

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

June 18, 2023

PRELUDE: “*Reflection*” by Richard Lane

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: Might we strive to heed God’s voice and obey his leading just as David did.

PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE: selected verses from David’s Psalm 5

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

People: For those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

Leader: God makes us new in God’s Spirit!

People: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

All: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

*HYMN: #747 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

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***OPENING PRAYER: How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. 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 7:1-17 (page 534) {A.B. page 607}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Psalm 54-The Lord Upholds My Life” by Francesca LaRosa

Mary Beth Fortunato (acc June Pettit)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:1-11 (page 1162) {A.B. page 1304}

Sermon

“David’s Cave”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #527 “Trust in the Lord”

(Wendy Stoddard singing “Leader” part)

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Andante mosso*” by Ch. H. Rinck

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #532 “Be Thou My Vision”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Processional*” by Charles Hutchings

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Yayoue Mathias, Cynthia Chittenden (Larry Hood’s daughter), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), David Sanford, Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

Cancer: Bill Eagley (friend of Mark Slomski), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sarah Henderson), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), 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 DiCiccios)

Recovering: Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Deb Marshall, Kathy Mills, Mary Jane Laird, Cindy Davies, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Jan Gullace, Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army 2LT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) returned from deployment, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

MISSIONARIES: Pray for American Baptist missionaries June 22-25 biennial in Puerto Rico. The BGs and the Longs are participating. 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.*

List of Psalms for further study: 7, 18, 22, 34, 52, 54, 56, 57, 59, 63, 142



Did you know that our church has a softball team?!

Week	Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Field
1	6/6/2023	Away	Cheshire Community	Jefferson Park
2	6/13/2023	Away	Farmington Church	Farmington Town Park
3	6/20/2023	Home	Calvary Chapel	Sonnenberg Park
4	6/27/2023	Away	Seneca Falls/Willowbrook	Jefferson Park
5	7/4/2023	BYE WEEK		
6	7/11/2023	Home	Good Shepherd	Sonnenberg Park
7	7/18/2023	Home	Cheshire Community	Jefferson Park
8	7/25/2023	Home	Farmington Church	Farmington Town Park
Playoff 1	8/1/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
Playoff 2	8/8/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
Champ	8/15/2023	TBD	TBD	Farmington Town Park

Come cheer them on! All games are at **6:30 pm on Tuesday nights**. Contact Ryan Gardner, Sue Vadney or Sandi DiCicco if you have any questions.

Dear Congregation

I've been joining your service every Sunday for the last 2 years on YouTube (and I wave back when you wave!) I want to thank you for your prayers to get well. I am feeling better. I also want to thank church friends for the card. May God bless everyone in the congregation.

In his name **Eva Elizabeth Wood**

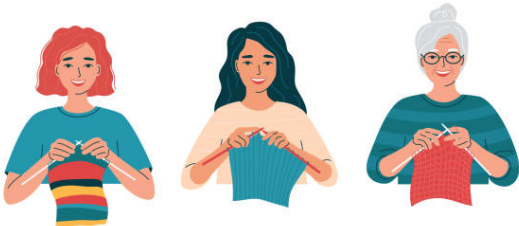


Dear United Church Family and men's breakfast group,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your assistance and generosity! My car was stolen last week, and the church very graciously came to my rescue and gave me funds to help cover a rental car and repairs. The way you look out for and take care of one another is a constant reminder of God's kindness and Christian charity. Thank you again!
~ **Kateri Andress**



The **prayer shawl knitting group** will meet on June 20 at 7pm in the Fellowship Room. We will not meet in July or August but will resume meeting in Sept.




Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- Connect with a camper! Grab a note from the “camp tree” in the welcome center, and write to one of our campers going to Christian camp this summer. All the directions and info are in the envelope. See Deb Marshall with any questions.
- Lots of opportunities to help VBS! Donate supplies or your time.

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!**

Nursery care is available during our Worship service. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. During the summer, Room 11 is used for nursery care. 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.

