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"United Flyer"





From Pastor Sue

"The Lord said to Abram: "Leave your land, your family and your father's household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you."

Genesis 12:1-2

"Leave". It's a command, not a suggestion. It's meaning is often negative, such as "leave me alone." It implies you are not welcome in a certain place...such as "it's time to leave." So, why would God tell Abram to leave, and raise all these negative connotations?

Because it was time. It was not Abram's time; it was God's time. And, in God's time, Abram had to leave....all that he had ever known. The familiar, the comfortable, home. This was to fulfill God's purpose for this portion of 75-year-old Abram's life. Who says you are too old to start over?

Starting over. It is what you and I will be doing together. We will be walking this part of our life together following the same promise God gave Abram: "I will bless you." Do we know what this journey holds? No. Do we HAVE to know? No. Would we like to know? Well, Yes, but, we are not in control of this time...it is up to God to lay out this journey for His faithful.

I may sound rather sure about this. It's because I am completely sure. I have been following God since I received my call to ministry at age 4. Before coming to you, I served 11 different churches in the United Methodist system from 1984 to my retirement in 2017. The United Methodist Church moves its pastors A Lot. I had to leave churches I loved after 2 years. I had to stay in a church that was not a

good fit for 10 years. One church forced me out with death threats after 3 years (Women should NOT be in the pulpit, they loudly shouted).

I am convinced that God led me to each of these churches. Even the ones that were difficult had blessings involved...definitely for me and I hope for them. That's why I can say with certainty that God will bless our journey together.

Now...a little about me. I was adopted at 3 months old and given the name Susan Tew (why my parents didn't see that Susan would turn into Sue and I would be Sue Tew, I never knew). I grew up in Fairport and graduated from Fairport High School in 1972. I went on to graduate from the College of Wooster in Wooster Ohio in 1976 and Colgate Rochester/Crozier Divinity School in 1984. I married another pastor in 1984 and gave birth to my daughters: Rachel in 1987 and Rebekah in 1989. We divorced in 1994.

I continued in ordained ministry, and married Joseph Walters in 2013. Shortly thereafter I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I received treatment and have been cancer free for 13 years this September. I retired in 2017 to have both a hip and a shoulder replaced within 18 months. The anti-estrogen drugs used to treat my cancer ate my joints, literally. I had my other hip replaced in 2022.

In 2019, I was called back into ministry and served the First Congregational Church in East Bloomfield until the end of December, 2025. At end of October, 2025, I separated from Joe and moved to my current home on Silver Lake.

This is a mini biography. I am sure you will learn more about me and I hope to learn more about you as we journey along God's path together.

Blessings,

Pastor Sue

Church Directory

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Pastor Sue's Office Hours:

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

Wednesdays: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Other times by Appointment

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Administrative Coord.: Marlene Loomis – 493-2968

Church Moderator: Dennis Miller – 233-8933

Bd. of Elder Chair: Cindy Feroletto – 493-2696

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

Custodian: Julie Schumacher – 566-4433

Director of Music: Barbara Meyer – 322-7396

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

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 Committee will remain in place until the Annual Meeting in January 2027.

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!



No Brunch in August



Summer Fireside Chats – Wed., 6:00 PM

"Seeking After the Heart of God"

Wed., July 29 – Final Reading - Rev. Susan Walters



Church Choir News

Do you love hearing the choir sing each Sunday during worship? We need you! We are having some issues with health and work that will limit our bringing music to the worship services. If you like to sing, please prayerfully consider joining us through song on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. You do not need to know how to read music & may come when you are able.



Board of Trustees News

Latest Repairs

The roof shingles that came loose during our recent wind storms have been replaced by R. A. Haitz from Batavia.

The bricks on the Bell Tower have been repaired by Matt Weiss.

New downspouts were put on the Washington Street side of the church to divert the water away from the foundation.

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!

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: \$209.31

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.

Our latest check for Scrap Metal was \$40.00.



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.

Usual pick-up days are the first Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM of each month.



Thank You's

To **Adam Swyers** for donating the downspouts (and labor) on the Washington Side of the church in memory of his grandparents, Clair & Sarah Swyers, and his aunt Katie Cooley.

To **Beverly Edwards** for scrubbing the church ovens and stovetop.

To **Tom Reagan** for revamping the Facebook video stand.



