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“United Flyer”

Happy Birthday America!

For the month of July, as we celebrate our country's 250th birthday, we are adorning the Church altar with quilts. These are very special as they were made as “Red, White and Gratitude” quilts, a quilt of valor and quilts representing our country through the colors Red, White and Blue.

To a quilter, the fabrics chosen to quilt with mean everything. We invite you to come up and view these up close. See if you can find our ‘Pledge of Allegiance’.

Under the Bible rests an *American Flag*, which represents “One Nation Under God”. The large angel is holding an American Flag is to remind us of ‘America, America, God shed His grace on thee’.

As you view the altar this month, take a moment to thank God for

250 years of Freedom.



Pastors' CORNER

Skywalk

The world's most thrilling cantilever glass bridge is at Grand Canyon West.

You can step out on the 10-foot wide, horseshoe-shaped glass bridge extending 70 feet out over the rim of the Grand Canyon. If you dare to look down, you'll see breathtaking views 4,000 feet to the Canyon floor below.

Yes, my friends, that is exactly how I felt stepping into the pulpit over 4 years ago! And what an amazing opportunity and adventure this has been!

Thank you for trusting me. Thank you for your guidance and for understanding when things did not always go as planned.

Thank you for supporting the decision to cancel a Christmas Eve service due to weather. Thank you for being flexible and willing to try new ideas. And for being Spirit-Filled, with eyes wide open to see and then to follow the path God has for us.

"We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love Him and are chosen to be a part of His plan." Romans 8:28

I will miss each of you more than you can imagine! Yet, I trust God to make sure our paths cross again!

Tammy



Church Directory

Pastor: Tammy Lathan

Pastor Tammy's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Wednesdays – By Appointment

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Director of Music: Barbara Meyer – 322-7396

Supt. of Build/Grounds: Greg VanSlyke – 322-0276

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. We welcome your submissions.



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.

**FACEBOOK Volunteers Needed:
WE WILL TRAIN YOU!**

Welcome Pastor Susan Walters

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Sue as our part-time, settled Pastor starting July 19, 2026.

Pastor Sue was ordained in 1986 and has served many churches in the United Methodist Church.

Please come to church, call the office or drop in the office to greet and meet Pastor Sue. Her office hours will be announced soon.

We are looking forward to this new journey for the Castile UCC.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7



Thank You!

We would like to wish all the best to Pastor Tammy & Ron Lathan for the past 4 ½ years.

We sincerely appreciate all you have done and all the time you have spent for our church. The time has gone by so quickly and you have always given us so much to think about with your Sunday Messages, Fireside Chats, and Special Services.

Know that you both will be missed. Please visit whenever you are able.

Happy Trails - Tammy & Ron!



Church Council Meeting

The next Church Council meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 11:00 AM.

Please have your reports in to the church office, ready to be copied by Wed., July 15.



Pastoral Search Committee

Committee Members:

Cindy Feroletto – Co-Chair - Elders

Bonnie Miller – Co-Chair - Missions

Scott Chamberlain – Trustees

Linda Little – Music Committee

Julia Foote – Bd. of Christian Education

Brooke VanEpps – Stewardship

Michelle Post – Women's Fellowship

Marlene Loomis will serve as an ex-officio member with no voting rights.

The Pastoral Search Comm. will remain in place for the next six months as a liaison between the Minister and the church.



July Preaching Schedule

Sun. 5- Holy Communion Sunday

(Please wear Red, White and Blue in honor of our country's 250 Birthday!)

Sun. 12 - Last Sunday & Farewell Party for Pastor Tammy Lathan

**Sun. 19 - First Sunday with Rev. Susan Walters
Also: Church Council Sunday**

Sun. 26 - Nineth Sunday after Pentecost



No Brunches held over the Summer

Clerks Records

Deaths:

Rev. Dr. Clyde H. Embling on May 20, 2026



Summer Fireside Chats

Beginning on Wed., July 8 at 6:00 PM

The topic will be announced.

Wed., July 8 – Pastor Tammy Lathan

Wed., July 15 – Michelle Post

Wed., July 22 – Lynn McNamara

Wed., July 29 – Rev. Susan Walters



Christian Education News

SERMONS4KIDS

You can also check out the weekly lessons by logging on to **Sermons4Kids Schedule**:

July 5- “When Your Load is Heavy”

12- “The Parable of the Sower”

19- “Weeds in the Garden”

26- “The Price is Right”



Musical Notes

Once again, the Castile UCC Church Choir has completed another successful year of offering our church meaningful and spiritually based music.

This year has been particularly challenging as our Music Director; Barbara Meyer has been out on an extended medical leave.

Thank you to all our members who have stepped forward to fill in and praise God. We pray

for Barb's recovery and sing our hearts out, with Lisa at the piano. Barb having planned ahead for music, members returning when needed so that we could sing to the glory of the Lord and the acceptance of our congregation, we did it!!! We look forward to our return in the fall as we gather again to sing praises to His name.

Blessings,

Bonnie Miller, Choir Member



Board of Trustees News

Church Rental Fees

Member Fee: \$50.00

Non-Members Fee: \$100.00

This includes use of the church dining room, kitchen facilities, handicap lift and bathroom.

NOTE: If you rent the church, you will need to take your trash home with you. Thank you!

BBQ Thanks

Thank everyone for their help and donations for the BBQ.

