Community Christian CHURCH

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

October 11, 2026 **10:30 AM**

The Reverend Steven Price	Pastor
Mr. Veniamin Blokh	Church Musician
Mr. Ron Strong	Senior Choir Director
Mr. Ryan Hubbell	Technical Support

Access Sunday/Disabilities Awareness Sunday

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,

you are welcome here!

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to you as we gather to celebrate God's life-giving presence. During communion, as we partake of the bread and cup, please know that ***all*** who desire Christ's boundless and embracing love are welcomed to participate.

Prayer is an important part of our life together as a community of faith. If you have a prayer concern or joy you would like raised later on in the service, text your request to Beth Fulkerson at 585.755.6310.

GATHERING

Please take this time to center yourself as we listen to this morning's prelude.

Prelude — Venya Blokh

† Call to Worship – Responsive — Pastor Greg Tre Harris, edits smp

One: Holy One, Everything we need, at birth we have.
Each gift. Each story. Each body.
There is nothing lost. Nothing missing. Nothing wrong.

Many: We are all designed with divinity in mind.
When the world teaches us otherwise,
remind us that You have always called us whole.

One: Our aches and pains are not evidence that Love abandoned us.
They are reminders that we live, that we love and are loved.

Many: As we gather in worship,
help us recognize one another's abilities and disabilities,
and discover Your presence within our shared humanity.

One: May we remember that what the world often overlooks,
You have always called beloved.

Many: May our worship reveal Christ among us,
and Your grace be made known through us. Amen

† Song of Gathering ***O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come***

Hymn Tune O Waly, Waly Chalice Hymnal, No 499

O Christ the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
When reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health
We recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

Children's Time

Anthem *"The Wedding Banquet"* Winter and Roff

Lyrics on pg 9.

Children are invited to age-appropriate Faith Formation activities following this portion of the service.

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:1-14 NT pg. 24

Lector: Carolyn Inglis

Sermon Steven Price

Music for Reflection Venya Blokh

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Your offering can happen in a variety of ways: the collection plate in the narthex, giving through your bank, using the tithely app, and giving on our cccopentoall.org webpage. We are grateful.

Offertory Prayer

† Song of Praise ***Doxology*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, (God) all creatures here below;
Praise him (God) above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen
(or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Distribution

This table is open to all who are seekers of another way made known to us in Jesus.

*Please come down the center aisle **double file** to receive a piece of gluten-free bread from the pastor and a cup of grape juice from one of the elders, returning to your seats by the outer aisle.*

***NOTE:** Should you feel unable to come forward, then please ask a neighbor to bring you back a cup and cube of bread, both will be blessed, as will your neighbor who is able to share this sacred meal with you.*

Our Community at Prayer

Hear now our community prayers and those of the world…

After request…

Leader says: God in your goodness or grace or mercy,

People respond: Hear our Prayer.

Let us now say together the prayer Jesus taught those he loved . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (or Creator) which art in heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GOING FORTH

† Concluding Hymn ***Let My Spirit Always Sing***

To the tune of For the Beauty of the Earth Chalice Hymnal, No. 56

This song was written with those who have entered "old age" in mind. While we seldom attribute the word "disabled" to our aging selves, our bodies do change and sometimes render us unable to do what we once did.

Let my spirit always sing,
Though my heart be wintering
Though the season of despair
Gave no sign that you are there
God to whom my days belong
Let there always be a song.

Though my body be confined,
Let your word engage my mind
Let the inner eye discern
How much more there is to learn
See a world becoming whole
Through the window of the soul.

Let your wisdom grace my years
Choose my words and chase my fears
Give me wit to welcome change
To accept, and not estrange,
Let my joy be full and deep
In the knowledge that I keep.

† Benediction Rev. Dr. JJ Flag, edits smp

Friends, as we leave this place, we leave to do **THE** work.
The work of welcome, the work of inclusion; full, unabashed lavish even.
The work of journeying alongside each other,
The work of meeting needs when and where we can.
The work of setting tables and ensuring those tables are accessible to ALL,
The work of making the road ahead a little easier to travel.

Accompanied by Your grace and mercy,
we have been called to and equipped for this work.
May we do it with joy and with the love of Christ. **Amen**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements) (See pages 6-9)

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)* Venya Blokh

† All who are able, please stand.

News You Can Use at Community Christian Church

Today's ZOOM service was recorded.
To access the recording, visit our website: Cccopentoall.org.
It will be posted early this week.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders ..... Connie Bottoni & Kathy Schaefer
ZOOM Host ..... Barbara Coe
ZOOM Room Elder ..... Pam Bakst

Deacons ..... David Dobbins
Greeter ..... Jane Greer

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Land Acknowledgment: Our physical space stands on unceded land originally stewarded by the Seneca people. Today let us acknowledge and honor the Seneca nation by walking paths that lead to equality for all and care for creation.

Coffee Fellowship is provided in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Enrich your life and strengthen our fellowship by introducing yourself to someone you don't know. Refreshments are needed on an on-going basis. **Please periodically bring a snack to share. Deliver it to the kitchen prior to worship.**

HOPES and PRAYERS – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

Join Pastor Steven via ZOOM for a time of sharing those things heavy on your heart as well as lifting up the ways God has already blessed your life or answered your prayers. A ZOOM invitation will be sent Monday evening.

