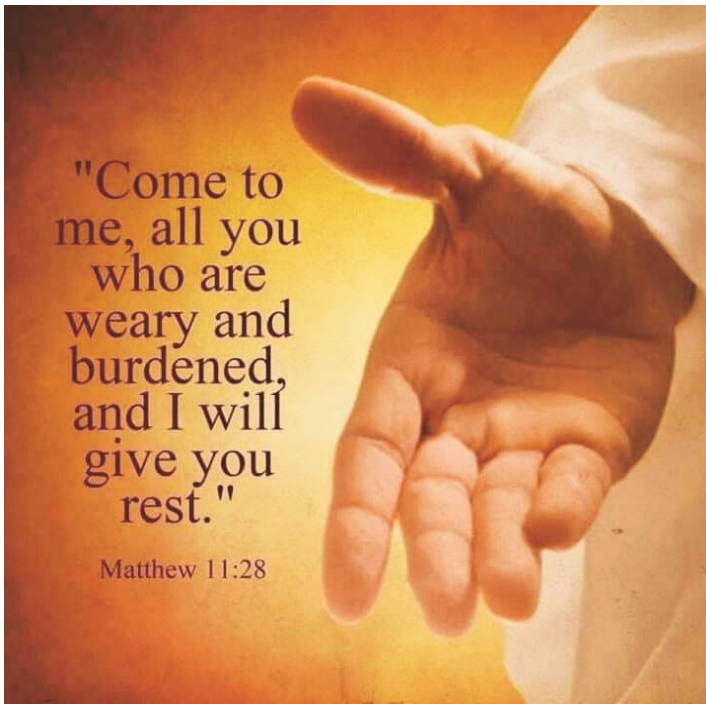




## CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWS

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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 . . .*

Throughout the history of the church, great men of God have written wonderful confessions of faith and catechisms such as the Westminster Confession of Faith along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, the Savoy Declaration which was primarily architected by the puritan John Owen and accepted in Congregational churches, the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith, and the Heidelberg Confession. They were all written in the 16th and 17th centuries during the great reformation and have stood the test of time. They are not Scripture and do not carry the authority of Scripture. Instead, these documents articulate the Christian faith and are completely based upon and drawn from Scripture.

The Heidelberg, like the Westminster Catechisms, is presented in question and answer format. The first question from the Heidelberg is something worth pondering. Here it is for your encouragement:

*Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

*Answer: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.*

*Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.*

There are over ten Scripture references in that answer! What a blessing to consider how we can be completely comforted today and forevermore because of His great redeeming work on the cross, our faith that He is the Son of God who saved us from sin, and the gracious provision of God over our lives.

We do indeed belong to Him! Let that truth encourage you!

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**RALLY DAY IS COMING!**



On Sunday, September 20, we will gather for our annual Rally Day celebration. Everyone is welcome, and we only ask two things: please sign up in Collins Hall (sign up sheet is there), and bring a large dish to share! We ask that you bring a salad, a side, or a dessert. CCC will provide fried chicken, as well as beverages. We hope that everyone will plan on staying to eat and fellowship together! *Invite friends!*

This will be the initial event that the Hospitality Team will be organizing. Laura has made a sign-up sheet and it is in Collins Hall. *Please remember to sign up for the event by September 13. We will be ordering food at that time and will need an accurate head count.* We have been asking for a few weeks now to see if anyone has any pop-up tents that we can set up so we could have it outside, but we haven't heard from anyone yet. Which means as of right now, the event will be held inside.

This is a wonderful time to bring friends that may be looking for a new church to come and visit and get to know us! Gabi, Don and the kids came a couple of years ago during the Hawaiian themed Rally Day!! We don't have a theme, but I'm sure the Hospitality Team will think of something fun for everyone. If you have any thoughts, let Patty or Victoria DuBois know!!

**PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 8/30**  
*(Some items covered separately in this newsletter).*

- ◆ Please continue to pray about church finances... Winter is coming with heating and snow removal expenses.
- ◆ **MINISTRY REALIGNMENT PLAN 2.0** - The proposed plan was presented at the June Roundtable. Let Pastor Chris know your thoughts. 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!
- ◆ **PROCLAIM TEAM** - Will meet on September 27 after the Roundtable meeting.
  - Has been going over the upcoming ministry alignments.
  - In the past the team came up with outreach ideas and tried to recruit church folks, but not many got involved.
  - Please share outreach ideas with the team.
  - We will need some new members since some team members will be moving to the Hospitality team.
- ◆ **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM** - Has been meeting with Proclaim Team.
  - Bob DuBois said that Rally Day used to be the whole church rallying together after summer recesses to start up again. We used to have a lot more groups like choir, children's choir, bell choir, youth groups, intercessors group, etc. Now we don't have those. And the whole event is church centered. Bob suggested dropping Rally Day next year and having some sort of outreach event, like maybe a Harvest Festival. Pray about ideas.
  - Rachel Salch suggested maybe having a potluck where we can gather to brainstorm ideas for a new fall event, and see where people's gifts might fit in.
- ◆ **DEACONS TEAM** - Debbie Laws said the Deacons . They helped 3 people. See page 4.
  - There is a person who really needs a car. If anyone has, or knows of anyone who has, a decent car available for \$2,000 or less, please let Debbie know.
- ◆ **MISSIONS TEAM** - Next Zoom meeting is September 17 at 7:00 PM. Contact Rachel Salch if interested.
  - Rachel said the Missions fund currently has \$13,000, and she encouraged us to put funds we are considering for Missions into the general Communion offering instead, in view of the current financial crunch of the church.
- ◆ **MUSIC ON MAIN STREET OUTREACH** - Kevin Salch shared that he and Laura attended the latest Music on Main event in Collinsville. (Every Saturday from 6:00-9:00 PM during the summer. September 5 will be the last one for this year.) They wore Christian T-shirts and started conversations with attendees, prayed with a few, and handed out cards with spiritual affirmations such as "God sees you." It's a great way to reach folks in our community.
- ◆ **4 Cs CONFERENCE** - Pastor Chris said the event

was great, the denomination is doing OK. Please pray for the organization, their endowment is coming to an end and they will need to find additional sources to finance their great plans.

- ◆ **VACATION** - Pastor Chris spent the first week in St. Louis at a Harmonica conference...with 435 harmonica players! 
  - The next week he and Patty had a "staycation". They went to a NY Mets game...and the Mets WON!
- ◆ **TESTIMONIES & PRAYER REQUEST** - Glenn Rutland shared:
  - So thankful the Holy Spirit led him and his wife Deborah to come to CCC. He was drawn by the signs out front, which told him we were really on fire for God.
  - He had been out of work since October. Recently he had a Zoom interview with the Brotherhood company, which is a Christian company. They asked for his testimony, and the zoom call ended up 3 hours long (and no work related questions!) They all prayed with him. He was offered a job which starts on August 31!
  - Prayer request for his future daughter in law Glendaliz, engaged to his son Nate. She is resisting baptism. Also they both are recovering from addiction issues. Please pray that she becomes open to being baptized, and that they will both walk in freedom in Jesus. Thank you!

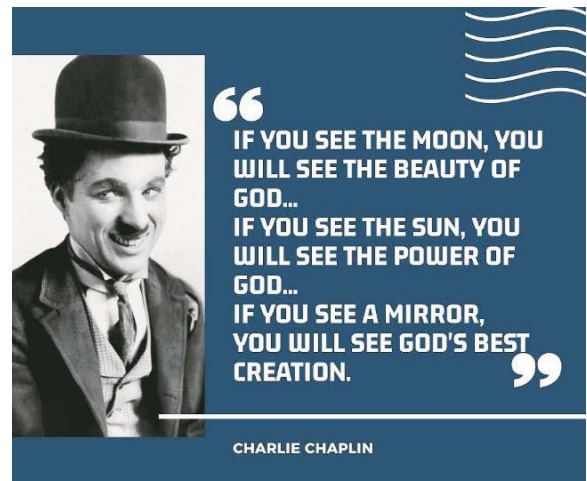
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**CCC BLOOMS**



Thanks to John Cudworth for these lovely photos of sunflowers at CCC. Thanks also to those who labor with the gardening tasks!

