

## A Thank you from our Pastor...

*“The greatest one among you must be like the youngest, and the leader must be like the servant. Who is greater, the one who sits down to eat or the one who serves? The one who sits down, of course! But I am among you as one who serves.”*

Luke 22:26-27 Good News Translation

To My Castile UCC Family,

The trust, love, encouragement and support I have received from all of you is amazing. I can't begin to thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve as Pastor at this incredible church.

Each week as I do my research for the Sunday message, my faith grows deeper. My prayer is that your faith is growing as well. I look forward to our future together. May the Spirit of the Lord be with you.

*Tammy Lathan, Pastor*

## Installation of Pastor Tammy Lathan



## Talks With Pastor Tammy



### **FINDING PEACE THROUGH PRAYER**

(How to Pray | ComeUntoChrist)

**HOW TO PRAY** - God is your loving Father in Heaven, and He wants to hear from you. You can reach out to Him by praying to Him. As His child, you can ask your Heavenly Father for help and guidance in your life.

**Four steps to prayer** - Praying can be done aloud or in your mind. You can speak to God like you would any other person. Your words do not have to be eloquent or memorized. It is more important to open your heart. Believe He is there and listening because He is. Believe He will help you because He will. Prayer is one the most valuable gifts you have received **from your loving Heavenly Father.**

**1 Begin your prayer** - , find a quiet place where you feel comfortable. A good way to start is to address God by name. You could try “Dear God,” “Heavenly Father,” or simply “God.”

**2 Have a conversation with God** - Speak from your heart and share your hopes and desires as well as your worries and problems. You can ask God for help, direction, forgiveness, or healing. Whatever is on your mind, bring it to Him, admitting that His wisdom and timing is greater than yours. Share your feeling with God about others. You can pray for their needs or ask for ways you can love and help them. Express appreciation for all the blessings in your life. Even challenges can be a blessing. Gratitude helps us feel humble, keeping our hearts and minds more open to God's answers.

**3 End your prayer** - Once you've said all that you wanted to say, you can end your prayer by saying, “In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.” We do this because Jesus commanded us to pray in His name.

**4 Act on your righteous desires** - “Pray as if everything depends on the Lord, then work as if everything depends on you.” It is in the process of doing that we often get guidance and help from God.

**WHEN TO PRAY** - There is no such thing as praying too much. God wants to hear from you when you're happy, or sad, or if you just need someone to talk to.

You can pray whenever you feel like it or need it. In fact, if you don't feel like praying, or feel like God doesn't want to hear from you, that might be one of the best times to pray.

**Pray throughout the day** - Typical times for personal prayer are as you start your day in the morning, before each meal, and before you go to bed at night. But there is never a wrong time to pray. God is always listening, so we can "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

**Pray for special circumstances** - There are times that call for extra prayer: like a prayer for healing, for protection, or for urgent needs. Getting answers to our prayers - God promises that when we turn to Him in prayer, He will give us answers and guidance. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7

God communicates with us through the Holy Spirit in the form of good thoughts and ideas or peaceful, comforting feelings. When we feel those things, it means God is encouraging us, and giving us direction. Everyone will feel the Holy Spirit in their own way. Often, God answers our prayers through others. God can put people into our lives at the right time who can give or be the answer we have been looking for. We can also get answers to prayers by reading the Bible. When we pray and read, the Holy Spirit can give us personalized ideas and direction. Taking time to study His word is also a way we can show God that we truly desire an answer from Him.

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### **Facebook Live**

Most of our worship services can be viewed on Castile UCC Facebook Live or you can view it anytime at your leisure for up to 30 days.

## **TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS**

Until further notice, the church office hours will be as follows:

Tues. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wed. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thurs. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

(Other times by appointment.)

Call Pastor Tammy at 585-969-0695



### **Church Directory**

**Pastor: Tammy Lathan**

**Pastor Tammy's Office Hours:**

**Tuesday & Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Wednesdays - By Appointment**

**Pastor Tammy's Cell: (585) 969-0695**

**Church Phone: (585) 493-2840**

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**Administrative Coord.: Marlene Loomis - 493-2968**

**Church Moderator: Dennis Miller - 493-2743**

**Bd. of Elder Chair: Bonnie Miller - 237-3958**

**Bd. of Trustees Chair: Scott Chamberlain - 752-3454**

**Custodian: Brooke VanEpps -**

**Director of Music: Barb Meyer - 322-7396**

**Supt. of Build/Grounds: Greg VanSlyke - 493-5874**

### **Newsletter Deadline**

All newsletter articles for the "United Flyer" are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and are at the discretion of the church office. We welcome your submissions.



