturday of each month. This 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 10:30 AM to pray over the pews. All are welcome!

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**DEACONS & GREETERS**

*(Thank you for your faithful service!)*

For the month of June, these Deacons will set up Communion:

- Sunday June 2: Dorene Grace
- Sunday June 9: Victoria DuBois
- Sunday June 16: Caryn Turek
- Sunday June 23: Caryn Turek
- Sunday June 30: Dorene Grace



Greeter Schedule for June:

- Sunday May 5: Buddy & Debbie Laws
- Sunday May 12: Rev. Chuck and Nan Schleich
- Sunday May 19: Robin Cmiel
- Sunday May 26: Sepp Markkanen

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**MORE THAN WEEDS!  
A CLASS ON HERBALISM**

**JUNE HERBAL CLASS  
WITH DEBBIE LAWS**

**Jewel Weed Salves  
and Liniments**

Saturday, June  
29, 2024  
Christ Community  
Church in  
Collinsville  
10 am - 12 pm

June's "More Than Weeds" has been reworked. Participants will learn how to make two very effective recipes for relieving the itch of poison ivy: Jewel Weed Salve and Jewel Weed Ointment. Please sign up in Collins Hall by June 23 so Debbiee knows how many materials she will need. ~Debbie Laws

**CHURCHTRAC - ONLINE GIVING**

As Pastor Chris brought up in Roundtable in the last few months, CCC has moved away from Servant Keeper to Churchtrac. Churchtrac is currently being used to track tithes/offerings, attendance, email, along with the calendar on the website for church happenings and events. Over the next few months, the goal is to have an article about different software uses like member portals, text messaging, voice messaging, etc.

This month, we are going to talk about how Online Giving works. With this software, you can split your tithes/offerings to as many different funds as you want, such as General tithes, Deacons, Missions, and Designated Income. You can also add a memo for the finance team.

On the church website, [www.christcommunitychurchct.org](http://www.christcommunitychurchct.org), just above the picture of the church, you will see all the links for the pages, including ONLINE GIVING.

If you click on ONLINE GIVING, it will bring you to the page where you will have two options. The first is the new software, Churchtrac. This option will deposit your money directly into the church account, and you can select which category/fund you want - General, Deacons, etc. The second option is via PayPal.

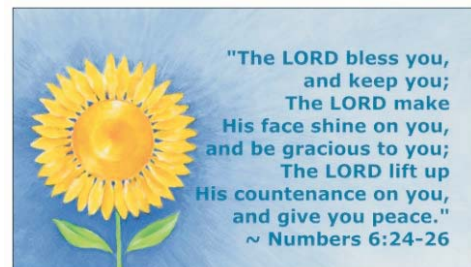
Clicking the DONATE button will bring you to a page where you will create an account. Once you create your account, you will be in your account. Next, you can enter the amount you want to tithe and what category you are titheing to. There is a drop-down arrow to select the category for your tithe. If you want to split your tithe between two categories (General Tithes/Offerings and Deacons), you will see a plus (+) sign that gives you that option.

When you have finished entering the amount and the category, there are just a couple more things for you. Underneath the ENTER A NEW PAYMENT SOURCE button, you will see a switch that asks about helping to cover the card processing fee. Clicking that switch will add a small percentage to your donation to cover the processing cost.

The final step will be to select the ENTER A NEW PAYMENT SOURCE button and click on ENTER PAYMENT DETAILS. At this point, you will be able to the page where you enter a credit card or a bank account to process the tithes.

If you want more information on how this works, please see Patty. She has created a document that she can email you with pictures. There is also a YouTube video from Churchtrac that she can send you.

