

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

October 13, 2024

PRELUDE: “*Holy Spirit, Come*” (Medley) arr. M. Ham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God uses all our experiences, even the painful ones, for good in bringing restoration to our lives.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Through It All” (hymn #616)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord calls us to worship in unity.

People: Praise be to God who blesses our diversity and our unity.

Leader: Feel the loving power of God flow into your lives.

People: We open our hearts and lives to receive God’s blessings.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

People: Lord, be with us today as we listen for your words of hope.

All: AMEN

HYMN: (8:45) #306 “Standing on the Promises”

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HYMN: (11:00) “My God Is All I Need” (see insert)

led by the Youth Singers

***OPENING PRAYER:** Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together. Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love, as we proclaim the good news of your grace, and as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ. We pray this in Jesus’ name who taught us to pray....Our Father.... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI:** #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 67 (page 570) {A.B. page 645}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*” arr. CM

Susan Gates (flute) and June Pettit (piano)

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Canon of Praise” by Pachelbel (words on insert)

United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (page 733) {A.B. page 812}

Sermon
“Restoration”
(Genesis 45:1-15)
Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #530 “Be Still, My Soul”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Canzona*” by F. Bertoni

Susan Gates (flute) and June Pettit (piano)

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN:** #542 “Near to the Heart of God”

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PRAYER OVER VISITING MISSIONARY: Christine Lafferty

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*” arr. M. Ham

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Bob White (Linda Bailey's brother-in-law), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Maverick, Carly, and Jenson Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown's cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Jack Schermon

Cancer: David Gerstner (Nancy's husband), Ruth Krop (friend of MacKenzie Brown), Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), Regina Allen, Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Jerrick Cesna & Sasha (friends of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), Amy Jelensperger (Sheppard family), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve & Beth Smythe's friend), Tom & Monica Yurik (Bruce & Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Recovering: Wendy Stoddard, Sara Scharr, Arlene Willett

Comfort and Peace: Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: JJ Callard (USN) just graduated bootcamp, US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

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

Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):

Oct 19 – Church Game Night

Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert

Save the Date! You are all invited to a 90th birthday party for Hiram Bailey!

October 26th, from Noon to 3 pm in the Dining Room

(no gifts please) RSVP to Linda Bailey by text 601-248-1264

**Highlights for This Week!**

- **The October monthly memo** is available on the TV cart. Make sure to pick one up before or after service!
- **All Church Game Night!** Saturday, October 19, 7-9pm. Join us for fun! Bring a board or card game if desired. Desserts and beverages provided.
- Join us **today at 9:45am** in the **downstairs dining room** for an **Intergenerational Sunday school** gathering. Our guest speaker is **Christine Lafferty, missionary with AMOS in Nicaragua**.
- Event Registrations - register online!
 - **United Church Seminar** - November 2. This is a public event.
- **Greeter/Offering Coordinator for October is Phil Klingler.** If you are interested in joining one or both of these teams, please see Phil, or Tech Help in the Welcome Center, for help or more info.
- Church Family, we kindly ask that you consider **wearing your name badges** each time you come to worship. Wearing your badge helps create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making it easier for everyone to connect and build relationships. It's a simple way to help new visitors feel comfortable and make sure no one feels like a stranger. If you don't have a name badge, let the office know and we'll make one soon! Thank you for helping us grow together in community.

Nursery care is offered during both services (8:45 & 11:00) and during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45) for those too young to attend Sunday school so that parents may attend Adult classes or help in the children's program.

8:45 Service Nursery ~ a combined nursery meets in room 11.

9:45 Sunday school Nursery ~ meets in room 10, the infant nursery.

11:00 Service Nurseries ~ Both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

Children's Time ~ There is Children's Time today. Following the Children's Sermon, kids in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade can head upstairs with Ric and Ellen Parsons for an age appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your kids promptly after the service. Thank you!

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!**



Dear church family - I have greatly appreciated the prayers, cards, good wishes, and offers for help as I am recovering from surgery. Your kindness has encouraged me and helps me continue to move forward. With gratitude for you all - love and blessings -

Wendy Stoddard

Youth Club - Wednesdays, after school - 6:30pm

Our night includes: Recreation, Worship, Bible study, and Family Time (dinner)

Parent Help this week:

Snack - Beyrle

Kitchen help - Beyrle, Buono, Cook

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

"Weekend to Remember" Marriage Retreat by FamilyLife

Free to a couple that can use it! Two church members received the pass as a gift but aren't able to fit it in their schedule. Contact the church office if you can!

