

**THE UNITED CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST  
January 8, 2023**

**PRELUDER: "Sonata VI: Siciliana" by Gaetano Valerj**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

**OUR PREPARATION**

**INTROIT: (11:00) "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (hymn #452)**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Welcome to worship this day!

**People: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.**

Leader: They shall be given to you.

**People: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.**

Leader: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.

**All: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN: #473 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Let us receive the blessings offered in creation, and in the birth and baptism of Jesus. 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: Isaiah 42:1-9 (page 717) {A.B. page 795}**

**ANTHEM: (11:00) "We Fall Down"**

The United Church Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Baptism of Jesus" (8:45) Sara Scharr**

(11:00) Brenda Cunningham

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 29 (page 547) {A.B. page 621}**

**Sermon**

**"A Lesson in Humility"**

**Pastor Wade Allen**

**OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH**

**\*HYMN: #447 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY: "Alla Musette" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert**

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN: #653 "Make Me A Servant"**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "Sonata per Organo doppio concerta con Trombe" by Gian Domenico Cattenacci**

*The rosebud today is to celebrate the December 6th birth of Kathy Mills' new great-granddaughter, Harper Frances Gillette. Her parents are Molly Day and Hunter Gillette. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** Louis and Carolyn Verspoor, David Sanford, Kathy Mills, Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, 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:** Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), 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, 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:** Karen Roaix, Mary Jane Laird, Barbara Scott, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

**Comfort and Peace:** Flora Spangenberg (Nancy Gerstner's mother)

**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 Giovanti – 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.



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!



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.

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**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.**

**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)

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**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!**

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**Nursery care** is available during both 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.

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**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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## **MISSIONS**

**What will Missions 2023 look like here at the United Church?** With your generous pledging already received we know we will be ably supporting organizations doing God's work of caring for those in need, both locally and around the world. We know we can count on the many of you who routinely bring food to the grocery cart serving families at CCIA and Salvation Army. We know that we will be supporting mission trips to Mexico, Nicaragua and a summer teen Work Camp. We know we will keep in contact with and financially support our four missionaries. And we will continue to offer you ways to become "hands on" support for local needs like Family Promise, Care Net, Foodlink/CIA Food Distributions, Called to Care and others. Thank you for your generous hearts of love and service! The Mission Committee invites your presence at any of our meetings...2nd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00pm. No personal invite needed...new members will be warmly welcomed.

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**Called to Care, Canandaigua** will welcome a second Ukrainian family this week. Volunteers have been busy preparing an apartment for this family of three...mother, father and their 3 month old daughter. As the situation in Ukraine worsens and winter sets in we are blessed in knowing we have helped one more family to find refuge. Families arriving here in Canandaigua are coming under the Uniting for Ukraine Program through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) as humanitarian parolees. Their sponsorships and stays have been approved for two years. As we look down the road and consider resettlement of refugees from other parts of the world our fundraising continues. Please plan ahead for an event on Saturday, February 11th at 7pm at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. "Called to Care is Chasin' the Blues" will feature family friendly comedians Dan Kulp and Greg Van Alstine along with Ukrainian singer Yuliya Pavlyuk and jazz group *The Sound*.

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### **Sunday happenings...**

#### **TODAY –**

#### **Sunday, January 8, 2023 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

#### **Sunday, January 15, 2023 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

**Sunday, January 22, 2023 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

*Communicants Class begins at 9:45 am*

Service at 11:00am

**Annual Meeting at 12:00 noon**

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

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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**

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**

Jan. 11 – Cloutier, Parsons, Vassello

Jan. 18 – Hess, Pasquarelli, Sheppard

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

Jan. 11 – Zajac

Jan. 18 – Cloutier

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

Jan. 11 – Epiphany

Jan. 18 – Emoji Night!

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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 Jan 18th – 6 dozen smiley face cupcakes

For Feb 8th – 6 dozen frosted cupcakes with sprinkles

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### **Young Adult Ministry**

2023 will be an exciting year of ministry here at the church. As part of our growing efforts to effectively ministry to the young adult community, we are forming a Young Adult Ministry Team. This team will meet periodically and will facilitate Young Adult Ministry, similar to other ministry teams we have in our church.

Are you interested? Contact Mark Slomski to share your interest.

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**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 **126** pledges of \$370,512.04 to the operating budget and \$97,426 to the missions budget.

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We are looking for people interested in helping with the audio support of the 8:45 am 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](mailto:mrz@rochester.rr.com). We plan to coordinate show and tell training in the next few weeks.

## CANS AND BOTTLES FUNDRAISER

Did you know you can help support The United Church Youth by donating cans and bottles? We have an account with the redemption center on 5&20, next to Big Lots. When donating, let them know they are for The United Church of Canandaigua. Any questions? Contact Mark Slomski.

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## JANUARY 8 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGE

Due to a scheduling change, we will not be able to meet with Charlie Lowell from the band Jars of Clay. In response, we will be watching an episode of the popular series known as The Chosen! Adults and Senior High Students are welcome!

The Annual Meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the Dining Room, on **Sunday, January 22, 2023**. Immediately after the 11:00 service the youth will host a baked potato and salad lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2023 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2022, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.



**Sledding Day at Mertensia Park! January 21, 2023, from 1pm - 3pm.** Join us for some winter fun! Remember to dress warm, bring a sled (there will be some available to borrow), and bring your friends and family. This event is weather permitting and will not be rescheduled.

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**February is Birthday Bag month at Youth Club!** Youth Club students will decorate and fill Birthday Bags for the Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA) Food Pantry. These birthday bags will be available at the food pantry for families celebrating birthdays! This project has been well received!

### Donations needed are:

- box cake mix
- can frosting
- birthday candles
- birthday napkins
- colorful balloons



**Please bring donations to Deb's office by Sunday, Feb 12th. Thank you!**



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**POTATO BAR AND CHILI FUNDRAISER** - Support our youth when attending the annual meeting on **January 22, 2023**, after the 11:00 AM service. **Tickets** will be available for purchase after services January 8, 15 and 22. (**Adults - \$5; Children 4-10 - \$3; Children under 4 - Free**)



**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Attention Chili Makers and Cupcake Bakers! We need your help in making chili and cupcakes to serve for the fundraiser. Interested in contributing your amazing chili or cupcakes? Sign up is outside the youth office!

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**HELP WANTED** - Students & Adults - We are in need of helpers before, during and after the fundraiser. We need helpers to wash potatoes, bake potatoes, set up food/drinks/dishware, keep the bar full during the event, and clean up afterwards. Can you help? Sign up outside the youth office!

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## Dear United Church Family,

Thank you so much for participating in St. Mary's Christmas Outreach Program! With your generosity we were able to provide Christmas gifts for children in over 100 families in the Canandaigua area.

Your compassion eased the burden for those in need and your kindness made sure there were smiling faces on Christmas morning.



May God bless you and best wishes for a happy, healthy, blessed New Year!  
Sincerely,  
Your neighbors, St. Mary's Church Family

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

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.

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

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!

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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