Fall Clean-up

The property department is looking for volunteers for the Fall Clean-up on October 17th at 9am.
Weather permitting, we will need folks to help with: cleaning leaves from flower beds around church (rakes would be helpful), moving limbs from the wood pile, garage re-organizing.
Cider & Donuts provided.

Save the Date

Cabin Party - Saturday, November 14th at 3 PM. Details and ticket sales to follow.

MOJO News

Coldwater Women & Children's Home - Linens collection

The Coldwater Women & Children's Home is part of the Open Door Mission. This home, nearby on Coldwater Road, is a transitional housing program for women and their children. Let's help these folks in a vulnerable situation by welcoming them with fluffy towels and pillows, as well as crisp sheets and comforters.

The items needed are washcloths, bath towels, hand towels, twin size sheets, twin size comforters, and bed pillows. Items must be new. Color and pattern are up to you! The collection will run for six(6) Sundays: September 13 – October 18.

Questions? Please contact our Ministry of Justice and Outreach committee at deirdrestaley2@gmail.com.

Stewardship and Finance

2027 Stewardship Campaign

The 2027 Stewardship Campaign theme is 'Openness' — inspired by CCC's new tagline, "Open minds. Open hearts. Open table." In a world marked by division, fear, and scarcity, we welcome everyone to belong and be nourished, body and soul. As we look toward 2027, we invite you to open your hands in generous support of our ministries and consider increasing your financial gift to serve the increasing needs in our community.

Please submit your Intent to Give online at https://communitychristianchurch.breezechms.com/form/itg27 or using the QR code or returning your Intent to Give card to the plate in the narthex no later than Sunday, October 25. If you get your pledge in early, you will be entered in a drawing for a $50 gift card!

If you have questions about giving, please direct them to our Financial Secretary, Sara Kuehl, at finsecty.ccc@gmail.com. She will handle your questions confidentially.

Blessings,
Your Stewardship & Finance Team

Oktoberfest coming soon

Join us for Oktoberfest immediately after church on Sunday, October 25th! This is a major fundraiser for CCC, last year raising over $4,000, including donations. Most of that is from the Silent Auction that happens during the event. We get donations from local businesses, restaurants, grocery stores, you name it, but the majority of items available for bid come from us. Thank you to everyone who has donated or committed to an event, thus far. We need more! 😊 It can be anything from a special dinner at your home, game nights, craft items, to food items. Everyone can participate.

We will have grilled bratwurst and sausage, sauerkraut, mixed green salad, apple crisp, and more! Tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, October 11th, for $5 adults, $2 children, with a maximum of $15 per family.

If you have questions, contact Bill Kelly at his CCC e-mail: bill.kelly@cccopentoall.org and/or you may call or text him at 585-217-1757.

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating This Week

Birthdays			Anniversaries
Oct	12	Karen Kuebler	Courtney & Thad Puccia
		Bob Phillips	
		Jerry Schaefer	
Oct	13	Claudia Giffen	
Oct	14	Elaine Page	
Oct	15		Leah & Tom Fitzgerald

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Sunday, October 11th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
	12:00 PM	Board Meeting
Monday, October 12th	10:00 AM	Fiber Friends – Church office
Tuesday, October 13th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Kirby Farms CSA Pick Up
	10:00 PM	Deadline for Bulletin Announcements
Wednesday, Oct 14th	9:00 AM	The Quilting Gals til 4:30pm
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 17th	9:00 AM	The Caring Music Group – FH til noon
	9:00 AM	Fall Clean-Up
Sunday. October 18th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time

◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

READY TO SERVE: ***The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor***

Pastor Steven can be reached at 733-7121 or RevStevenCCC@gmail.com.

Ryan Hubbell, Office Administrator

Ryan can be reached at penzfann@aol.com or if you need immediate assistance, call him at 617-4009 and leave a message.

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The Wedding Banquet

“I cannot come. I cannot come to the banquet, don’t trouble me now, I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow. I have fields I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum. Pray hold me excused, I cannot come.”

A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town. He laid a festive table, and wore a wedding gown. He sent invitations to his neighbors far and wide, but when the meal was ready each of them replied.

“I cannot come. I cannot come to the banquet, don’t trouble me now, I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow. I have fields I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum. Pray hold me excused, I cannot come.”

The master rose up in anger, called his servants by name, said: “Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame, fetch the peasant and the pauper, for this I have willed, my banquet must be crowded, and my table must be filled.”

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When all the poor had assembled, there was still room to spare, so the master demanded: “Go search ev’ry where, to the highways and byways and force them to come in. my table must be filled before the banquet can begin.”

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Now God has written a lesson for the rest of mankind; if we’re slow in responding He may leave us behind. He’s preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day. When the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say:

“I cannot come. I cannot come to the banquet, don’t trouble me now, I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow. I have fields I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum. Pray hold me excused, I cannot come.”