

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

September 10, 2023

PRELUDE: “Prelude in F” by Johann Krebs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: As we reflect on David’s friends, we are challenged to live in community with those around us.

PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE: selections from Psalm 133

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Rejoice! God’s love is poured out for you!

People: How awesome is God who showers us with love!

Leader: This is a day of celebration!

People: Let’s celebrate God’s mighty healing love.

Leader: It’s time to worship!

People: We are ready! AMEN.

***HYMN: #701 “God is Here”**

***OPENING PRAYER:** Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray ... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (page 661) {A.B. page 737}

SPECIAL MUSIC: 8:45 “David’s Lamentation”

Joy Van Riper

11:00 "Morning Has Broken"

(words in hymnal #362)

Susan Gates (flute) and Georgia Sperano (harp)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 4:8-10 (page 1203) {A.B. page 1362}

Sermon

“Friends of David”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #697 “In Christ There Is No East or West”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir” by Johann Krebs

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #700 “We Are God’s People”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major” by J. S. Bach

Our prayers and sympathy are with the Gullace family, as Jan Gullace passed away on September 7th. Jan’s husband, Ralph, also passed away recently. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time. The service for Jan will be held here today at 2 pm.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Sandy Miller for the loss of his wife, Sherry, this week. Sandy and Sherry are former members of the United Church, and friends of the Zajac family. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time. The service for Sherry will be held here on Saturday, Sept 16th at 11 am.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Jean Pollard (Ali Boseck’s mom), Bob McDougal (MacKenzie Brown’s uncle), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Galen Marty (Mary Holm’s father), David Sanford, David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’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, Matthew Gullace

Cancer: Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccios), 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)

Recovering: Arlene Willett, Wally Wake (Kathie Meredith’s sister), Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, 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: 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.*



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 September and October sign up sheets are 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.

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.



Beaver Camp in the fall?! 3 great opportunities

Join us for **Champ Camp** at Beaver Camp!

A weekend of fun for **young adults ages 18-30!** Join us **September 22-24** at Beaver Camp. We'll have hiking, axe-throwing, s'mores, challenge course activities, fireside talks, and breakout sessions about faith. Come relax and enjoy some fun with other young adults!

Sign up at Beavercamp.org, or reach us at office@beaver.camp or 315-376-2640



Join us for a fall **family retreat** at Beaver Camp! A weekend of fun for the whole family! Join us **September 29-October 1** at Beaver Camp. It's the perfect time of year to come experience Beaver Camp as a family! This weekend gives families quality time together while enjoying scenic wagon rides, hikes, games, challenge course activities, worship, and more. Sign up at Beavercamp.org, or reach us at office@beaver.camp or 315-376-2640

Parenting with Purpose Weekend! Spend a weekend enjoying the fall beauty of the Adirondacks with your family while learning essential parenting skills that will help you connect with the heart of your children. Join us **October 13-15!** Families can take advantage of all that Beaver Camp has to offer from indoor and outdoor recreation spaces, to hiking and even boating if the weather is suitable. Activities will be provided for children ages two and up during sessions. Meals are provided so that mom and dad can focus on connecting with their child's heart.

Sign up at Beavercamp.org, or reach us at office@beaver.camp or 315-376-2640

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

Highlights for This Week!

- Today, September 10, we resume 2 services at **8:45 and 11:00.**
- Join us for the all ages **Sunday school kick off today at 9:45am** in the downstairs dining room!
- **Young adults** are invited to meet for **lunch** today at **12 noon.**
- **The Cause** (youth group for 9th-12th grade) begins **tonight, from 5-7:30pm.** Hope to see you there!
- Next Sunday, **September 17, Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45am.** All adults and high school students will meet in the downstairs dining room to hear our guest speaker, Wally Fleming. Children ages 3 years old through 8th grade will meet upstairs in their Sunday school classrooms. Children ages 2 years old and younger will be cared for in the nursery.
- Attention **parents of 3rd graders!** We will present all 3rd graders with their **very own Bible** next **Sunday, September 17** during the **11am service.** Please plan to join us for this special time of growth and celebration! A cake and punch reception will follow.

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. Claire Sheppard and Marcea Stave are our well-loved caretakers during this hour.

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. 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!



