

**THE UNITED CHURCH**  
**PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST**  
**November 20, 2022**

**PRELUDE:** “*We Gather Together*” by Murray C. Bradshaw  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (special prayer on insert)  
**GREETING**

**OUR PREPARATION**

**INTROIT:** (11:00) “Come Into His Presence with Thanksgiving”

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: What would God have us do?

**People: What gifts do we have that can serve God?**

Leader: Lord, guide our lives and our service.

**People: Lord, call us to ministries of hope and promise.**

Leader: Help us, O Lord, to look beyond words.

**People: Help us, O Lord, to see ways of service.**

Leader: Open our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your guidance.

**People: Help us to be those people who will bring good news to those in darkness and doubt.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving for gifts of ministry.

**All: Let us praise God with joyful hearts for opportunities to serve. AMEN.**

\*HYMN: #376 “We Gather Together”

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service. We are encouraged to become involved in the ministries of the church. The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray....Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI: #807

STEWARSHIP TESTIMONY

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** John 13:31-35 (page 1067) {A.B. page 1185}

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) “Come With Thanksgiving” (words on insert) The United Church Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Mark Slomski (8:45) / Brenda Cunningham (11:00)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Hebrews 12:1-3 (page 1193) {A.B. page 1349}

**Sermon**  
“The United Church Values: Care”  
Pastor Wade Allen

**OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH**

\*HYMN: #697 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** “Voluntary” by Matthias Hawdon

\*DOXOLOGY: #809

\*HYMN: #34 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “Trumpet Tune in D Major” by C. S. Lang

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), David Sanford, Barbara Scott, the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Mary Jane Laird, Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Jim LaBrake (uncle of Karen Roaix), Brexton Bigos-Stocker (grandson of Ardelle Bigos), Dylan Smith (friend of Kat McFetridge), Ethan Eckert (friend of Scharr family), Shane Collins (staff at LeTourneau), Matthew Gullace

**Cancer:** Donna Schoenacker (aunt of Aldrich family), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), Kelly Fish (James Mergenthaler's sister), Dawn Miller, Julie High, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou's step-daughter), David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Keith Laursen (Tim's brother), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Jackie Crego (Stan and Evey Wright's daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber), Jon Santmyer (friend of Malecs), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccos)

**Recovering:** Cheryl Casey, Linda Gilbert, Sara Scharr, Kathy Mills, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim and Ann)

**Comfort and Peace:** Sybil Amico

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

**MISSIONARIES:** Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim and Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan and Alethia White (Berlin)

**\* indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.**

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**Have you been on our church website recently? We've got a nice new look,**  
and hopefully it will be easier for everyone to find what they're looking for.

<https://www.unitedchurchcanandaigua.com/>



Some of the links on the website will take you to updated versions of things like the calendar, livestreams, bulletins and Lamplighters, online giving, and registration for events. Check it out!

If you use a smartphone or tablet, download the free Church Center app to have easy access to everything church related!

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### **Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast invites you!**

Men of all ages are invited to join us at 7:00 am Wednesday morning in the Fellowship Room for a hot breakfast, prayer and Bible study.



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 We are looking for people interested in helping with the audio support of the 8:45am Sunday worship service and both audio and video support for the 11:00 service. People interested can contact Dale Zajac at 585-924-8564 or mrz@rochester.rr.com. We plan to coordinate show and tell training in the next few weeks.

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**The Stewards Assistance Fund:** This Fund assists those in our congregation who are facing temporary financial challenges. If you are struggling, please call the Office at (585) 394-0503 to speak with Virginia Holroyd, or email her at virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org



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The shopping cart for collecting **food donations** will be in the Gathering Area every Sunday due to increased needs in the community. We will alternate taking the donations to the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Thank you for your generosity!



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We welcome your help to serve as **Greeters for the Sunday Services**. Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building and they hand out Bulletins at the Sanctuary entrances. Greeters also pass the Offering Plates during the Offertory. Reminders are emailed with instructions and location assignments.

