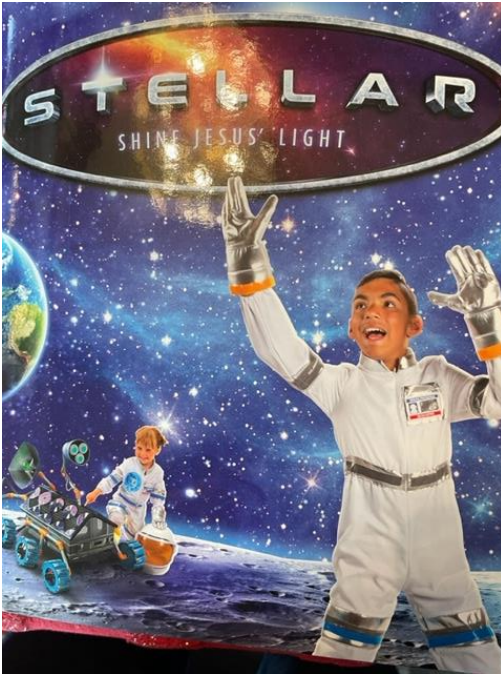


Pastor Anne's Message, March 2023

Dear Friends and Families of the Collbran Congregational, United Church of Christ and Plateau Valley!
I am SO excited about Vacation Bible School this year! **ANNOUNCING!!**

“STELLAR” **SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!**



Join us for Songs & Play ~ Blast Off! Stellar, Super, Astronomical, Cosmic, & Exciting Bible Adventures! All-Star Games! Galactic Snacks! Imagination Station! More Cosmic Songs!! Time with friends and FUN, FUN, FUN!! The Bible Points and Stories will LIFT YOU UP!!

June 21, 22, 23

Mark your calendars and we will see you there!

It is the Season of Lent! Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:00 AM.

After worship and fellowship time: from 11:15 – 11:45 AM., Pastor Anne will hold a Lenten Devotional Mini-Chat. No preparation is necessary. Come when you can: Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 –and April 2. Drop-in to share, listen, and enjoy the Devotional Topic of the day.

April 2: Palm Sunday! In the 10:00AM. Worship Service we will observe and celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

April 6: Maundy Thursday at 5:30PM: Passover Seder Meal. This is a wonderful meal and gathering time for all ages. Your meal will be provided. There is a choice of chicken or lamb. Children are always welcome! Come experience the meal Jesus ate with his disciples.

April 9: EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00AM. Rejoice! He is Risen!

I hope to see you soon ~ blessings! Pastor Anne Djokic

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day Jesus celebrated his final Passover meal with His disciples. The main significance of Maundy Thursday is the institution of the Eucharist or Holy Sacrament of Communion. The Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.



It was at this meal he gave this commandment to His disciples. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34

Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of the lamb sacrificed for the first Passover. As Christians we now partake in the communion of His body and blood. We use bread and grape juice, or in some churches, wine, as symbols of the first communion at the Last Supper.

You can read of the first Passover in the Old Testament: Exodus 12. There are many other references including Number 9:1-4, Numbers 28:16-25 Deuteronomy 16:1-6, Leviticus 23:4-8.

It can be a challenge for a Christian participating in a Passover/Seder Meal to see the rituals and symbols through Jewish eyes. The Collbran Congregational UCC observes and experiences the Seder meal on Maundy Thursday. That will be April 6, 2023 beginning at 5:30pm. There is much symbolism during the meal. Traditionally roast lamb and roast chicken are served.

This is a quiet respectful dinner including symbols and readings from the Bible.

The Stewards and Women’s Fellowship prepare and serve the meal.

Please plan on attending and sharing this meal with the congregation. There is always a good time to learn new things and traditions.

Moderator Report

Thanks to everyone who is serving on our church council. I am honored to be able to serve the church as the new Moderator. Welcome to the council to Jerry Gaddy as a new Steward, Mike Loftus as a new Trustee, and Shannon Currier as the new Music Director. Thank you, Sylvia for your years of service to the church. We appreciate your commitment of time and energy to the church.

I am looking forward to a great year in the church. Pastor Anne is starting her eighth year as our Pastor. Her energy and compassion are truly appreciated by the congregation.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns about the church or the congregation.

Tilda Evans, Moderator

Trustees Report

Winter of 2022-2023 has been a much wetter winter than we have experienced in years. The snow is moving off of the big roof slopes and this week the piles along the walks and dining room are melting some. The street started to melt and spread over the sidewalk near the park entrance to the dining room. It has been salted regularly and we have gotten ahead of the terrible icy spot it created. We have also been salting the gutter moving more water on down the street.

There is concern about the amount of snow in the park and against the building. We hope to remedy this with a different pattern of snow removal and movement next year. Robert has worked diligently keeping the walks clean and moving the snow slides from the walks. Thanks to everyone that takes a moment to look up and pay attention to the overhanging ice and either report it or help knock it down in a safe manner.

Things have been quiet at the church this winter. I am sure the spring months will bring more work and activity both inside and outside the building.

We are starting to see more activity in the building. Gymnastics and dance has returned and people are reserving the dining room for family events. The overflow room is seeing more community small group meetings. Cattlewomen, Lions Club, and PV 4-H store supplies in the basement room.

This building needs to be in use as often as it can. Please remind family and friends that it is available for parties, meetings, weddings, and other celebrations.

The Trustees,

Sue Bellotti, Julia Cox, Mike Loftus, and Cindy Price

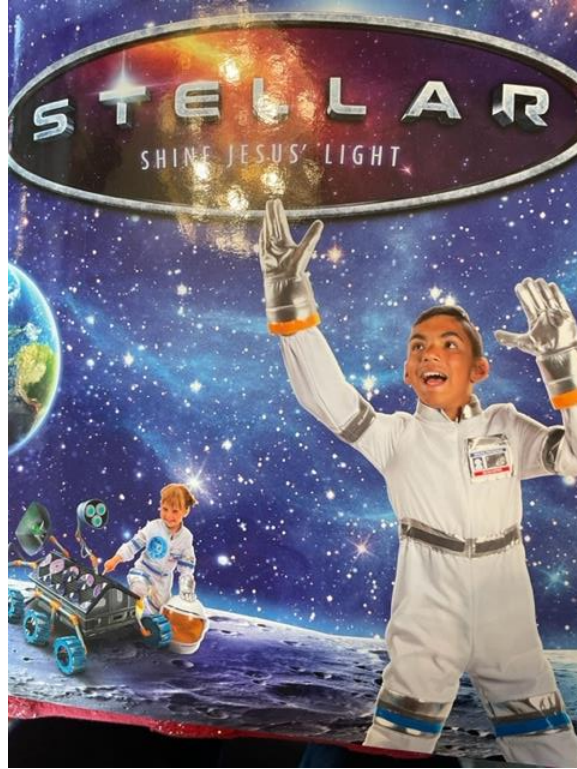




Easter Celebration

April 9, 2023

10:00 am



Stellar Vacation Bible School

June 21, 22, 23, 2023

Collbran Congregational Church

9:00 am to noon

Children 4 to 11 are invited to attend.

**Contact Pastor Anne, (970) 433-3385,
for more information.**

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Collbran Congregational Church is having a
Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser
for a Stellar Vacation Bible School
March 17, 2023
4:00 to 6:30 pm
Take Out Only

Serving fresh homemade lasagna, salad, French bread, dessert. Gluten free options available.

Contact Sue Bellotti, (970) 208-3902 or Tilda Evans, (970) 683-8879
to place an order.

Pick up at Collbran Congregational Church