### **August Altar Flowers**

**6- Larry Rogers**

**13- Rebecca Vasile (In memory of Alfred Loomis)**

**20- Sue Barber**

**27- Sandy Graham**

## Clerk Records

### **Deaths:**

**Margaret McMullen** – June 8, 2023

(Tim McMullen's mother)

**William Chamberlain** - June 20, 2023

**C. Edward VanZandt** – July 8, 2023

**Karen Backer** - July 11, 2023 (Joe Backer's Sister)

**Dennis Gent** – July 13, 2023

(Heidi Lockwood's father)

**Jimmy Bryant** – July 19, 2023 (Sue Ferris's cousin)

**Sally Bliss** – July 19, 2023



### **Births:**

**Emma Joy McMullen** born on June 30, 2023

Born to Corky & Ryan McMullen

Grandparents: Tim & Marcia McMullen

### **Weddings:**

**Chloe Ikeler & Anthony Abou- Haider** - July 8

Chloe is the daughter of Ron & Darcy Ikeler

### **Brunch:**

**There is no brunch in August.**

## Kindness...

**"You can never do kindness too soon,  
for you never know how soon  
it will be too late."**

**- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## Castile UCC Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open to residence in the Town of Castile and **may be visited monthly**. Contact the church office at 493-2840 to set up an appointment.



## Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who has helped out during the last month. From Funeral Lunches to our Summertime Fire Side Chat people, Church Office help, the New Food Pantry personnel and many others. You are truly amazing people!

## Music News

The church has replaced the sanctuary piano bench.

**We have also...** donated the small piano that was located in the entryway to the handicap bathroom to the Silver Lake Pioneer Cabin.



## St. Pauly's Shed

**What TO Donate:** Used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

**What NOT to Donate:** Furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, rags, pillows or fabric scraps.



## Missions News

### **Scrap Metal Mission**

• cast iron • copper • stainless steel • steel • brass  
• aluminum • lawn mowers • electric motors • old machinery • power tools • hand tools • batteries.

**NO:** T.V.'s, computers, air conditioners, freezer, refrigerators (nothing with Freon in it.)

**Contact Chuck Klein at 567-8204 for pick up.**

## SERRV

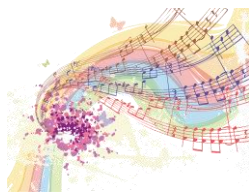


**Pakistan** Since 1995, SERRV International has partnered with artisans in Pakistan. Your SERRV purchase helps these artisans earn a living creating handcrafts of shesham wood and stone.

Small craft workshops provide many jobs in Pakistan, where other work opportunities are scarce. Artisans hand-select the onyx they carve into beautiful bowls, animals, kitchen tools, and more.

## An Invitation from Perry Center Church

The Perry Center Congregational Church has invited the Castile UCC to join them for a contemporary Christian music concert by **MERCY ME**, at Key Bank Center in Buffalo on November 18 at 7:00 PM.



If you would like to attend, the cost is \$50, with a **deadline of August 1**. Call the Perry Church Office at 237-3565 Tuesday (9:00 AM- 12:00 PM), Thursday (6:00-8:00 PM), Friday (1:00 – 4:00 PM)

## Christian Education News

Sermons4kids sheets are available in the church narthex for Children to use during the worship service. *Sunday School will resume on Sept. 17!*



### **Church Rental Fees: Summer Parties? Family Reunions?**

We would like to remind you that the Embling Dining Hall is available for rent. Member fee is \$50.00 and non-members \$100.00. This includes use of the church dining room, kitchen, handicap accessible bathroom, handicap lift, several refrigerators for food, 10 burner stove with two large ovens, Bunn coffee maker and.....

**AIR CONDITIONING!**

**NOTE: As we no longer have trash service at the church, you will need to take your trash home with you. Thank you!**

## Wyoming County Fair



**2023 Wyoming County Fair Theme:  
“Blue Jeans and  
Country Dreams”**

**August 12- 19, 2023 - Pike, NY**

### August Anniversaries

- 5 - Clair & Debbie Beeman
- 6 - Tim & Valerie Miller
- 8 - Benjamin & Karin Rice
- 13 - Tyler & MeLynda King
- 14 - Ed & Lisa Gunn
- 18 - Gordon & Jill Davis
- 21 - David & Barbara Brown
- 22 - Dan & Sheri Brandes
- 22 - Phillip & Kim Shappy
- 27 - Larry & Carol Becker
- 30 - Phil & Becky Vasile



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### August Birthdays

- 2 - Mark Barber
- 3 - Lisa Gunn
- 5 - Erin Reiter
- 6 - Mark VanZandt
- 7 - Esther Dake
- 7 - Sandy Graham
- 8 - Dolores Klein
- 9 - Renae Totstline
- 10 - Michael Swarhout
- 11 - Rebecca Vasile & Judy Goodenow
- 15 - Fran Cox
- 17 - Owen Beck
- 19 - Evan Totstline
- 19 - Brianna Dake
- 21 - Dawn Folts
- 21 - Max McAllister
- 25 - Jenifer Wallace
- 26 - Karen Anderson
- 27 - Roger Goodenow
- 27 - Barbara Brown
- 29 - Kane McAllister
- 30 - Allana Fuller





## Single Mom's "Breaking Bread" Club

Are you a single mom? Join us for free dinners & fun programs for Moms & Kids.



### Summer Program:

Sunday, August 27 5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Breezeway Barn**

**141 North Center Street in Perry**

Contact Jen Hall at [jenhall@hiridge.gmail.com](mailto:jenhall@hiridge.gmail.com)

## Casual Walk-Through Matthew's Gospel

This month looks at Matthew 3:1-3. We might say that John the Baptist came "to wake people up." He quickly became a well-known preacher, calling people to, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near." The word "repent" has a lot more to it than we generally think of today.

John's word "repent" could very well be said to mean "turn around." It is a word calling upon people to change their HEART and MIND about what was important in their lives....AND THEN TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES ACCORDINGLY. To repent as John the Baptist used the word did not simply mean, "Oops, I made a mistake, sorry about that." No, to repent is not simply to say the words. It is to make an internal change in your life. Actually, it means to make an inward change of the heart and mind. True repentance becomes real as one's life displays the "turn around." That is why the Phillips Modern English Bible says it this way: "You must change your hearts and minds— for the Kingdom of Heaven has arrived."

The people listening to John the Baptist, generally had a very clear understanding of what he meant by the words he used. In juxtaposition, I suspect we think of repentance as an inward act of the heart. But are we not much more apt to sidestep the importance of our actions? You see, to really repent means to not only express a plea for forgiveness, but

also to BE DETERMINED NOT TO DO IT AGAIN! John the Baptist quoted the prophet Isaiah to give credibility to his ministry.

Today we may do the same kind of thing. We quote from the scriptures, we quote early Christian disciples, we refer to the words written by past and present professors who are teachers of the faith. That is what John the Baptist was doing (in our reading for this discussion), and it was a great quote for his followers. "This is the one of whom the prophet spoke."

Before we leave this bit of scripture, I want to say that in all that has been said above, we should seriously see why we need to educate our children in the faith. We need to give them some degree of knowledge so that when they are on their own, they will have a base of understanding of the Christian faith. We all need to have something to compare, or to weigh the value of, the way word thoughts paint a false picture to get us to accept falsehoods. IGNORANCE OF THE GOSPEL CAN CAUSE FEAR in the minds OF ALMOST ANYONE. FEAR CAN EASILY BE A MOTIVE FOR JOINING ANYTHING THOUGHT TO HAVE A VALID POSITIVE AVENUE FOR THEIR LIFE'S JOURNEY.

Don't let your children or grandchildren or others succumb to SOME DISASTROUS HOAX. In doing so, many have been forced to give up their families, many have had to give up their identity, and many have been sexually abused by the SO-CALLED SUPREME CHIEF OF THE CULT.