While Patty is getting more familiar with this software, she will get the information to you via the Newsletter, classes, etc. There should be a directory in Collins Hall within the next week, so if you have any updates, please let her know. ~Patty Bauer



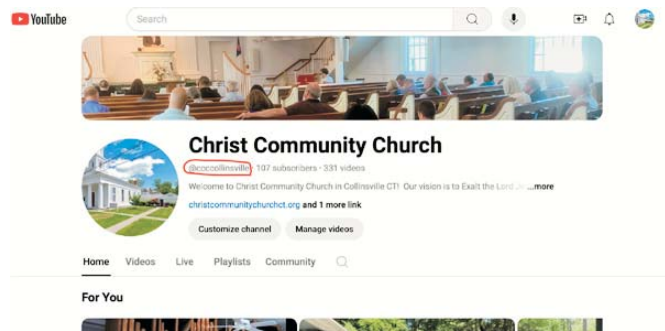
## HOW TO FIND AND NAVIGATE THE CHURCH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

There have been a few questions lately on how to find the service livestreams, testimonies, the mid-week devotions, etc. for the church. Hopefully this will help everyone. If you are able to, get online and onto YouTube.

First, I want to say that all the testimonies that have been given are in the livestreams of the services. If you know the date of the service that a specific testimony was given, then you should be able to find it, but they are ONLY in the livestream. For instance, Laurie's testimony about her car is in the May 19 livestream service only. Hopefully this will help you.

The picture below is the church YouTube channel. To find it you can go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for the church a couple of different ways.

Type in @cccocollinsville. This is circled in red on the picture below



You can also type in Christ Community Church Collinsville.

Once you have found the church page, you will see 5 tabs:

- ◆ HOME - the church home page for YouTube
- ◆ VIDEOS - where the sermon intros, midweek devotions, and sermons only are
- ◆ LIVE - where the Livestream of the services are. This is where you will find the testimonies if you know the date the testimony was given
- ◆ PLAYLISTS - where the midweek devotions are
- ◆ COMMUNITY - where messages are

If you have any other questions, please see Patty or Pastor Chris and they will be able to help you. ~Patty Bauer

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## Eight Tests for Decision Making

1. Scriptural Test—“Has God already spoken about it in His Word?” (2 Timothy 3:16)
2. Secrecy Test—“Would it bother me if everyone knew this was my choice?” (Proverbs 11:3)
3. Survey Test—“What if everyone followed my example?” (1 Timothy 4:12)
4. Spiritual Test—“Am I being people-pressured or Spirit-led?” (Galatians 1:10)
5. Stumbling Test—“Could this cause another person to stumble?” (Romans 14:21)
6. Serenity Test—“Have I prayed and received peace about this decision?” (Philippians 4:6-7)
7. Sanctification Test—“Will this keep me from growing in the character of Christ?” (2 Corinthians 3:18)
8. Supreme Test—“Does this glorify God?” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

*“Walk as children of light. . . . and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.”  
(Ephesians 5:8, 10)*

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## SPRING LADIES' LUNCHEON



On May 11, CCC ladies and some friends were blessed by a fabulous potluck lunch, followed by Karen Adajian sharing insights about inductive Bible study. Many thanks to all who participated!



### LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

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

**4/28:**

- ◆ I love this worship song ("Be Magnified"), I haven't heard it before
- ◆ Great Song ("Mighty to Save")
- ◆ Jesus rose and conquered the grave
- ◆ (After "Mighty to Save") - Let us all believe and apply these words to our lives
- ◆ I do believe, help my unbelief, MK 9:24
- ◆ The song "Breakthrough"; We need reminders that our God is brighter than the darkest night! This song covers it all!
- ◆ (Reply to above comment) This song could be something to read every morning to remember it
- ◆ Outstanding idea, to read that song as a prayer each morning I'm gonna do that very thing
- ◆ I so much need this sermon series especially now!
- ◆ I think we all do! I know I do
- ◆ Amen !!! I'm alone so much right now, I tend to think everything is about me.
- ◆ Remember, you are never alone, Christ is ALWAYS there with you, and so are your loving family here at CCC. We will have to get a few ladies to come visit you.
- ◆ Thank you! I did have such a good visit with Caryn this week!
- ◆ Thank you for that reminder Pastor that Jesus held nothing back for us!!
- ◆ So very true! We forget that He gave us everything! And we should do the same
- ◆ This is a great sermon on trust, as always from Pastor Chris. However, remember also the ancient Bereans who trusted the Word presented to them, BUT they also verified it by searching the scriptures.
- ◆ Yes - that's something Pastor Chris always says and does.
- ◆ One of his favorite comments/responses is: "Chapter and verse please" for anyone that says something to him
- ◆ That's what I admire about Pastor Chris. He exegetes God's Word very well.
- ◆ I'll say thank you for him. He would say it's not him, He is just a vessel.
- ◆ That of course is the correct attitude lest he be found to boast