The gift card covers the registration fee for a couple (\$300-\$350) at any of the scheduled "Weekend to Remember" locations and dates between now and December 31, 2024. The FamilyLife website lists more than 2 dozen sites across the country before the end of this year, but the location closest to Canandaigua is Saratoga Springs, New York on November 22-24. Please note that any hotel (two nights) and meal expenses are not covered by the gift card.

The retreats run from 7:00 pm Friday to 12:30 pm Sunday. For full details, visit this website: <https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember>. The website provides itineraries and FAQs for the weekends, and lists all available dates and locations, as well as bios of the speakers planned for each. Registrations for the retreat using the gift card can be done through the website. Optional hotel arrangements can also be done through the same website, if desired.



Weekend to Remember.
by FamilyLife

TODAY October 13

Missionary Christy Lafferty of AMOS ministry in Nicaragua will be with us at both worship services.



We welcome Missionary Christine Lafferty to the United Church this morning. In Nicaragua she provides leadership to AMOS, a ministry of health and hope (Am Baptist), bringing care to twenty-five rural communities. Join Christy at 9:45 in our dining room to hear what God is doing in Nicaragua. God is in control even current Nicaragua government practices increase the burdens to protestant and Roman Catholic churches and also other service agencies. Christy will share opportunities to proclaim the Gospel in Nicaragua.

Christy facilitates short-term mission opportunities, engages churches as partners in long-term ministry, and helps share the stories of lives being saved and transformed in Nicaragua.

9:45 - 10:45 in our dining room she will share what God is doing with International Ministries in Nicaragua and around the world. Come hear her story.

Join Christy in our dining room for a light lunch following the 11:00 service. All are welcome to ask questions about the church and missionaries in 2024's international geopolitical environment. Enjoy a wrap, chips, and a cookie in the dining room.

Family Promise

While Family Promise is excitedly working on their new Static Site plans they still need to continue helping current families facing homelessness. Our church is assisting by collecting grocery and gas gift cards to help their guests during the first half of October. Walmart, Tops, and Aldi are the most appreciated grocery cards, in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Kwik Fill, Exxon/Mobil, and Speedway gas cards are also very helpful and at Speedway they can be labeled "Fuel Purchases Only." If you can help these struggling families, please leave the gift cards in the church office or place them in a marked envelope in the collection plate by Sunday, October 20. If you would find it easier, you can write a check and mark it FP Gift Cards. Thank you for your support of these families in need.

MISSIONS

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. (Song of Solomon 8:7)

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the 2024 hurricanes' destruction this month. Give generously to our October World Mission Offering. 50% of our contributions will provide hurricane relief. PDA works collaboratively with FEMA and other Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) to open roads, provide temporary shelter, and begin recovery and rebuilding. Our 2024 World Mission Offering is responding with love. The Missions committee has forwarded \$1500 from the missions budget to PDA already!!

Half of our special WMO supports our Baptist Global Servants working around the world with people seeking safety and Christian community. "Many have left their homes for different reasons: violence, hunger or natural disaster. They leave everything they've known to come to a place where they can have food, clothes, shoes, and a place to rest. There is a very real sense of loneliness and abandonment when they arrive...We meet them right where they are and then walk with them to get the help they need." Moise Carrión-Joseph, IM Global Servant in Tijuana, Mexico



World Missions Offering

Here's an easy way to find the Church Center app and get set up! You can use this link: <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/setup> or use this QR code and follow the step by step instructions. Please let any staff member know if you need help.



Faith and Action



Canon of Praise

All within me bless the Lord; All within me bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, all within me, bless God's holy name.

O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good.

God the Lord is gracious, God's mercy is the same forever.
As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves his own.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; remember God's mercy and love.
O bless the Lord, O my soul; O bless God's holy name.

