

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

December 31, 2023

Prayer Service

Prelude: “Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) arr. M. Ham

Welcome/prayer: Pastor Wade

\*Hymn #623 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Song: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (vocal ensemble)

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-8

Scripture: Hebrews 4:16

Song: “Before the Throne of God Above” (Earl Pettit)

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

Song: “All Your Anxiety” (Dan Frye)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:17-18

Song: “Be Not Afraid” (June piano, Nancy BP narrating)

Scripture: I Timothy 2:1

\*Hymn # 542 “Near to the Heart of God”

Scripture: James 5:16

Benediction: “The Blessing” (ladies ensemble)

Postlude: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. P. Keveren

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

*The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Charlotte Sue Boseck, daughter of Ben and Emily Boseck, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Her proud grandparents are Jim and Becky Boseck and Tracie and Derek Marris. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Barbara Scott, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Hiram Bailey, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Kainoa Coarsey (great-nephew of Kathie Meredith & David Crowe), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Jean Pollard (Ali Boseck’s mom), Bob McDougal (MacKenzie Brown’s uncle), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Denice Tautges (Hiram Bailey’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermond

**Cancer:** Tom & Monica Yurik (friends of Bruce & Deb Gardner), Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Dawn Miller, 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)

**Recovering:** Sara Scharr, Sharon Meyer, Marion Sumpter, Sara Henderson, Steve Smythe, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird

**Comfort and Peace:** Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN) returned from deployment, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

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

THE NEXT FEW WEEKS....

**Sunday, December 31, 2023 –**  
*No early service*  
Service at 11:00am *ONLY* – Prayer service

**Sunday, January 7, 2024 –**  
Service at 8:45am  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am  
Service at 11:00am  
The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Highlights for This Week!

- **December 31, New Year’s Eve** - one prayer service at 11am
- **The church office will be closed on Jan 1.** Happy New Year!
- **Sunday school:** There is no Sunday school today. Sunday school will resume for all ages on **January 7.**
- **PASSION CONFERENCE TRIP** – Pray for a group of young adults from our church, who are headed to the Passion Conference in Atlanta on January 3. Thank you to the anonymous donor who is funding a visit to the Georgia Aquarium also!
- **POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER** – During the annual meeting. Can you help? Sign up on the youth office door.
- **ADULT ED SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (January 7)** – 1 & 2 Timothy Bible Study (Downstairs Dining Hall); Parenting Coffee Hour (Fellowship Room); and Corporate Prayer Time (Youth Office)

**Children’s Time** ~ There is no Children’s Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the green sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you’re done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshiping together as a family!

**Nursery care** is offered for infants through preschoolers during the worship service in room 10.

**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!**

**On behalf of all of the church staff,** thank you to all of our church family that has spoiled us with Christmas goodies! We are truly grateful for the cookies, jars of honey, homemade trail mix and other tasty baked goods that seemed to find their way to our desks daily the past week or two! It is a pleasure to serve such an appreciative church family and we look forward to another year as your staff!



## YOUTH CLUB

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry  
For children in grades 2 – 8  
After school – 6:30pm October through April  
Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

### Jan 3 – Happy New Year! (no youth club)



If you are following along with the progress of our **Stewardship campaign** (and watching the scarecrow outside the office fill in!), here are the numbers as of Friday, December 29th:

We have received pledges from **122 families**, for a total of **\$360,583.10** to the Operating budget and **\$106,855.40** to the Missions budget.

Our goal is to have 150 families pledging!

Gary-So-Scary is getting very colorful! Let's see if we can fill him in all the way up to his floppy green hat for the new year!

To fill out a pledge form online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yjtsy4b4> or scan this code



**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](mailto:virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org)



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 January sign up sheet is 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.

**A warm welcome to our new nursery coordinator! Louise VanIseghem** has graciously agreed to be our nursery coordinator. She has sent out the Winter/Spring 2024 nursery schedule, and she looks forward to getting to know some new people through this role. Louise is organized and ready to take on the tasks involved in the nursery coordinator role. **Please be sure to thank Louise for serving our church family in this way!** If you are not currently on the nursery schedule but desire to help, that's great! All volunteers working with children need to complete a simple background check. Please see Louise if you'd like to be added as a nursery volunteer, and see Carolyn Russell for help with your background check. Thank you!

### Bakers needed for Youth Club!

We need some desserts baked for Youth Club...

For **Jan 10:** need **6 dozen brownies** delivered on Wednesday by 4pm

For **Jan 31:** need **6 dozen football shaped rice krispie treats** delivered on Wednesday by 4pm



**Save the date:** Join together with Presbyterian and Baptist friends for a **"Day of Service" on Monday, January 15th at 10:00am in the United Church dining room.** In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the Presbytery of Geneva is offering a "Day of Service" to assemble Church World Service (CWS) hygiene and school kits. A fellowship meal, provided by the Mission Committee, will follow the activity. The Presbytery invites you to consider funding one of these "gifts of the heart" kits as an alternative Christmas gift for friends or family. The cost of a kit is \$17. Donations marked "Gifts of the Heart" may be **mailed to Presbytery of Geneva, PO Box 24393, Rochester, NY 14624.** Please find donation cards on a bulletin board display along with a sign up sheet for attending on January 15th.



# Day of Service

**Corporate Prayer** - Starting January 7 - The corporate prayer time slot will change from a 9:00 AM start time to a **9:45 AM start time** (to align with the Sunday School hour). All are invited to come! Located in the **Youth Office**.

### 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.



**Joyful, Joyful, Thank you** to all my Church family, for your cards, greetings and hugs in the past months, and now Christmas. "Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside."

Our Choir singing on Sunday at Quail Summit, sharing your wonderful voices, was a special gift. I felt proud to be singing along with you!! Peace and Joy be yours this Christmas.

**Shirley Kem**

The church office will be **closed Jan 1**, we will be checking phone and email messages, so please let us know if you have any prayer requests or need to contact a staff member.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**