

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

February 4, 2024

PRELUDE: *“ALargo” by G. B. Senaillé, transcribed by L.P.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “Lord Be Glorified” (Hymn #537)

Focus of the day: Jesus clarifies His purpose and mission. We must listen, follow, and obey Jesus in our lives.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Welcome! Open your hearts to God’s love this day!

People: Praise be to God who has called us here!

Leader: Let the words wash over you and offer you healing and hope.

People: Praise be to God who continually blesses us!

Leader: Place your hope and trust in God!

All: With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise God who continually blesses and provides for us. AMEN.

***HYMN: #578 “Come All Christians, Be Committed”**

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***OPENING PRAYER: Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your Word for us. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray... (singing)**

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:21-31 (page 715) {A.B. page 793}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Your Will, Not Mine”

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 147:1-11 (page 622) {A.B. page 697}

Sermon

“Jesus’ Purpose”

(Mark 1:29-39)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #584 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”** CCLI Song #28225, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Moderato in F# Minor” by Fr. Walczynski

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN: #523 “Trust and Obey” (vs 1, 2, 4)** CCLI Song #22094, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

COMMISSION OF MISSIONARIES: (8:45) Lynn Bernard and Mike Walker

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS (11:00)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Marche de Procession, Op. 41, No. 5” by Alexandre Guilmant

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with Linda Wells, whose brother, Paul Miner, passed away on January 27th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Alison Boseck, whose brother, Jean Pollard, passed away on January 30th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Tom Fortunato (Bill’s brother), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kathy Mills, Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Hiram Bailey, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, 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

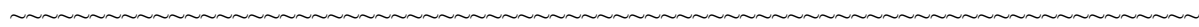
Cancer: Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh’s sister), Rich Crowley (friend of Steve & Beth Smythe), Tom & Monica Yurik (friends of Bruce & Deb Gardner), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Jackie Crego (Stan & Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber)


Recovering: Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Gabbi Seeber, Kerry Van Iseghem, Joan Danaher, Sara Scharr, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, 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) deployed to Japan, TSgt 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)





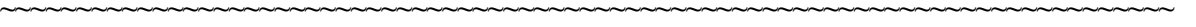
Our annual **Relay for Life flower sale** continues through Feb. 11th. RFL raises money to help rid the world of ALL cancers! Delivery will happen the week of Mar. 18th. Please see Susan Vadney or Sandi DiCicco in the Welcome Center to take your orders &/or answer any questions about joining our church team, "**United Against Cancer**"!



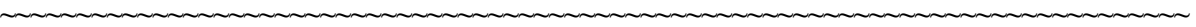
Nicaragua Trip Fundraising: Our church and the Elmira Baptist Church agreed to both raise \$5,000 each to offset the cost of solar parts, electrical parts, and wire and lighting for our mission project in La Pimienta, Nicaragua. Our goal is to install solar in a remote community, take and test water samples, basic first aid, and VBS. Mills Electrical Contractor, in Elmira, has generously donated the solar panels. Our church has raised \$3000 so far. Mike Walker and Lynn Bernard are leaving for Nicaragua on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Highlights for This Week!

- **The Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra** will have a concert here **TODAY** at 3pm. Tickets will be available at the door.
- This Thursday, Mike Walker and Lynn Bernard leave for a **mission trip to Nicaragua**. If you would like to help financially support the trip, stop by the table in the Welcome Center or place a designated gift in the offering.
- **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** - This year's book has arrived! Join the rest of the church family by grabbing a copy, located in the Welcome Center, under the TV. The books are available to you at no cost. Free will donations can be added to the offering plate during service.
- **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FUNDRAISER** - Next Sunday, February 11, our youth will be facilitating this fundraiser after both services! Students will be at the doorways with bowls to collect your donations. Donations will be sent to CCIA to help those in need.
- **GROUP WORKCAMP MEETING** - February 11, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Room- The purpose of this meeting is to provide trip updates and to confirm attendees. Expect up to a 30 minute meeting
- On February 14, the Youth Club kids will be filling **“birthday bags.”** These bags are filled with **cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, balloons, and birthday napkins**. The bags are decorated and filled by our Youth Club kids and then given to local food pantries for families who are celebrating a birthday. You can help by **donating** the aforementioned items by **Feb 11th**. There is a collection box in Deb Marshall’s office.
- **IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S CONFERENCE** - March 16 - Men of all ages are invited! Interested? Sign up on the bulletin board across from the nursery.



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!

Nursery care is offered during both services and during the Sunday school hour for those too young to attend Sunday school so that parents may attend adult classes or help in children’s classes. **8:45am nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. **9:45am Sunday school nursery** ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. **11:00am nurseries** ~ both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

Please **join us** for “**Coffee and Connection**” on **Sunday, February 18, 2024** during the **Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45)**. This will be an informal time of fellowship, along with coffee and light snacks, open to all in our church family. Coffee and Connection will be held in the Fellowship Room. (There is no Sunday school on February 18th due to winter break for schools).



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

- Feb 9 – Youth Game Night**
- Feb 9, 10, 11 – CA Middle School Musical (Beauty and the Beast)**
- March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 – CA High School Musical (Footloose)**
- March 3 – Finger Lakes Community Band (at Fort Hill PAC)**
- March 16 – Church Family Bowling Night (at Roseland)**
- March 16 – Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Conference (in Buffalo)**
- March 22 – Organ Concert**



Sermon Notes, Doodle Space, Super Bowl Predictions...