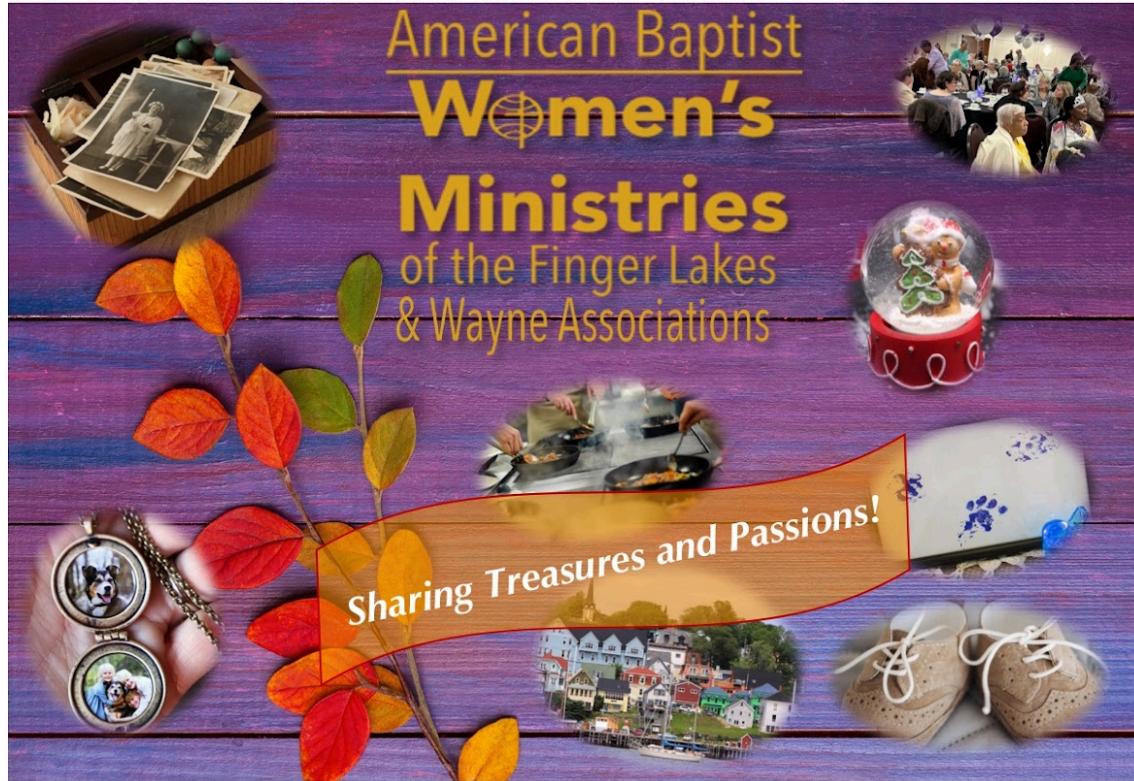
During the month of October we celebrate Pastor and Staff Appreciation.

As a church family, we are thankful for those who have been chosen, and choose to, work within our church to build strong foundations, maintain and grow connections, teach us Biblical truths and lead us in our Christian journey. These positions require not only time but deep care for our congregation and community as messages and classes are planned and carried out. We pray that all of our staff can continue to guide us faithfully and let their God given talents shine here at the United Church.

Our church is blessed by: **Wade Allen**, Pastor; **Mark Slomski**, Pastor of Youth and Adult Ministry; **Deb Marshall**, Family Ministries Director; **Christy Allen**, Director of Member Care; **Carolyn Russell**, Office and Financial Secretary; **Georgia Sperano**, Choir Director, **Nancy Lamberson**, Treasurer; **David Kraft**, Organist; **Amber Bixby**, Custodian

Please consider reaching out with a note or a personal greeting this month to let them know how much we appreciate them!





Shout it Out!
Women of the Wayne and Finger Lakes...
Join us for Fall Rally!

Saturday, October 19th 9am-11:30am

Spring: 2023-2025

We invite you to take a brief break from the usual hustle of your week and join us as we come together in the Lord's name, as sisters, united in mission and purpose. We have a quick moving business meeting with some great new ideas; and then we ask that you bring something you treasure, or something you're passionate about, as we have some fun and learn about each other. It might be a recent trip this summer, a special item from the past. It can be a hobby, music; it can be just about anything! When we learn about each other and even inspire each other we grow in faith and in hope that we can spread understanding anywhere we go. We'll have coffee, etc. and snacks! **Be Strong! Be Courageous!**

LOCATION: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 4 PROSPECT ST, CLIFTON SPRINGS NY 14432

PLEASE RSVP TO: cynthia.j.kamm@gmail.com or call or text: 585-944-2387

United Church Seminar - November 2. 9AM-3PM. Register online!

Overall Focus: How we respond to suffering in our own life, the church, and in the wider world via a biblical theology of prayer.

Old Testament Bible Scholar Dr. Middleton will facilitate three sessions, titled:

1. Voices from the Ragged Edge: The Spirituality of the Lament Psalms
2. Does God Come to Bury Job or to Praise Him?
3. Abraham's Strange Lack of Protest and Intercession for His Son (in Genesis 22)

Also, enjoy music from David Kraft, Earl & June Pettit, Joy VanRiper, Nancy Burt-Preece, and Georgia Sperano!

Notes and Doodles: