



## 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.

\*\*\* If you are new to CCC, we'd love to get to know you! Write an introduction (whatever you'd like us to know about you, including interests if you like), and email along with a photo to Rose. You can submit anything from a few paragraphs up to a full page. (She can take a photo of you with her phone on Sunday if you prefer.)\*\*\*

All submissions due at least 3 days before the end of the month for next newsletter.

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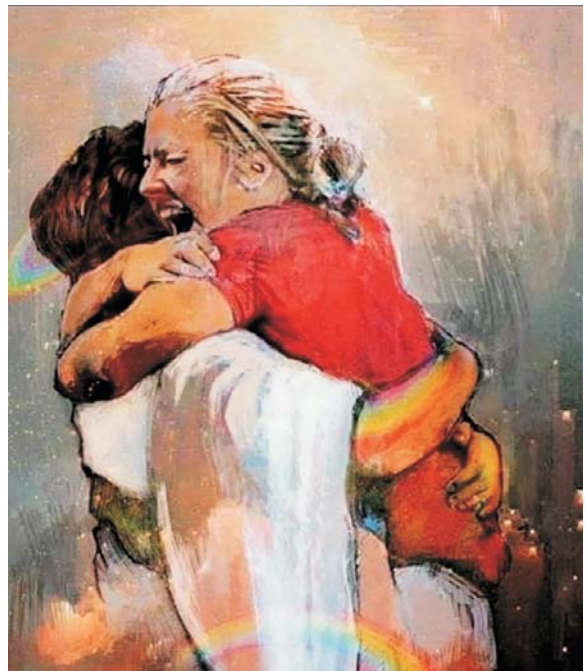
### ~~~~~ *From the Pastor . . .*

The Apostle Paul wrote in his first epistle to the Corinthians, "Death where is your sting?" which is a statement of Christian defiance against the final enemy of man. We trust that Jesus conquered death and we too, as faithful disciples of the Lord who have repented and turned to Him, will follow Him in resurrection. Paul also said to in his second epistle to the Corinthians that to be apart from the body is to be at home with the Lord. So we do have a great hope in a promise found in Scripture.

Why do I mention this? As I was reflecting in front of my keyboard to write this article, I recalled that it was a year ago when our dear brother Sepp went home to the Lord. Not long after, our beloved sister Louise passed into glory. And then our brother and friend Peter went to Jesus. Then a few weeks ago our joy-filled sister Kate was called home. And finally our online brother Galen has passed into glory. Also, our brother Jay lost his father

a few months back and our sister Margaret lost her husband and we all felt their sadness in our hearts. We have suffered much loss for a church our size. And our hearts are heavy for the loss we share with each of their families.

But, thanks be to God, we do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. We DO have hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. If not for His sinless life fulfilling the law, His suffering on the cross as a substitute for us, His victorious resurrection from the grave, and His ascension into the glories of heaven, we would have no hope. What a wonderful Savior!



So we are confident that our dear brothers and sisters who have gone on during the past year are safe in the presence of Jesus. And that brings comfort. So join me in continual prayer for God's comfort upon those who are grieving. And let us continue to bear each others burdens as we grow in Christlikeness.

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**PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 7/27**  
*(Some items covered separately in this newsletter.)*

- Exterior paint job is done and the church looks fabulous!
- Tech upgrade is in process, including fourth camera for Livestreaming. We now have the new computer and monitor and routing hub. Software must be installed and all connections hooked up. Target: finish in September.



- Back parking repaving has begun.
- Education wing doors need replacing. Concrete outside office entrance needs repatching to keep water from coming in under door. Quotes in progress.

♦ **HALLOWEEN PARADE OUTREACH** - We need at least 20-22 people to have an effective outreach. Do we have enough people? Our choices: 1) Do we still do it? 2) Should we do something different? 3) Should we not do it this year? (If we don't do it, we will still need 6 security people.) Think and pray about it, and let Pastor Chris know your thoughts.

♦ **COFFEE TIME THANKS** - Not only does Nan have a contact at Dunkin, providing us with free goodies for Coffee time... Now Kayla Underkoffler brings offerings from Cupcake Gypsy! Thank you, Nan, Kayla, Dunkin, and Cake Gypsy!



♦ **CEF CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** - CEF 5-Day Club is supposed to start next week. As of today, there are ZERO children signed up. That is in spite of all sorts of free and paid advertising for quite a while. Please pray!

♦ **VACATIONS AND MORE** - The Salches are on vacation this week, having left right after the service for their son Jonathan's wedding in Ohio. Linda Kulick will be covering the CCC office. Thanks, Linda!

