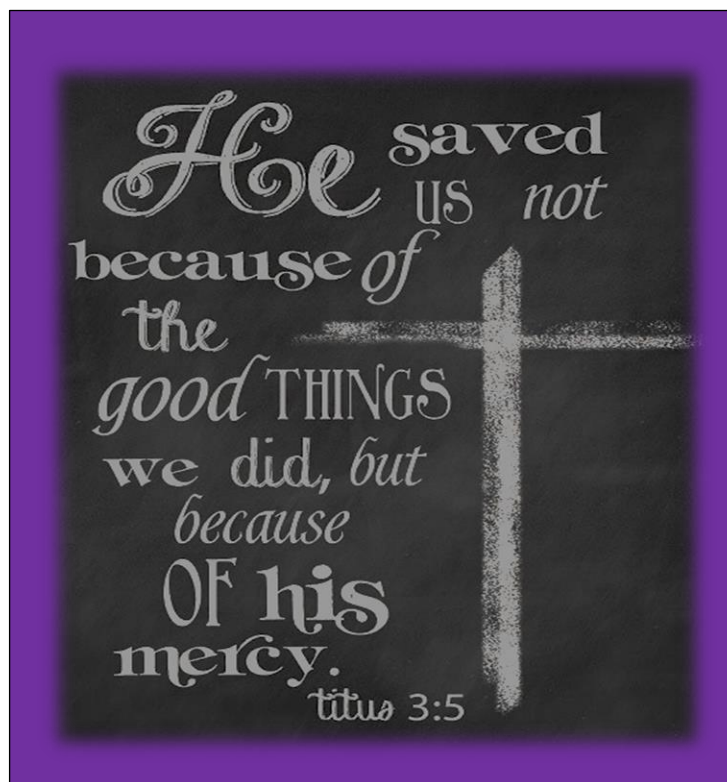


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Talks With Tammy



History of Lent

Early Christians felt the importance of Easter called for special preparations. The first mention of a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for Easter is found in the Canons of Nicaea (AD 325). It is thought that the tradition may have grown from the early church practice of baptismal candidates undergoing a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for their baptism at Easter. Eventually, the season evolved into a period of spiritual devotion for the whole church. During the initial centuries, the Lenten fast was very strict but relaxed over time.

During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast, or to give up something—a habit, like smoking, watching TV, swearing, or a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate, or coffee.

Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, like reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God. Strict observers of Lent do not eat meat on Fridays, often opting for fish instead. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen the faith of the observer and develop a closer relationship with God.

The Significance of 40 Days

The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

In the Bible, the number 40 holds special significance in the measurement of time, and many other important events revolve around it.

During the flood, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:4, 12, 17; 8:6). Moses fasted on the mountain for 40 days and nights before God gave the Ten Commandments (Exodus 24:18; 34:28; Deuteronomy 9). The prophet Elijah traveled for 40 days and nights to reach the mountain of God in Sinai (1 Kings 19:8).

Lent in Western Christianity

In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Technically 46, as Sundays are not included in the count). Officially named "Day of Ashes," the exact date changes every year because Easter and its surrounding holidays are movable feasts. Thus, observing Ash Wednesday at the start of the Lenten season represents one's repentance from sin as well as Jesus Christ's sacrificial death to set followers free from sin and death.

Do All Christians Observe Lent?

Not all Christian churches observe Lent. Lent is mostly observed the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican denominations, and also by Roman Catholics.

The Bible does not mention the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.

The account of Jesus' death on the cross, or crucifixion, his burial, and his resurrection, or raising from the dead, can be found in the following passages: Matt. 27:27-28:8; Mark 15:16-16:19; Luke 23:26-24:35; & John 19:16-20:30.

Reprinted from Learn What Lent Means to Christians: Gain a deeper understanding of the Lenten season.



Church Directory

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Tuesday - Friday

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493-5874

Lenten Fireside Chats

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2 at 6:00 PM we will be doing Lenten Series on the "7 Phrases Jesus said on the Cross".
Tune in each week.