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

 **Sign up** to help in **Summer Nursery!** ~ Please sign up to help in the nursery this summer. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the nurseries. Each Sunday, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we need 2 people to help in the nursery. *All volunteers 18-years-old and older need to be background checked before helping.* This is a quick and easy process! If you'd like to begin volunteering in the nursery, please see our nursery coordinators, Jason and Melissa Long or contact the church office. Thank you!

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

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.





There is a “**camp tree**” set up in the Welcome Center. This tree is full of pre-addressed envelopes and blank cards for you to use to write a note to a child going to camp this summer. Each envelope contains a “camper info sheet” that tells you some info about the camper, such as their age and how many times they have been to camp. Also included is an optimal date range to mail your note to ensure it makes it to your camper while they are at camp. If you have any questions about camp notes, please see Sarah Gross or Deb Marshall.

Our campers are listed below along with the weeks they are attending camps. Please pray that each one will grow in his or her relationship with Christ this summer at camp.

Here are our campers so far...

Beaver Camp

Elise Cunningham, July 2-7 (Gymnastics)

Adele Marshall, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Lily Munson, July 2-7 (Bears)

Paige Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Sophie Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)

Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)*



LeTourneau Christian Center

Joy Cheney, June 26-30 (Treasure Hunters)* and July 10-14 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)

Jesse Cheney, June 26-30 (LEGO Builders) and Aug 14-17 (Wacky Water)*

Carter Slomski, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)

Billy Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*

Eva Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*

Adele Marshall, July 17-21 (Arts-n-Crafts)*, July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*, Aug 14-17 (Baking Champions)*

Liam Hildebrandt, July 24-28 (Adventure Quest Overnight)

Jackson Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)

Juliana Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)

Mason Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Wacky Water Week)

Aria Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)

NTS Camp (at Houghton University)

Walter Marshall, July 9-13 (Theme: Discover where God is working)



*If you see **Wendy Bacon**, please give her a big congratulations for her winning the **SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service**. Wendy works at FLCC as Senior Clerk, Office of Instruction.

Help us prepare for STELLAR Vacation Bible School and Shine Jesus’ Light!!!!

At our church, VBS is an all-church, all-in, ministry! People of every age help to prepare, to serve, to make this impactful week possible. God surely uses this week to deepen the faith of children, families and even those who work!!

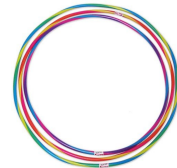


Help needed to finalize VBS scenery! We'll be working on **Saturday, June 24** from **9-1**. We have work for creative minds and those who prefer to just follow directions! Come one, come all to BLAST us off into our upcoming STELLAR VBS week!

(Scenery will be placed & hung the week of July 3rd, contact Sandi Munson or Cathy Bush to find out when you can help that week too!)

Do you have any of these things we could *borrow* for VBS?

- Black light
- Fog machine
- Gray moving blankets (need many)
- handheld mirrors (need 11)
- hula hoops (need 10)
- Large solid black blanket/sheet/tablecloth/material (at least twin bed size)
- Night sky/galaxy projectors (need several)
- small rolling pins for play-dough (need 10)



Please bring items in by June 25th! We are happy to return your items after VBS (label with name!)

Want to donate other items needed for VBS?

See the board in the Welcome Center covered with colorful tags! Sign out one or more tags, gather the items, and return by the dates on the tags. Thank you! Contact Jule Zajac with questions on donations!



VBS music is here!

Would you like to hear the great VBS music *before* the week of VBS? Well, guess what?! You can!!! There are VBS digital downloads and VBS CD’s for sale in the Welcome Center. Grab yours today and start learning the VBS music.

VBS prayer cards available!

We would love for YOU to pray for our upcoming VBS. There are prayer cards available for this purpose in the Welcome Center. Please take a set of prayer cards home today. We appreciate you joining us in asking God to bless our VBS in ways that exceed all we can ask or imagine!

YOUTH MINISTRY

See below for upcoming special youth events:

Workcamp: July 16-23

Youth Retreat: August 18-19 (7-12 grade students)

Fall 2023 Program Year Begin: September 10



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 June 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.

SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MINISTRY

Over the years, our church has been blessed with a variety of safety initiatives, commitments, and activities! Moving forward, we aim to continue the same level of support that we have always enjoyed, along with incorporating new and updated ideas for our church ministry setting. **Interested in participating in safety ministry here at the United Church?** Please contact Mark Slomski (mark.slomski@uccdga.org) so that we can discern together about your involvement!