August Birthdays

- 2 - Mark Barber
- 3 - Lisa Gunn
- 5 - Erin Reiter
- 6 - Mark VanZandt
- 7 - Sandy Graham
- 10 - Michael Swarthout
- 11 - Rebecca Vasile
- 11 - Judy Goodenow
- 17 - Owen Beck
- 19 - Brianna Dake
- 21 - Dawn Folts
- 24 - Beverly Grosse
- 25 - Jenifer Wallace
- 26 - Karen Anderson
- 27 - Roger Goodenow
- 27 - Barbara Brown
- 30 - Allana Fuller



August Anniversaries

- 6 - Tim & Valerie Miller
- 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
- 31 - Gary & Brenda Whitmore

Parables of the Bible

Parable of the Lost Sheep - Matthew 18:12-14

“What do you think? If a man has one hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, doesn't he leave the ninety-nine, go to the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray? If he finds it, most certainly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Parable of the Lost Sheep - Luke 15:3-7

He told them this parable: “Which of you men, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, wouldn't leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost, until he found it? When he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing. When he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.”

Parable of the Lost Sheep Meaning:

God's Active Pursuit

The main lesson is that God actively seeks out those whom He has called and who are lost



or have strayed away from the faith, just as the shepherd searches for a lost sheep. Once God chooses you, He will not let you go.

Value of Every Christian

Another point is that every Christian is precious to God, and He cares for each one individually, as the shepherd cares for each sheep. No one person is favored more or less by God regardless of how good they are or how much they have sinned against Him.

Joy In Repentance God's Inclusive Love

God's love is inclusive and extends to all who are part of His flock, regardless of their past, symbolized by the shepherd's acceptance of the lost sheep back into the flock. You cannot out-sin the cross of Jesus. Jesus Christ paid for sins, and no matter what someone's history is, they are covered by His blood because He already paid for it all.

Encouragement to Follow

A deeper lesson here is that Christians are encouraged to follow the example of the shepherd, showing love and compassion to those who are lost or in need of guidance. We should not act self-righteous, judge others for their sins, or hold others with contempt.



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.



Rachel's Closet

Items collected here at the Castile United Church of Christ will be donated to Rachel's Closet at Letchworth Central School in Gainesville, NY.

Rachel's Closet is not only open to students but Community Members as well.

It can be visited on the Monday's that the LCS Board of Education meets.

Upcoming Dates: September 14 & 30, October 14 & 26, November 9 & 23, and December 14 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

This is also an opportunity if you wish to donate a few hours A MONTH to keep the closet in good order. Anyone that has questions about Rachel's Closet can contact Mrs. Leone at the Middle School Office. 493-2592. if you would be interested in volunteering, you can also contact Brooke VanEpps at 322-4676 or Marlene Loomis at 689-5025



Wyoming County Fair – Pike, NY

**2026 Theme:
"Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights"**

August 15 – 22, 2026



Military Personal Addresses

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Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Dennis Miller at 11:02 AM.
There was an opening prayer by new Minister, Rev. Susan Walters. There were 30 present.
The minutes of the April 19, 2026 Church Council meeting and the June 7, 2026 Special Meeting

were read. Motion was made by Gary Whitmore and 2nd by Steve Meyer to approve both minutes as written. Motion was carried.

The following reports were given:

Retiring Pastor: Tammy Lathan – written report
Church Treasurer: Mark Barber
Financial Secretary: Cindy Feroletto
Board of Elders: Cindy Feroletto
Board of Trustees: Scott Chamberlain
Board of Christian World Missions: Bonnie Miller
Women's Fellowship Group: Marcy VanZandt
Women's Fellowship Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto
Missions Treasurer: Mary Reagan
SERRV Treasurer: Mary Reagan
Food Pantry: Tammy Lathan/Marlene Loomis
Music Committee: Lynn McNamara
Pastoral Search: Cindy Feroletto/Bonnie Miller
NY Conference Delegate: Mary Reagan
Motion was made by Gary Whitmore, seconded by Brooke VanEpps to accept all reports as given. Motion was carried.

Old Business: Charlie Miller will check on Sound System evaluation.

New Business: Pastoral Search Committee: Recommendation was to keep the Pastoral Search Committee active until the Annual Meeting in January 2027 for congregational and pastoral support. Motion was made by Mary Reagan, seconded by Steve Meyer to keep the Pastoral Search Committee active until the annual Meeting in January 2027. Motion was carried.

Sycamore Tree Statue: Due to the softness of the sycamore wood, the Statue of Jesus is not able to survive the weather even with the wood treatments it has been given. It will only continue to rot. Dennis will check with the village to see if they will cut the ropes and lay it on the ground so it does not fall on anyone. Then a decision will be made how to dispose of it.

Next Meeting will be October 18, 2026 following the church service. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Sue.

Motion was made by Gary Whitmore, seconded by Beth Pond to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Feroletto – Church Clerk