- Pastor Chris and Patty will be driving to Virginia on 7/28 for our streaming brother Galen's funeral.

- The next week is the 4 C's conference in Orlando, FL...IN AUGUST! (Send Pastor Chris cooling thoughts!)

- Then he goes to participate in his graduation.

- 8/12-17 is Pastor Chris's first week of vacation - at a harmonica convention.

- 8/18-24 is his second week of vacation. Patty told him that after all his travels, he needs some alone time! So he will be solo camping!

♦ **KATE KAPLAN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE** - The Kaplans were very blessed by the service. Very positive feedback from a number of participants also. Patty will send out the link to the video of the service in an email this week. See pg. 5.

♦ **EXALT TEAM** - Robb said we will celebrate CCC's 200th Anniversary in 2026. The Exalt Team's next meeting is on 8/3 after the service, in Conference Room. All are welcome to come and share ideas and help decide how we will celebrate, as well as input on upcoming fall events.

♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM** (met with **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM** in July) - Dan said Rally Day date was decided

by elders. It will be on Sunday, September 21 after the service.

- Lions club recycling collection is going well. (Bring recyclable cans and bottles to the CCC kitchen. There is a big trash can labeled for the collection. Thank you!)

- There will be a new members class in late September or early October.

♦ **DEACONS** - Pastor Chris read Debbie's report (microphones on the fritz and his voice is much louder than hers ☺.) We helped 4 folks in June,

- Victoria DuBois said that if your deacon (see Deacons Sector List, available in Collins Hall) cannot for some reason meet your need, (ex. a ride to an appointment), another deacon may be able to help. Just ask!

♦ **MISSIONS TEAM**

- There is now a Missions Bulletin Board in the Education wing.

- Their next ZOOM meeting will be on Thursday 8/21 at 7:00 PM. Contact Ashley or Rachel Salch for the link if you want to participate.

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**PRAY WITH ME**



Father,

The words don't come easy today. Just a heavy heart... and silence. You've never needed my eloquence to understand me.

You've never required perfect phrases to move toward me. You are the God who

hears groans, interprets tears, and translates the ache in my chest into holy intercession.

So here I am. I'm too tired to talk, too burdened to explain, but still reaching...because deep down, I know You're near.

Your Word says the Spirit intercedes for me with sighs too deep for words (Romans 8:26), and that You bottle every tear (Psalm 56:8), so I trust You see what I can't say.

Hear my heart, Lord. Hear the pieces of it I can't hold together. The hopes I'm scared to voice. The grief I've buried deep. The longing for peace I can't manufacture. Wrap me in Your presence like a blanket today. Let the sound of heaven be louder than my confusion. Be my Comforter when comfort won't come. Be my Rock when I feel like I'm sinking. Be the answer I can't articulate. Today, even if the storm is still raging, remind me: I am never alone. You are listening the whole time.

In Jesus' name, Amen. ~ Chad Prather, on Facebook

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**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!"



Chuck and I plan 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 usually meets at CCC in Collins Hall on the first Saturday of each month, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. *They will not meet in August.*

## "WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?"



The sermon discussion group is taking a break for the summer! It will resume in the fall.

Have a great summer!



## 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 usually happen at the home of Debbie and Buddy Laws on Tuesday evenings. *There will be no meetings in August.*

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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## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING



Saturday, August 16

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!

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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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## 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: 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

## LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

7/6:

♦ End of the sermon - Pastor Chris firing on all cylinders!!

7/13:

♦ End of the sermon - Needed to hear this, glad to be here

7/20:

♦ Always a pleasure to join

♦ I asked the online family who has honked a horn, here's the response:

- Absolutely. I don't immediately honk, I wait until it seems like they're not paying attention

- ANOTHER PERSON: Someone honked at me the other day, was that you?

- A few of us started laughing

♦ Thanks for making it possible for me to join you. It's like coming home

- That's why we do this - we love having you

- Do you ever have occasion to come to CT

- My wife and I were just discussing that. We have a place in Virginia which is about a 9 hour drive. We go back to Colorado in 20 days, but will be back in the fall. Hope to come to CT then!

- That would be wonderful!! Would love to finally meet you in person!

- Hope to see you then!

♦ Galen then spoke up to let us know that he was on hospice and was given 30 days.

- My Reply: Good morning Galen. I was planning on calling you this afternoon. Glad you are with us, love you.

- ♦ Another online family member: Galen, I wasn't aware that you were in hospice. As you know, God alone numbers our days. He alone knows if your sickness unto death or not. If it is not then "Lord, we pray for our brother Galen. Restore and renew his body, should and spirit. Continue to use him and add days to the length of his life. In you name Lord Jesus. Amen."