Schedule

March 2 – Tammy Lathan

March 9 –

March 16 – Bonnie Miller

March 23 – Barbara Meyer

March 30 – Marlene Loomis

Altar Flowers

March 6- Sandy Graham

13- Tammy Lathan

20- Marlene Loomis (In memory of John Kenyon)

27- Suanne Redden



Newsletter Deadline

All newsletter articles for the "United Flyer" are due **by the 15th of each** month and are at the discretion of the church office.



Clerks Records

Deaths:

Butch Pond – February 16, 2022



2022 Yearbooks

The 2022 Yearbooks have been printed and distributed. Additional copies are available in the church narthex.

If there are any corrections, please contact the church office.



Christian Education News

The Sunday School Lessons from Sermons4Kids:

March 6- "What Did Jesus Do?"

13- "Under His Wing"

20- "Bearing Good Fruit"

27- "God Loves Me"

Save the Date:

Palm Sunday, April 10 – Sunday School Easter Party during Sunday School.

Easter Sunday, April 17 – **No Sunday School** so that families may worship together.



5:55 PM - P.T.P.

Prayer is the speaking part of your relationship with God. Think of Prayer as a conversation. You speak to God in Prayer, then you listen attentively as He speaks to you as you read your Bible.

You know we can all benefit from techniques, guidelines, or train of thought... **Try using P. T. P.**

Praise, Thanks, Petition.

- PRAISE GOD for who He is, and what He has done for us as Creator...
- THANK GOD for all His blessings He has afforded us in our lives, including the gift of His Son, Jesus...
- Then, PETITION GOD for what you need.

ALONG with your personal petitions should be prayers of intercessions... praying on behalf of others.

So SET YOUR Phone Alarm for 5:55 everyday – Take time to stop and PRAY P.T.P.



Church Rental Fees:

We would like to remind you that the Embling Dining Hall is available for rent.

The fee is \$50.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members.



Board of Trustees News

Trustee's Items:

St. Pauly's Used Clothing Drop-off Box

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. **Our latest check: \$93.22.**



Smile... Our Clothing Shed is now monitored by a Camera System.

New Church Sign Update:

All American Sign Company has contacted Dennis Miller to inform him that the sign components have finally arrived at the factory which puts the sign itself together. One more step towards the final sign.

Thank you for your patience.



Thank You's

To **Shelley Fox** for filling in for our Custodian, Melissa Dake while she heals from a knee issue.

To **Audrey Brown** for crocheting 9 more comfort blankets.

To **Mary Reagan** for making another 13 surgical hats for the Sawgrass Surgery Center.



March Birthdays

- 7 - Kristi Weaver
- 8 - Cheryl Fagan
- 10 - Alexander McLaughlin
- 11 - Deloris Lunn
- 10 - Jeffery Mattingly
- 20 - R.J. Donlon-Bergeron
- 24 - Connie VanSlyke
- 27 - Allison Diver
- 27 - Naomi Bellamy
- 27 - Ken Hance
- 31 - Alan Kemp



March Anniversaries

- 22 - Dale & Katie Cooley
- 26 - Colleen & Randy Clark



Castile UCC Food Pantry

The Castile UCC Food Pantry is OPEN!.

This Emergency Food Pantry is open to residence in the Town of Castile and can be visited monthly.

Please continue to call the church office at 585-494-2840 to make an appointment.

Missions News

Scrap Metal Mission

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

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

Contact Chuck Klein at 567-8204 for pick up.



One Great Hour of Sharing – March 27, 2022

Access to clean fresh water is vital for all humanity, but for women in particular, water access means the difference between life and death for them and their families. When you give to OGHS, you invest in the hopeful future of women and girls around the world and serve as co-workers with God to build a just world for all.

Thank you in advance for your donations. You can also give online at ucc.org/oghs



Did You Know...?

Our church is "5 for 5"! (It means we give to the NY Conference General Fund, plus the 4 special offerings, such as One Great Hour of Sharing).



The Upper Room

Did you know that the Castile United Church of Christ provides free copies of the Upper Room in both regular and large print?? These copies are located on the table in the Narthex.

The Upper Room is a global ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully.

From its beginnings as a daily devotional guide, the Upper Room has grown to include publications, programs, prayer support, and other

resources to help believers of all ages and denominations move to a deeper level of faith and service. You can also access the Upper Room online at <http://devotional.upperroom.org>.



Pastoral Search News

Thank you for your continued support.