**5/5:**

- ◆ (When Jay was talking): Sadly, some of the "intellectual Bolony" comes from modern day churches. Praise God for the truth expressed from Pastor Chris & Christ Community Church.
- ◆ Amen, so thankful for Christ Community Church & truth Expressed through Pastor Chris!!
- ◆ Beautiful picture of the woman waving the flag! (after special song). Beautiful
- ◆ I like the pastor's "Gangsta" look. Very stylish  
Oh how I need these reminders to wholly trust in our
- ◆ Lord!!! I have to remind myself to glorify Him!! Its not about me, but honoring Him
- ◆ AMEN & AMEN
- ◆ Absolutely. You wonder if He chuckles us when we

think we can do it ourselves, instead of trusting that God knows what's best

- ◆ I know! I actually had a quickened visioned the other day of God laughing at me!!
- ◆ To obey is better than sacrifice... 1 Samuel 15:22
- ◆ So good. "He honored God with his very substance"  
**5/12: Adult & Teen Challenge Sunday**
- ◆ Wow! This is wonderful

**5/19:**

- ◆ After testimony about the family needing a car - Awesome God!
- ◆ Great testimony!! I had a similar thing happen to me several years ago. In my case I wasn't even looking, but it was as if God said, "Check out this car." We did as He lead us, and we got the car. PTL
- ◆ I also had a similar situation with the car have now, God was with me in every step of getting it. Its a 2011 Honda CRV & has been such a blessing! He is so faithful to His children!!
- ◆ Thank you for your testimony Jay & thank you for your persistence those years ago for now we get to be blessed by your worship leadership!
- ◆ Very nice. Interpretive dance has always fascinated me.
- ◆ Beautiful Dance!
- ◆ Beautiful Dance! Thank you! I could sense The Holy Spirit burning in you! May He burn in all our souls! More Lord, More!!
- ◆ (during sermon) Amen Pastor!! "Its the spirit that gives utterance, not their own opinion, etc" So many are following their own opinion, or following a religious teaching, etc.
- ◆ So, so very true ...Following false religious teachings
- ◆ Yes!
- ◆ This sermon is such an awesome teaching on the Holy Spirit! Its one of those sermons that I will listen to again, it was packed with so much!! Thank you!!
- ◆ It's important to understand the difference between "Baptized" in the HS and being "Filled" with the HS.



### 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)



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

The need is for nutritious, non-perishable food items such as:

- Breakfast cereal ◆ Peanut butter ◆ Jelly
- Canned fruit ◆ Bottled juice
- Small boxes of sugar ◆ Coffee & tea
- Canned tuna ◆ Macaroni & cheese
- Soup ◆ Canned vegetables
- Pasta sauce ◆ Canned pasta (ex., Chef Boyardee)
- Canned meat (ex., Beef stew)
- Low salt and sugar free items

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

**EVENTS**

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

**HEALING PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING**

On break until September 3. See pg. 2.

**“WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?”**



Sermon discussion meeting - At CCC or via ZOOM  
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. See pg. 1.

**NOTE: NO MEETING JUNE 5!**

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**BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP**

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 2.

**EXALT TEAM MEETING**

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

**DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday, June 9, after the service, in Room 4.

**MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, June 9, after the service, in Conference Room.

**MISSIONS TEAM MEETING**

Contact Rachel Salch for time and info.

**FATHERS' DAY**



Sunday, June 16. God bless all dads!

**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**

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

**PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING**

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

**MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP**



Thursday, June 27, 6:00 PM. See pg. 2.

**PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE**



Sunday, June 30, after the service, in Collins Hall.



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

**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
- Ryan Keefe, July 15
- Stephanie Griffin, July 16
- Marge Van Dusen, July 18
- Orion Orcutt, July 25
- Sally Griffin, July 25
- Peter Dolan, July 28
- 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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