- Galen: Thank you

- Another online member: Galen, tho we don't know each other I join in prayer with you brother.

- Galen: Thank you. It's hard to trust God when I actually feel abandoned by Him.

- Same only member: He said I will never leave you or forsake you. He is there even tho you don't feel it.

- My Reply: You have been a faithful servant and He is preparing a place for you.

♦ At the end of the service: Galen said "Thank you Lord for this message today. I needed to hear it."

7/27:

*(Galen graduated to glory in the last week.)*

♦ B: Missing Galen today :(

♦ CCC: Yes - it's a little odd not seeing his Good Morning! But we know he is rejoicing with the Lord. Pastor and I will be in Richmond tomorrow night for his service on Tuesday

♦ B: I'm glad you are going. Please send my regards to his family.

♦ M: Looks like the online flock is down one viewer. Patty, please extend my condolences to Galen's family when you see them. I always appreciated his insight and wisdom. Clearly he had a great love for our Lord and His word.

♦ R: Amen

♦ CCC: Thank you Marty - I will absolutely do that. Galen was a dear friend of Pastor Chris and myself for 20 years.

♦ M: My condolences to you two as well. I'm sure you have many wonderful memories of and with him.

♦ CCC: Thank you Marty, Robin, Brad and everyone. Yes we had some wonderful times

♦ Mo: Praying for your trip! I travel to VA to see family and I-95 is challenging!

♦ CCC: Thank you Maureen. Yes it is. I have to work in the morning so we won't be leaving till after lunch. Hoping to miss as much of the rush hour traffic as possible!

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## MORE THAN WEEDS

August 2025

At the August 2025, "More Than Weeds" class, participants will learn about a very little known but powerful plant with the botanical name; (Impatiens Capensis) aka "Jewel Weed" or "Spotted Touch Me Not". The jewel weed plant is very specific for clearing up a poison ivy rash but is effective at treating other types of contact dermatitis rashes, insect bites and stings. Participants will learn 2 different recipes that will provide different ways to use this valuable little plant.



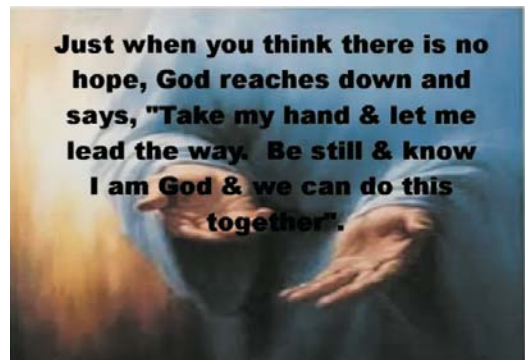
We will make a liniment (come to class to find out what a liniment is) and a salve. The beauty of a liniment is that it is shelf stable and will last almost indefinitely. The salve, when stored in the refrigerator, will have an increased life of about 6 months.

My husband is highly allergic to poison ivy. In the past when trying to treat a poison ivy rash he has gone from over the counter preparations to prescribed creams and ointments to cortisone pills. Usually taking 3-4 weeks to get the rash to resolve. But, he has found that with quick treatment, at the first sign of a poison ivy rash he has been able to resolve the rash within a week and usually no more than 3-4 days using the jewel weed salve or tincture. This is a wonderful addition to our herbal medicine cabinet, and we use it all the time.

At this class you will receive 2 recipes utilizing jewel weed, Debbie will demonstrate how to make the salve and liniment, and you will go home with samples of both products. Please, if you would like to attend, either call the church and give them your name or simply call Debbie and let her know directly that you will attend her class. That way we are sure to have enough of all the ingredients to give generous samples to all who attend.

~ Debbie Laws

**Just when you think there is no hope, God reaches down and says, "Take my hand & let me lead the way. Be still & know I am God & we can do this together".**





## DEACON'S CORNER

July 2025

Every year, during the months of July and August the Deacon Board takes a break. This doesn't mean that we are not available to help you. We are just not meeting as a board for those two months. If you have a need one or more of us are always available to help you in whatever way is possible. So, if during the months of July and August you need assistance from the Deacons, please contact us. Additionally, you can usually access help most quickly by contacting "your" Deacon. However, if your Deacon is not immediately available and assistance is urgently needed, you may contact any Deacon at any time for help.

We were able to assist 4 individuals

We thank you all for your generosity. Over the years you have made a difference in the lives of so many.