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*Charlie Chaplin quote submitted by Patty Bauer*

### COFFEE HOUR UPDATE!

We are still looking for volunteers to sign up to bring in treats for Coffee Hour after Sunday Services. We all love having tasty treats - so it shouldn't fall on 1-2 people to bring things week after week. Please look at the sign-up sheet in Collins Hall. If you sign up for a date, it is to bring in a couple of treats, as well as help clean up on weeks 1 & 3.

In case you were wondering, the Coffee Donations, when they come in, are used for creamers, half & half, tea bags and coffee. We will also only be purchasing regular and decaf coffee for coffee hour. If you would like to donate some flavored coffee - please feel free to bring it in. Thank you to Jennifer & Everett who have been purchasing creamers as well as plates and napkins!!

### HOSPITALITY TEAM

If you would like to be part of the team, please see Patty. This is mainly for events like Rally Day, Good Friday & Advent Brunches, memorial services. We will be setting up for coffee on Sundays each week.

*We have Rally Day coming up on Sunday, September 20, and we could sure use more hands on deck. Thanks!!*

~ Patty Bauer

### CANTON SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION THANKS

"Reverend Chris Bauer & Patty,



I just wanted to send a quick note to thank you both and the church community for your generosity in co-ordinating a supply donation to Canton Public Schools.

Your desire and dedication to help local students of Canton did not go unnoticed and we are beyond grateful for your donation. Thank you so much for thinking of us and the students!! We are so appreciative." ~Email from Claudia Nardi - the Assistant to the Canton Superintendent of Schools

### 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.

**FEED THE HUNGRY**

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 September, we are asking for:*

- ♦ Canned Veggies: Green Beans, Beets, Carrots, Peas, Potatoes
- ♦ Canned Meat
- ♦ Shelf Stable Milk
- ♦ 100% Fruit 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, September 19  
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



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 23.*

### MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP



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 26.*

### 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

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!

## LESSON FROM MOSES

*(Meadow Rue Merrill is the daughter of our dear late friend and Bible translator Lucy Lincoln. Meadow is also a wonderful author.)*

My mom didn't like to share her picture on social media. She lived and worked in areas of the world where she needed to keep a low profile. But this morning, as I opened her Bible to Exodus and read about God's calling of Moses, I was so thankful for the words she'd written in the margins. Because isn't it often in the margins where we discover the most meaning in life?



So there's Moses, a shepherd, watching his father-in-law's sheep on the rocky hillside of Mount Horeb, when God appears to him in a burning bush. If you, like me, grew up in Sunday school, you likely know this part of the story. Then--in one of the stranger stories in the Bible--God instructs Moses to perform three tasks.

Task no. 1: To throw down his staff. When Moses does, his staff turns into a snake.

Task no. 2: To slide his hand beneath his robe, near his heart. When Moses does, his hand comes out pocked with disease. "Once more," God says. This time when Moses withdraws his hand, his skin is healthy again.

Task no. 3: To scoop up water from the Nile and pour it on the ground. When Moses does, the water turns into blood.

Strange. Right?

And a little gross.

Then I read what my mom, a Bible translator fluent in modern Hebrew and literate in Biblical Hebrew and Greek, wrote in the margins.

Beside the first task she wrote, "Sign of overcoming Satan."

Beside the second, she wrote, "Sign of healing."

Beside the third, she wrote, "Sign of the blood of the cross."