- To Jenifer Wallace for organizing all the supplies.
- Roger & Judy Goodenow for the coleslaw and dressing
- Jeremy VanEpps for contacting Creative Foods, in Perry to donate cookies
- To John Goff for cooking the DEELICIOUS Chickens!!!

Chicken BBQ Profit: @ 2,180.00

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.

Our Latest Check: \$188.29



Thank You and Good Luck

As of June 30, our custodian, Lelani Helmer, will be retiring. Lani has been our custodian since June 2024. Thank You and Good Luck on your future endeavors.



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.



Castile UCC Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open to any resident in the Town of Castile and **may be visited monthly.**

Contact the church office at 493-2840 to set up an appointment.

Please double-check the bulletin board in the Embling Dining Hall for the current list of items needed for the Food Pantry.



Thank You's

To **Castile UCC Women's Fellowship** for recently donating storage bins to Rachel's Closet to help them keep everything organized and easily viewable.

To **Beverly Edwards** for returning another **\$33.20** in pop cans.

PLEASE RINSE & DRAIN ALL OF YOUR CANS!!

With the warmer weather, "stuff" grows quicker and is VERY UNPLEASANT, for the returner and for the facility.



Pop Up Food Pantry List

WCCA Cornerstone Building

204 North Main Street Perry, NY

10:00 AM

Dates: July 23, August 27, September 24,
October 22, November 12
(NO DECEMBER Pick Up)

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### **Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church**

3415 S. Main Street South Warsaw, NY

**3:00 PM**

**Dates:** July 27, August 24, September 28,  
October 26, November 23, December 21

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Arcade Village Park

1 Grove Street Arcade, NY

10:00 AM

Dates: July 16, August 20. September 17,
October 15, November 19 & December 17



July Birthdays

- 1 - Christopher Meyer
- 2 - Joan Maddison
- 5 - Colleen Bean
- 6 - Sasha Bellamy
- 7 - Pamela Patridge
- 8 - Jeff Fagan
- 9 - Quinn Bellamy
- 11 - Gavin Chamberlain
- 15 - Colin Reagan
- 18 - Scott Chamberlain
- 18 - Joyce Rugg
- 19 - Joshua Andrews
- 20 - Larry Rogers
- 21 - Ron Lathan
- 23 - Paul Scott
- 23 - Tom Reagan
- 23 - Madison Weaver
- 27 - Marcy VanZandt
- 27 - Adam Klein
- 31 - Shauna Close



July Anniversaries

- 1 - Tom & Mary Reagan
- 2 - Angelo & Cindy Feroleto
- 8 - Chris & Jen Griesbaum
- 14 - Tim & Marcia McMullen
- 18 - Mark & Cindy Barber
- 19 - James & Marlene Loomis
- 22 - Joseph & Roxanna Backer



Parables of the Bible

The Prodigal Son is a parable told by Jesus about repentance, forgiveness, and the unconditional love of God.

Summary of the Story

The parable, found in Luke 15:11-32, begins with a man who has two sons. The younger son asks for his share of the inheritance early, which was culturally disrespectful, implying he wished his father were dead. He then leaves home and

squanders his wealth in reckless living in a distant country. When a severe famine strikes, he becomes destitute and takes a job feeding pigs, longing even for their food. Realizing his mistake, he decides to return home, repent, and ask to be treated as a servant. His father, seeing him from afar, runs to embrace him, forgives him, and celebrates his return. Meanwhile, the older son, who remained faithful, struggles with jealousy and resentment, but the father reminds him that celebrating the return of the lost is right and just.

Key Characters and Symbolism

The Father: Represents God, showing constant love, patience, and readiness to forgive

The Younger Son: Symbolizes sinners or those who stray from God, illustrating human weakness, rebellion, and the journey toward repentance

The Older Son: Represents the self-righteous or those who may resent God's grace toward others, highlighting the need for humility and understanding.

Themes and Lessons

Repentance and Self-Realization: The younger son's recognition of his mistakes and decision to return home demonstrates genuine repentance and the importance of acknowledging one's sins.

Unconditional Forgiveness: The father's immediate and joyful acceptance of his son illustrates God's boundless mercy and willingness to restore those who return to Him.

Restoration and Celebration: The parable emphasizes that spiritual restoration is cause for joy, not resentment, and that God values the return of the lost above strict justice.

Contrast Between Self-Righteousness and Grace:

The older son's reaction teaches that faithfulness should not lead to pride or bitterness, but to understanding and participation in God's joy for the repentant.

This parable remains a timeless lesson on forgiveness, humility, and the transformative power of repentance, encouraging believers to both seek God's mercy and rejoice in the redemption of others.



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."*

2026 Chairperson: Michelle Post

Co-Secretaries: Marcy VanZandt & Joan Maddison

Correspondence: Carol Becker & Beth Pond

Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

Home Touch Newsletter

This is a monthly newsletter filled with puzzles, scriptures, Bible stories, etc.



If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the church. This is a free service.



Congratulations



To Navy Flight Officer Lt. Christopher Meyer. He has received the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service as the missions' systems lead project officer for the Navy air test and evaluation squadron.

Christopher is the son of Steve & Barbara Meyer.

To STAFF Sergeant Nathan Scott

He was promoted from Sergeant to Staff Seargent at a ceremony on June 1 in Georgia.



Nathan is the son of Tom & Bonnie Scott.

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