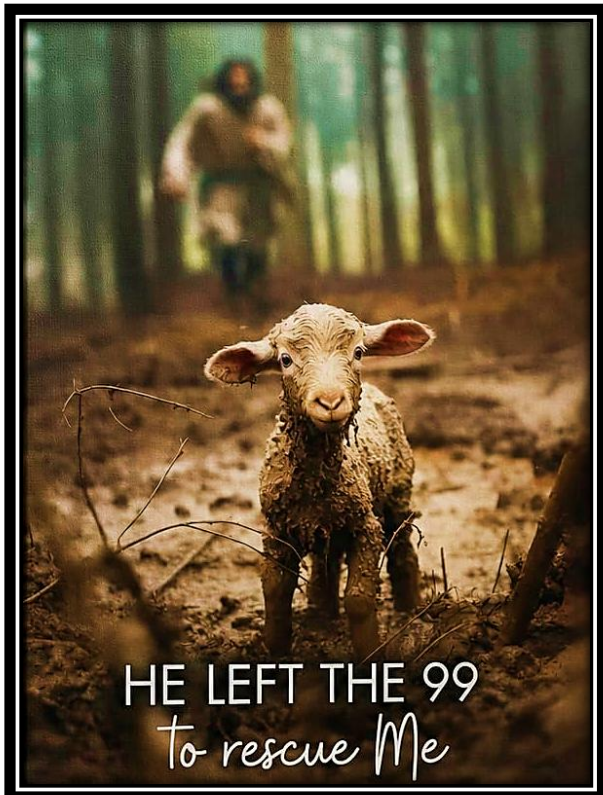


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September, 2026



You are cordially invited to the
Installation of

Rev. Susan Walters

As the Settled Pastor of the

Castile United Church of Christ

Sun., September 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Followed by a Welcome Reception

Guest Speaker - Pastor Eric Kelly



"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"

Galatians 6:2

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep."

Romans 12:15

As I write this, we are coming up on a month of being together in ministry. I'm still learning about you, as the family of God in the Castile United Church of Christ; and you are still learning about me, your pastor called to serve in and among you. This learning is a process that will continue throughout our time together.

As I think of our ministry together, there is one vital part I would like to highlight. It is called the ministry of presence. This is simply the act of being there for each other and is referenced in the passages from Galatians and Romans that began this column. Being physically present with another allows God to flow in and through us. I have had people in other churches I have served express their perceived inadequacies in these situations. "I don't know what to say," they have told me. Because they are at a loss for words, they stay away. These circumstances are not defined by words. They are defined by presence. It has often been my experience that God speaks the loudest when someone just shows up!

I take the ministry of presence very seriously. It is the cornerstone of the pastoral care that I provide. Sitting with you is a privilege. Bringing the presence of God is an honor. Reminding you that God is always present with you is a fundamental part of my ministry. So, you will see me reach out.

You will get phone calls, or text messages, or emails from me, checking on you. You will get offers of visits from me. In addition to getting to know each other, these interactions give us the opportunity to live out the passage: "For when two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:20.

I look forward to getting to know you as we continue to be in ministry together.

Blessings,
Pastor Sue



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Director of Music: Barbara Meyer – 322-7396

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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.



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:



Altar Flowers

September

Sun., 6 – Bonnie Scott

Sun., 13 – Village Park Service – Brooke VanEpps

Sun., 20 – Marcy VanZandt

Sun., 27 – Lisa Gunn



Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 AM
In the Castile Village Park

Brunch provided by the Board of Trustees.



World Wide Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate Holy Communion with other Christians around the world.

To symbolize our unity, we will be serving traditional breads from other countries as our communion bread. The grape juice, symbolizing the blood of Christ, will remain the same.

We will also be offering communion from the altar. This means those who are able will be directed to the front to receive both the bread and the cup and then will return to their seats. Pastor Sue and the lay leader of the day will be taking communion to those who are not able to or are uncomfortable with coming to the front.

The communion liturgy will also be somewhat different. This is to reflect our union with other countries and to lift up Jesus' actions among various different peoples.



Board of Elders Meeting Date

Change:

The Board of Elders Meeting dates have changed. They will now meet on the last Sunday of each month following Worship.

Upcoming Dates:

September 27

October 25

November 29

December 27



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!

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: \$141.67.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who make this project possible.



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 \$16.00.

Neighbors in Need

October 4, 2026 Ingathering

Gifts to Neighbors in Need support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.



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.



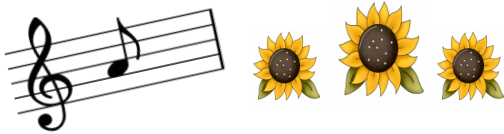
Please see the Tree located in the church narthex for food items needed for the Pantry.