And for the first time, I got it. God wasn't just preparing Moses for a cosmic showdown with Pharaoh. God was showing Moses his sovereign power over the destroyer, disease, and death by the power of Christ's future victory on the cross--His blood shed for us.

Friends, this is the same power we walk in today. Not carrying a shepherd's crook, but walking with the Shepherd. So today, on my mom's birthday, I'm thankful for her notes. And for the knowledge that because of Christ, Satan is defeated, my mom is healed, and I will see her again.

~ Meadow Rue Merrill on Facebook, 8/13/26

## REDEEMING THE PAST ??

Can God really use my brokenness for good?

Your past is not wasted. The painful chapters, the foolish choices, the seasons of wandering, even the wounds inflicted on you by others. None of it is beyond God's redeeming reach.



He is the master storyteller who weaves every thread, even the dark ones, into a tapestry of grace. The very places that broke you can become the places where you

minister most powerfully.

The pit you climbed out of is exactly where someone else is right now, and your story may be the rope they grab.

Do not despise your testimony. Do not hide your scars. They are evidence of God's faithfulness. He wastes nothing.

What part of your story is God ready to redeem for someone else?

## GOD'S RESPONSE ??

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

"I will restore the years the locusts have stolen from you".

~ Jessica Murray, former witch, saved by the Blood of Jesus, sharing on Facebook as "Craft To Christ"

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## DEACONS ARE HERE TO HELP!

If you have a physical or financial need, direct communication with a Deacon



Board member is always the best and fastest way to receive help! Our board includes Pastor Chris Bauer, Victoria DuBois, Caryn Turek, Dorene

Grace, and Buddy and Debbie Laws.

You may reach Deacons at home using the church directory or you may email them directly and confidentially at [deacons@christcommunitychurchct.org](mailto:deacons@christcommunitychurchct.org).

**Please: If someone expresses a need to you, direct them to their Deacon right away. Deacons Sector lists are available in Collins Hall. If you are in need, contact your Deacon as soon as possible. This is the best way to receive prompt assistance.**

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.

## DEACONS & GREETERS

(Thank you for your faithful service!)

### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

9/6: Dorene Grace

9/13: Caryn Turek

9/20: Buddy & Debbie Laws

9/27: Victoria DuBois



### GREETERS SCHEDULE

9/6: Dorene Grace

9/13: Buddy & Debbie Laws

9/20: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich

9/27: Dorene Grace

## 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 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 23. See pg. 3.

### MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Taking a break until September 26. See pg. 3.

### EXALT TEAM MEETING

Sunday, September 6, after the Service, in Conference Rm.

### LABOR DAY



Monday, September 7, all day. CCC office will be closed.

### DEACONS TEAM MEETING

Sunday, September 13, after the Service, in Room 4.

### MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING



Saturday, September 19

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



### RALLY DAY



Sunday, September 20, after the Service. See pg. 1.

### MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP



Men's Fellowship

Thursday, September 24, at 6:00 PM. See pg. 3.

### PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE



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

### PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING

### MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, September 27, after Roundtable, in Room 4.

### "MORE THAN WEEDS" CLASSES

Debbie Laws will have two classes in September:

September 5: Bath Salts

September 26: Discussion and Planning

The classes are free and meet in Collins Hall

at 10:00 AM for about 2 hours.

Please let Debbie know ahead of time if you are planning to attend, so that she can prepare enough supplies for everyone.

We are so blessed to have this resource available!



*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



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Salch, October 9

Nan Schleich, October 13

Don Orcutt, October 18

Chuck Schleich, October 21

Zachary Clark, October 23

Caryn Turek, October 23

Dawn Smith, October 25

Marty Tobey, October 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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### SERMON INFO FOR SEPTEMBER

Themes in Joshua

September 6: Moses Work is Done. Numbers 27:12-23

September 13: Be Courageous. Joshua 1:1-9

September 20: The Christophany. Joshua 5:13-15

September 27: Sin of Achan. Joshua 10:26



## **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.