The Greeter ministry is a wonderful way to show that we are a hospitable church and that we welcome all who want to worship the Lord with our congregation. **The November and December sign up sheets are on the Office door.** If you have any questions, please ask any Steward or call the Office. Thanks so much for serving in this way on any Sunday that you're available.

**ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY?** If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

**Children's Time** ~ There is Children's Time today. After the children's sermon, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

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**Nursery care** is available during all Sunday services. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during the 11am service. If your child is not potty trained, please **take a pager** in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long or Deb Marshall.

## **Please join us for a potluck lunch TODAY!**

Come take part in the United Church's **150 Year Celebration**

Bring a dish to pass, Dining room at 12:00pm

Enjoy fellowship with friends and family. There will be cake! 😊

Commemorative Christmas ornaments will be available to purchase for \$10 each.

Come ready to celebrate!



**Tomorrow evening (Mon.):** the Stewards invite you to help decorate the Church for Christmas so it's adorned for next week, the first Sunday of Advent. We have a new Christmas tree this year that will be much easier to assemble! **We'll start at 6:00pm; cider & cookies provided!**



**Pledge forms were mailed out.** If you haven't received one yet, feel free to take one of the extras. We have a goal of **150 families** sending in a pledge! Help us get closer to our goal! Pledge forms may be placed in the offering plate, in the gold box, mailed to the office or submitted online. To do it online just scan this code!



As of this week, we've received 65 pledges of \$187,360 to the operating budget and \$55,398 to the missions budget.

## **Drive Thru Food Pantry**

**Monday, November 21, 2022, 11am- 1pm**

**Zion Fellowship, Bristol Street, Canandaigua**

A few more volunteers are needed to help with Monday's Drive Thru Food distribution starting at 10am. We package the food items for easy hand off as cars drive through. It's fun!

And people are so appreciative. Dress warmly as we do work outside.

Even if you can only come for an hour, that is helpful.

For more information see Cathy Bush or Don Rensberger or call The Partnership at 396-4554.

Sponsored by Partnership for Ontario Country, Foodlink, Canandaigua Churches in Action

**Check out what's happening this fall...**

**TODAY, Sunday, November 20, 2022 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

## **150th Celebration Pot Luck Luncheon at 12:00pm**

**The Cause Service Sunday at 1:00pm**

**Sunday, November 27, 2022 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

**No Cause**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

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### **Baking for Youth Club!**

Calling all bakers! We serve dessert to our Youth Club kids and volunteers each week. Sometimes we like to enjoy homemade desserts. If you see something you'd be able to bake, please let Deb Marshall know. Desserts need to be delivered to church by Wednesday at 4:00pm. Often more than one baker helps to make the quantity needed.

For December 14<sup>th</sup> – 6 dozen Christmas cookies

For January 18th – 6 dozen smiley face cupcakes

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### **YOUTH CLUB**

**Our Wednesday afterschool ministry**

**For children in grades 2 – 8**

**After school – 6:30 October through April**

**Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time**

Youth Club has begun and is off to a great start! Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn't do it without your help!

#### **Parent Duties:**

##### **Kitchen Clean Up - Wednesdays, 6pm til done**

Nov. 23 – No Youth Club – Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 30 – Soberon, Hildebrandt, Cheney

##### **Snack for 42 hungry children - at the church by 2pm Wednesdays**

Nov. 23 – No Youth Club – Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 30 – Aldrich

##### **Family Time Themes:**

Nov. 23 – No Youth Club – Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 30 – Advent - Hope

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### **Children's Thanksgiving Mission Project ~ One Great Hour of Sharing ~ Nov 1-30**

During the month of November, our families are invited to take part in our One Great Hour of Sharing mission project. Each day, read the sharing calendar, and as you are able, put coins in the fish bank as directed. This is a great learning experience for families as through the calendar we learn about the needs of others around the world and see how we can help through sharing what God has given us. For added learning, find the places referred to on a globe or map! OGHS Fish banks and sharing calendars were offered during the Intergenerational Sunday School class last Sunday (Oct 30). Please let us know if you would like to receive one. Please return your fish banks on Sunday, December 4, and we'll see how God multiplies the fish and loaves we bring to bless others.