174 Blankets

Thank You for the generous \$1742 contributions to Blanket Sunday in May! Every little bit helps. Each \$10.00 you gave will provide a warm blanket to someone who needs to know that we care. Church World Service shares blankets and love to those who have been affected by disaster both nationally and internationally. Church World Service gave away 59,910 blankets last year. CWS is many churches working together responding to disasters.



Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. **(CCIA has made an urgent request for: Cereal, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (spaghetti or elbow), Can Corn, Can Soups, Can Pork and Beans)** Thank you for your generous contributions.

Called to Care, Canandaigua invites you to observe **World Refugee Day** with us on **Tuesday, June 20th from 4-6 pm** at the United Church, 11 Gibson Street. The afternoon event will feature a sampling of international foods, a personal story from Haitian refugee, Marc Simeon and his sponsor, Doug Doebler, and an inspirational message from *Called to Care, Canandaigua's* vice president, Meg Huff.

There will be an opportunity to explore ways to join the welcome and resettlement efforts in Canandaigua as a volunteer or as a World Relief "good neighbor team" member. Good neighbor teams are groups of six to ten caring individuals from a local church or organization who will welcome and walk alongside a newly arrived refugee family as they begin their new lives.



"The Lord Gave, the Lord has taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord."

As we mourn the loss, Yayoue and I have been comforted by the messages and kind words many of you have sent. We greatly appreciate the massive outpouring sympathy we have received. After the loss of our two boys. We appreciate all the flowers, all meals, cards and messages we have received. We do plan to send notes individually but we just wanted to let you know how all those gestures have warmed our hearts in this difficult time we went through.

without your prayers
your supports
your visits
your comfort words, Yayoue and I would not be able to hold this difficult time up.

The United church shows love and compassion to us that makes us really feel home. We are so happy to have the United Church as our new HOME and our New Refuge. May Love and compassion continue to reign among every one of us into the United Church. Thanks

Sincerely yours,
Marc and Yayoue!!!



**In honor of Father's Day
(and a blank page available in the bulletin),
here are a bunch of "Dad Jokes". Enjoy!**

I used to be addicted to the hokey pokey, but I turned myself around.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana...

A slice of apple pie costs \$2.50 in Jamaica and \$3.00 in the Bahamas. These are the pie rates of the Caribbean.

A man is washing his car with his son. The son asks, "Can't you just use a sponge?"

I needed a password eight characters long, so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

I got my best friend a fridge for his birthday. I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it!

When the grocery store checker asks me if I want my milk in a bag, I say no, I'd rather keep it in the carton.

My uncle named his dogs Rolex and Timex. They're his watch dogs!

I asked my dog what's two minus two. He said nothing.

The difference between a numerator and a denominator is a short line. Only a fraction of people will understand this.

Dad, did you get a haircut? No, I got all of them cut.

My wife says nothing rhymes with "orange." And I said, "No, it doesn't!"

You can't trust atoms. They make up everything!

I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know y.

A rancher had only had 48 cows on his property, but when he rounded them up he had 50.

My wife said, "You weren't even listening, were you?" And I thought, "that's a pretty weird way to start a conversation."

Last night I had a dream that I was a muffler. I woke up exhausted.

Son: Dad, have you seen my sunglasses? Dad: No, have you seen my dad glasses?

Did you know the first French fries weren't really cooked in France? They were cooked in Grease! (Greece)

Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? He woke up.

A man found a magic lamp with a genie that offered him three wishes. The man said, "For my first wish, I'd like to be rich." "Okay, Rich," said the genie. "What would you like for your second wish?"

6:30 is hands down the best time on the clock.

When my wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo, I had to put my foot down...

I was wondering why this frisbee kept looking bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.

Five out of four people admit they're bad at fractions.

Within minutes the detectives knew what the murder weapon was. It was a brief case.

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere...

My wife said I ruined her birthday. I'm not sure how I did that, I didn't even KNOW it was her birthday!

This ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a drink. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food here."