There is also a note from an individual who wanted to personally thank the congregation for their generous donations to the Deacon fund! Without your kindness she would not have been able to afford to have a surgical procedure that was not covered by insurance. This surgery will be life changing and your kind generosity will never be forgotten. You have blessed her, and she thanks each and every one of you.

~ Debbie Laws

### DEACONS & GREETERS

*(Thank you for your faithful service!)*

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday August 3: Victoria DuBois:

Sunday August 10: Caryn Turek:

Sunday August 17: Buddy & Debbie Laws:

Sunday August 24: Dorene Grace

Sunday August 31: Caryn Turek



#### GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sunday August 3: Dorene Grace

Sunday August 10: Buddy & Debbie Laws

Sunday August 17: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich

Sunday August 24: John & Karen Green

Sunday August 31: Dorene Grace

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## HEAVEN GAINED ANOTHER CCC SAINT



Kate (Simmons) Kaplan, beloved wife of Jay Kaplan, went home to her Lord on June 30th. Born in Hartford, Connecticut on December 21, 1957, she was the daughter of the late Charles B. and Martha (Marty) Simmons. She was a graduate of Canton High School, Class of 1976, and received a BFA in painting from the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in 1981. She resided in

Canton since 1982, where she raised two children, created amazing art pieces in a wide range of media, tended her gardens as well as those at Roaring Brook Nature Center, studied the Bible, cared for various orphaned and injured wildlife, fed hummingbirds, went faithfully to Israeli Folk Dance with her friends, Laura, Ellen and Marla, and waged a constant war against Oriental bittersweet and other invasive plants.

In addition to her husband of 43 years, she is survived by her son, Josh (Katelyn), her daughter, Sarah (Graham); by her grandchildren, Jayden and Arden Kaplan and Tana Trail; her brother, Jonathan (Lisa) and sister, Hannah (Richard), and by many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Community Church, to Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road, Canton, CT 06019 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Internment will be at the convenience of the family.



### If Death My Friend And Me Divide

If death my friend and me divide,  
Thou dost not, Lord, my sorrow chide,  
Or frown my tears to see;  
Restrained from passionate excess,  
Thou bidst me mourn in calm distress  
For them that rest in Thee.

I feel a strong immortal hope,  
Which bears my mournful spirit up  
Beneath its mountain load;  
Redeemed from death, and grief, and pain,  
I soon shall find my friend again  
Within the arms of God.

Pass a few fleeting moments more  
And death the blessing shall restore  
Which death has snatched away;  
For me Thou wilt the summons send,  
And give me back my parted friend

In that eternal day.

~ Charles Wesley

~ Submitted by Laura Salch

## EVENTS

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

### HEALING PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING

Not meeting in August.

### "WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?"

Sermon discussion group will not meet during the summer.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

Will not meet in August.

### DEACONS

Deacons will not meet in August.

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### EXALT TEAM MEETING

Sunday, August 3, after the service, in Conf. Room.

### CEF 5-DAY CLUB

Monday, August 4 - Friday, August 8, 6:00-8:00 PM.  
See this page.

### LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE BOOK CLUB

Friday, August 8, 1:00 PM in Room 4.



### MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Saturday, August 16  
9:30 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.



### PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING & MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, August 17, after the service, in Room 4.

### MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP



Mens Fellowship

Thursday, August 28, 6:00 PM. See pg. 3.

### PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE



Sunday, August 31, after the service, in Collins Hall.

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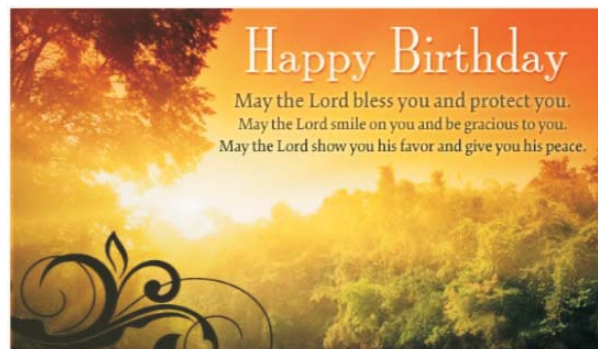
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*Celebrating the day God blessed the world with YOU!*

(There are no August Birthdays)



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Norm Wilson, September 1

Laura Crowley, September 14

John Cudworth, September 23

Bob Paperstian, 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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*This newsletter is for the express purpose informing and edifying the church body.*

*We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

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Please pray for this event, for children, adults, and everyone involved. If possible, distribute posters and invite people.

*Greeting card packs are \$10 in Collins Hall. Proceeds will help defray housing costs for our guests from CEF.*

*Thank you!*