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40



**Volunteer locally this holiday season!** Are you looking to get out and serve our community this holiday season? Well, look no further! **Gleaner's Kitchen** is ready to welcome volunteers from The United Church **during the week of December 26-30**. You can help in the kitchen or the dining room. This volunteer opportunity is for all ages; however, please note that children 12 and under will only be allowed to help in the dining room. Please check your calendar, grab some friends or family, and sign up to help on the Adult Ed Bulletin board. ?s See Deb Marshall.



## Adult Sunday School

**TODAY, November 20** -- Two groups meeting at 9:45:

- 1) **Parenting Coffee Hour** -- Fellowship Room
- 2) **Book of John** -- Upstairs in Room 26



**November 27** -- For Advent, all adults together at 9:45:

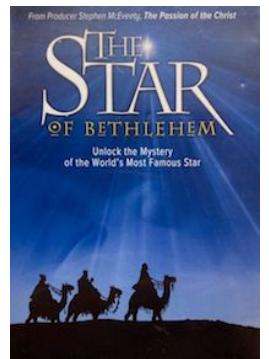
- 1) **Star of Bethlehem video, Part 1** -- Downstairs Dining Room

Andrew Duncan presents a video that "walks you through Biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of this celestial event as well as the vastness of God's creativity."

**December 4** -- For Advent, all adults together at 9:45:

- 1) **Star of Bethlehem video, Part 2** -- Downstairs Dining Room

Paul Johnson leads a conclusion of the video and discussion.



## Advent Devotionals for Adults

We will be offering two different devotionals this season -- one is online and the other is in booklet form. Choose either one or both for daily readings during Advent.

1. "The Promised One" -- Advent readings from Christianity Today. This devotional is online only and is available now. Go to the following link on your computer or device -- [https://bit.ly/CT\\_Advent\\_2022](https://bit.ly/CT_Advent_2022)

2. "Be Born In Us Today" -- by Chad Bird has been placed at the sanctuary entrances. If you'd like us to mail one to you, please contact the church office.

## Christmas Angel Tree



The Christmas Angel Tree is up in the gathering area and loaded with gift tags. This year we are returning to doing the Christmas Angel Tree through St. Benedict's Parish (St. Mary's). The requests on the Angel Tree are all for local needs.

Once you have picked a tag, please purchase the items, and return the **wrapped** gifts to church by **Sunday, December 4**. **Please be sure to affix the Angel tree tag to your gift as this is required to help with sorting and distribution.** Many thanks for sharing with others from what God has abundantly provided for you! Questions? Please see Deb Marshall.



## MISSIONS

*REJOICE ALWAYS  
PRAY WITHOUT CEASING  
IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS*



In celebration today we rejoice and give thanks for the 150 year testimony of the United Church's history in Canandaigua. Faithful people of this fellowship have studied God's word, listened to the Holy Spirit, and gave



thanks in periods of plenty and in challenging times. Working hand in hand we have been a beacon of light in this community.

Thanksgiving day and every day let us fill our hearts with gratitude for God's faithfulness. Let us remember with gratitude all that has been given to us.

Let us rejoice remembering what God and others are doing now and will continue doing for us in the coming 150 **minutes hours days years**. God's LOVE endures forever!

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* I Thessalonians 5:16-18

**"For God so loved the world....."**

**Let us give thanks!**

**Let us celebrate!**

**Let Music Warm Your Hearts with Christmas Joy!** Mark your calendars now... **The Christmas Ceilidh Band** returns on Saturday, **December 3rd** at 7:00pm to usher in the season with an evening of Christmas carols, Celtic tunes, revelry and storytelling. On **Sunday, December 11th** at 3:00 pm we welcome back the **Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra** for a "Holiday Celebration" directed by S. Shade Zajak. Our Traditional **Christmas Organ Concert** is planned for **Friday, December 16th** at 7:00pm. This year's featured organist is Tim Schramm who will perform with special guests Tim Burdick, saxophonist, Sam Wersinger, vocalist and Dennis Overhoff, pianist. A holiday dessert reception will follow in the welcome area. All concerts are open to the community. Please invite your friends and families.