Usual pick-up days are the first Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM of each month.

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.



Thank You's

To Mark Barber for mowing the church lawn all Summer.

To Adam Swyers (Prestige Gutter Solutions, L.L.C.) for their recent donation of Downspouts for the Washington side of the church. *This was done in memory of his grandparents, Clair (Dub) & Sarah Swyers and his aunt Kathie Cooley.*

To Dean & Denise DeGroff for donating many bushels of summer squash, zucchini and cabbage for our Food Pantry to hand out.



September Birthdays

1 - Braydon Miller
3 - Charles Klein
6 - Kelly McLaughlin
10 - Bonita Stenshorn
18 - James Loomis
18 - Bonnie Miller
18 - Sandra Sickles
21 - Daniel Brandes
21 - Andrew Klein
26 - Melissa Dake
26 - Mark Miller
28 - **Pastor Susan Walters**



September Anniversaries

7 - Paul & Abbey Scott
9 - Mark & Kathleen Donlon Miller
27 - Jim & Linda Little
29 - Chris & Lynn McNamara



Parables of the Bible

Parable of the Hidden Treasure

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure is in Matthew 13:44. Jesus told this parable to illustrate that discovering the Kingdom of Heaven is like finding a priceless treasure, which should be pursued and valued above all else.

Parable of the Hidden Treasure Meaning

This parable means that the Kingdom of Heaven is of such immense value that one should be willing to give up everything else to obtain it. Jesus told this metaphor to emphasize the joy and worth of discovering the Kingdom, akin to finding a treasure, and the commitment required to fully embrace it.

Parable of the Hidden Treasure Lessons

- **Seeking the Kingdom**

The first lesson is that the treasure in this parable was hidden, requiring active seeking to uncover it. Similarly, Christians are encouraged to actively seek God, who is ever-present but not always immediately apparent.

- **Value of the Kingdom**

Upon discovering the treasure, the man recognized its immense value. This teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is more valuable than any earthly possession.

- **Sacrifice for the Kingdom**

Another important lesson is that the man sold all he had to buy the field with the treasure. This signifies that Christians should be willing to give up

everything for the sake of God's Kingdom, which is more valuable than anything imaginable.

- **Joy In Discovery**

The man's joy upon finding the hidden treasure reflects the joy Christians experience when they discover the immense value of a life with God. Until you make a relationship with God your sole focus, you will not experience this everlasting joy.

- **Grace Comes Free**

As you discovered, the Parable of the Hidden Treasure appears in Matthew 13:44. And the primary meaning of the parable is that God's Kingdom is so valuable that it is worth sacrificing everything to obtain it. The life lessons include actively seek a relationship with God, the value of being part of His Kingdom is beyond measure, Christians should sacrifice everything to achieve it, immense joy comes from the discovery, and God's grace comes free to all who are willing to receive it.



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



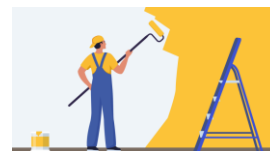
Home Touch Newsletter

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

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

Coming in September:

The Church Kitchen and Embling Dining Hall will be repainted in the first few weeks of September. Thank you to Women's Fellowship for paying for this "refreshing" of our church. *Thank you to Kirk Schroeder for your donation of \$500.00 off the cost.*



Church World Missions **"Period Packs"**

Deadline for items: October 4, 2026.

- 2 boxes Galloon Size Ziplock Bags for packing
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 3 (4 gallon bathroom trash bags)
- 1 Travel sized pack of antibacterial wipes (unscented)
- 1 pack of flushable wipes (unscented, 42 wipes or fewer)
- 5 Regular - absorbency Tampons
- 5 Super-absorbency Tampons
- 12 Sanitary Pads
- 1 bath size bar of soap (3 oz. or larger, in original wrapping: NO Ivory or Jergens)
- 6 fragrance free laundry sheets (place in small resealable plastic baggie)

**Women's Fellowship will be packing these items at our next Women's Fellowship meeting on Tues., October 13, at 10:30 AM.
(NOTE: NEW DATE & TIME)**

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**“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens.”**

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

“Thought I Wasn’t Looking”

~ Author Unknown

When You thought I wasn’t looking . . .

I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn’t looking . . .

I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn’t looking . . .

I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn’t looking . . .

I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn’t looking . . .

I felt you kiss my goodnight, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn’t looking . . .

I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it is all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn’t looking. . .

I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

***When you thought I wasn’t looking, I looked . .
. and wanted to say thanks for all the things I
saw when you thought I wasn’t looking . . .***