Anything less than the beautiful Gospel of Love given to us by God's Son, Jesus the Christ, is not good enough. Any cause for one to be taken in by a cult can usually be traced to the lack of parental training.

YES, John the Baptist called people to "turn around," to understand that "the kingdom of heaven has come near."

He would say the same words today to you, and to me. Every generation needs to grasp this message. We need to share the importance of it with all people, lest the message of the Gospel become tainted by the lack of this truth. Repent. Put your focus on Jesus, the one God sent to us that we might live in peace, joy and a love that has no point of termination in life nor in what we call death.....think about it.

**Love ya, Clyde**

### Military Personal Addresses

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*\*\*No address at this time, but please keep them in your prayers.*

**Christopher Meyer, Brianna Mille,  
Tyler Smith, Daniel Scott,  
Garrison Villeneuve**



### Congratulations:

To Sergeant **Nathan Scott**, son of Tom & Bonnie Scott, on his recent promotion to Sergeant.

### Women's Fellowship

Our Mission Statement:

*"Through the belief in our Living God, our mission is to reach out and support families and individuals in need, by sharing ideas and creativity, using our time and talents to strengthen ties in the community."*

**2023 Co-Chairs:** Dawn Miller & Judy Goodneow

**Co-Sec.:** Mary Reagan & Marlene Loomis

**Correspondence:** Carol Becker

**Treasurer:** Cindy Feroletto

**NO Women's Fellowship  
Meeting In August**



**Meals & Missions August 22 at 12:00 PM**  
**3rd TUESDAY Each Month**  
*You are invited to bring a dish to pass if able.*  
**August Modern Parable: "A Whole New Way"**

## Church Council Meeting July 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Dennis Miller at 11:01 AM. Opening prayer by Pastor Tammy Lathan. There were 22 present.

The minutes of the April 23, 2023 Church Council meeting were read. Motion by Steve Meyer, seconded by Colleen Bean to approve the April 23, 2023 minutes as written. Motion was carried.

The following reports were given:

Pastor: Tammy Lathan

Church Treasurer: Beth Pond

Financial Secretary: Cindy Feroletto

Supt. of Buildings and Grounds: Dennis Miller

Music Committee: Debbie Beeman

Christian World Missions: Debbie Beeman

Missions Treasurer: Mary Reagan

SERRV Treasurer: Mary Reagan

Women's Fellowship: Judy Goodenow,  
Dawn Miller

Women's Fellowship Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

NY Conference Delegate: Mary Reagan

Motion made by Larry Rogers, seconded by Steve Meyer to accept all reports as given. Motion was carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Fire Alarm System:** Amherst has installed a new Fire Alarm System for a cost of around \$5500. It is fully functional and we are in compliance with Wyoming County Buildings and Codes. An active alarm goes to a call system which will cost us about \$550 a year. In case of an alarm, the 4 church people on our notification list will be called in the order given to the call system.

**Small Piano:** The small piano that was in the entryway by the Wheelchair Ramp was donated and is now housed at the Silver Lake

**Pioneer Cabin Church.** The picture displayed on the piano is of a boat similar to the one the piano was once on. This is the perfect place for this item. It is just down the road, so visit if you have a chance.

### **New Business:**

**Parking Lot:** Greg has delivered 9 tons of scalping's and Dennis spread them on the driveway. Hopefully drivers do not abuse it and create more potholes.

**AED System:** These units may be purchased but then we have to maintain and update them. If we leased a unit, the company maintains and updates it but the service requires a monthly fee. Motion was made by Larry Rogers, seconded by Steve Meyer to table this idea for possible future consideration. Motion was carried.

**Church Bookkeeping:** Beth's retirement requires us to decide how to handle the treasurer's job. One possibility is to outsource the job to a bookkeeping service. Another option is to purchase our own software and keep the job in-house. A committee was formed to discuss and check out our options. The committee is Mark Barber, Colleen Bean, Beth Pond and Cindy Feroletto.

The next church council meeting will be October 15, 2023 immediately following the church service.

Motion was made by Colleen Bean, seconded by Steve Meyer to adjourn. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 AM with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Tammy Lathan.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cindy Feroletto – Church Clerk**