#### **Alternative Christmas gift market!**

If you are looking for meaningful ways to honor your family and friends at Christmas please consider giving a gift that can change lives. For the next few weeks we will display in the welcoming center giving catalogs from various organizations suggesting gifts that matter. Please take a moment to look through these catalogs as you think about purchasing gifts for Christmas.

#### **Youth Ministry**

**Service Sunday** - November 20 - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (in place of Cause)

After the 150 year church celebration, The Cause students AND their families are invited to give generously to those in need. We will be filling shoeboxes full of gifts for children through **Operation Christmas Child**. We have 50 shoe box labels to be used!



#### **2023 Calendars**

It is time for another year of fundraising for Youth Ministry at our church through the sale of **2023 Calendars!** Starting TODAY, a table will be set up for the purchase of calendars after both services.

#### **December 9 - Christmas Shopping Mall Trip!**

Middle school and High school students are welcome to join us for our annual mall trip! See below for our agenda:

**5:00 PM** - Arrive at the church (sign-in & medical forms on file are required)

**5:30 PM** - Students will be driven to Eastview Mall (drivers will be provided)

**6:00 PM** - Purchase and eat dinner

**6:30 PM** - Shopping in groups

**8:00 PM** - Drive back to church (drivers will be provided)

**8:45 PM** - Middle school students picked up (sign out required)



**10:00 PM** - High school students picked up

**Register on the church website by Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**Care Net is in need of volunteers!** Here are some ways you can help:

- organizing the baby boutique
- greeting clients and getting them diapers and wipes; praying with clients that are open to it
- being a peer counselor (requires a 24-hour training)
- assisting at the front desk
- assisting with our parenting classes (in the center and virtual)

**Please call Care Net at 393-0437 for more information.**

**Mark your calendars...**

**Children's Christmas Pageant**  
**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 10am**  
**In the sanctuary**



"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born  
to you;  
He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

**One Practice on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am**  
**In the Sanctuary**



## **Stampin Up**

The December Stampin' Up class is scheduled for Dec 3rd at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room. We will make the 5 cards pictured. Please call or email Sharon Meyer (585-924-8792 or shargmeyer@gmail.com) to sign up by Nov 26th. Sarah Gross will be leading this class.



“Eternal God, our dwelling place in all generations, under whose guidance our fathers walked, by whom they were strengthened, and in whom they found the life eternal: we pray that the Spirit which kindled their faith may descend upon us this day. We thank thee for every memory which this day revives, and for those who make it sacred for us, and bid us lay aside our sins, looking to the Author and Finisher of faith. Deepen within us the sense of gratitude for the sacrifices of those who have gone before and found this house a place of refreshment and strength. Help us to see the needs of those who shall come after us, and to leave with them a rich heritage of thy Spirit. Lead us into a deeper experience of Jesus Christ, whom we would follow, and in whose name our prayer is offered. Amen”

Historical Note: This prayer was in the bulletin 50 years ago and was led by Rev. Fred Magley at the United Church's 100 year celebration!

#### # 376 We Gather Together

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, sing praises to his name: he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning: thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee, thou Leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be;  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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#### # 697 In Christ There is No

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love through-out the whole wide earth.

2. In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;  
All Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

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#### # 34 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high the cross of Christ your King.  
(Chorus) Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

2. With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth (chorus)

3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. (chorus)

4. Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array;  
As warriors through the darkness toil till dawns the golden day. (Chorus)

For adults that still love puzzles ... (Solution from last week was ADAM)

Can you solve the puzzle this week? It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!

4	9	6	4	9	1	5	4	1	7
0	3	4	5	8	7	4	2	7	6
4	9	6	7	3	0	5	9	2	8
0	1	0	5	8	7	9	2	7	1
2	5	2	9	0	9	5	9	6	4
0	8	0	8	1	0	1	3	8	7
4	3	6	3	5	9	5	2	0	2
0	9	7	9	7	5	8	3	8	6
8	0	8	4	8	6	7	2	7	0
4	9	7	2	7	5	8	4	0	6

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