Committee Members are:

Tyler King: Chair Marlene Loomis: Contact
Debbie Beeman Lynn McNamara
Barbara Meyer Cliff Scott



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."

2022 Co-Chairpersons:

Marcy VanZandt & Dawn Miller

Co-Sec.: Mary Reagan & Marlene Loomis

Correspondence: Carol Becker

Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

Next Women's Fellowship Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM

ALL Women are INVITED!!

MAY BREAKFAST NEWS

We will be holding our

129th Annual May Breakfast

Monday, May 2nd, 2022 from 6:30 -9:30 AM!



Home Touch Newsletter

This is a monthly newsletter full of articles, puzzles, games, scripture, helpful hints, etc. If you, or a loved one would like to be added to our monthly mailing list, PLEASE contact the church office.

Castile UCC Trivia

Each month we will include 10 trivia questions about articles that have appeared in past *United Flyer Newsletters*.

1. What year did we have a "Pop the Preacher" Mission fundraiser? (Do you know who was the minister at the time? - Rev. Scott McNaney. We raised \$163.00 towards the GBO trip to South Carolina.)
2. What year was the brass bell located in the bell tower was installed in? (Did you know the bell is thirty six inches across and it weighs 1,000 lbs.?)
3. What was the year of the Castile UCC'S last Pictorial Directory? (Do you remember it was produced by Lifetouch Photography.)
4. In what year was the Church's name changed from Castile Community Church to The Castile United Church of Christ?
5. What year did we add Contemporary Hymnals to our Sunday morning worship service? (They cost \$15.00 each at the time.)
6. What year did we implement the meditation room located downstairs in the church? (It is in memory of Elaine Keif's mother, Florence Eilers.)
7. What year did the Annual May Breakfast change from serving the breakfast to a buffet line?
8. What year was our Mediation Garden dedicated?

9. Do you know what year our Church offices were moved to their current location at the back of the Embling Dining Hall?
10. What year did the church host a "UCC Café"? (This was due to the fire of the Village and Town of Castile offices and Lorraine's Restaurant.)



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Answers to Castile UCC Trivia

1. 2002
2. 1896
3. 2015
4. 1965
5. 2012
6. 2015
7. 2007
8. 2009
9. 2012
10. 2012



A Helping Hand

In an effort to help here is a list of Wyoming County services that may be able to assist you:

- Wyoming County Social Services: 786-8900
- Community Action: 237-2600
- Warsaw UCC Food Pantry: 786-3868
- Castile UCC Food Pantry: 493-2840
- Silver Springs Food Pantry: 493-5564
- Wyoming Co. Office of the Aging: 786-8833

Nutrition Programs

Home Delivered Meals

Hot meals are provided to homebound, frail, elderly, or disabled people who are 60 years of age or older and reside in Wyoming County.

- Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal.
- Referrals for home delivered meals may be made by calling the Office for the Aging at 585-786-8833 or 800-836-0067.

Congregate Meal Sites

There are 7 meal sites in Wyoming County that offer noon luncheons, social opportunities, recreational activities, special entertainment, and food nutrition education.

- Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors 60 and above and a \$5 guest fee if under age 60.

For meal reservation and information call the Office for the Aging at 585-786-8833 or 800-836-0067.

Name	Location	Time
Attica Congregate Meal Site	Sokol Drive Village Park Apartment Community Room Attica, NY	Thursday of each week
Arcade Congregate Meal Site	Grove Street Arcade Park Cabin Arcade Village Park Arcade, NY	Tuesday of each week
Bennington Senior Dining Program	Pine Lounge 164 Clinton Street Cowlesville, NY	Monday of each week 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Perry Congregate Meal Site	165 Lake Street Silver Lake Meadows Community Room Perry, NY	Friday of each week
Warsaw Congregate Meal Site	3415 S Main Street Route 19 Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church Warsaw, NY	Wednesday of each week
Wyoming Congregate Meal Site	25 Maple Street Wyoming Hook and Ladder Wyoming, NY	Monday of each week

Nutrition Counseling

Nutrition counseling for recipients 60 years of age or older, on special diets or nutritional needs. Referrals can be made by contacting OFA Nutrition Coordinator at the Office for the Aging at 585-786-8833 or 800-836-0067.