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**
WELCOMING REFUGEES

Called to Care, Canandaigua has welcomed a new family of five from Haiti! The Sylla family of Yvesner and Miseline and their three children Asher (age 10), Paul (age 9) and Aaliyah (age 7) will be worshipping with us on Sundays. They are currently living in a "home stay" with their sponsors Doug Doeblner and Judi Gorenflo, who are usually here in our pews as well. Please greet them all warmly as you have been already greeting their friends, Marc, Yayoue, Mirlande and her son, Manoe. A community Good Neighbor Team has already formed to walk alongside the Syllas and assist them with their resettlement tasks. On another note... a newly forming community Good Neighbor Team to co-sponsor with World Relief Western NY will meet on Wednesday, September 20th from 7-8pm. Please speak with me if you have interest in joining this group in rewarding work of "welcome." I found this message recently..."An open door is a welcome that turns a stranger into a friend." Won't you join us as we live into our Biblical calling to welcome the stranger among us? Linda Werts

Do you feel "Called to Care?" Our community organization will be welcoming a **new Ukrainian family of 3 in September**. We are looking for donations of items found on the list in the link (or QR code) below in order to prepare the family's apartment for their arrival. <https://tinyurl.com/52kwxukc>

If you are able to donate, please put your first and last names as well as an email address in the form next to the item you've "claimed." Once the apartment is cleaned, you will be contacted about drop off dates/times for small household items and pick up dates/times for furniture. Furniture items should be pet hair and smoke free, please.



Speaking of furniture pick up, we're also in need of volunteer muscle and trucks to help collect and move in the furniture items. Scroll to the bottom of the donation form to indicate your willingness to join the moving crew.

United Church Good Neighbor Team

The past couple months, we explored forming a United Church Good Neighbor Team to partner with World Relief Western New York to welcome and support a refugee family here in Canandaigua. Several interest/informational meetings were held here at our church and we had some good conversations about sharing the work of refugee resettlement.

At this time we don't believe we have a solid number needed to form a UC GNT. Perhaps this can be revisited in the future should the Lord lead.

So many from our congregation have helped with donations, moving and serving with Called to Care Canandaigua in significant ways. We are grateful for God's provision. Thank you!!!! Cathy, Linda and the Mission Committee

YOUTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY CONNECT – Middle School and High School Students Invited!

Canandaigua – Starts October 11 @ 6:45 AM. North Street Tim Horton's. Second Wednesday of Month.

Marcus-Whitman - Starts October 16, time TBD. Gorham Free Library. Third Monday of Month.

Victor – Starts October 18 @ 6:45 AM. Main Street Dunkin Donuts. Third Wednesday of Month.

THE CAUSE – High School students invited!

Sundays, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, at the church

- **September 10** – Cause Kick Off Event (at the Slomski's home). Pick up and drop off at church.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT – For college students through 20-somethings!

Sundays, 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM, young adults are invited to lunch, friends, and faith!

- Interested in hosting our young adults for lunch after church? Contact Mark Slomski.



ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Young adults and adults invited! 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM – Downstairs Dining Hall

September 17 – Guest Speaker Wally Fleming (Topic – Dialogue in polarizing times)

CORPORATE PRAYER

WEEKLY PRAYER – Starting TODAY!

All are invited to join us in prayer!

Two Choices: Before or after Sunday School!

1) 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM – Fellowship Room

2) 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Fellowship Room



Important Fall Dates!

TODAY

- return to **2 services** at 8:45am and 11:00am
- **Sunday School kick off** for ALL ages in *newly renovated* downstairs dining room at 9:45am; please bring a dish to pass (fruit, muffins, hot casserole, quick breads, etc.)

September 17, 2023

- **The Cause** kick-off at 5pm
- **Sunday school begins** for all ages at 9:45am
- **Third graders** receive their own **Bible** at 11:00am service

September 24, 2023

- **Exploring Membership** class after the 11:00 service

October 4, 2023

- **Youth Club** begins



Bible Presentation for our 3rd graders!

Sunday, September 17, during 11:00 worship

This is one of our favorite Sundays ~ when we present our 3rd graders with their very own Bibles. The Bible we present is the NIV Adventure Bible. May this be the beginning of a life-long discipline of reading and studying God's Word! An amazing gift to us all! Please join us after the 11:00 service for cake and punch in the fellowship room.



Nursery needs

Are you organized? Do you enjoy helping the church in "behind the scenes" ways? Please consider being the nursery coordinator. This person sets the schedule for the nursery, a simple training on how to make the 4 month schedule is provided. This person also ensures that nursery toys are cleaned every 6 months by engaging a team of volunteers to help. If you are interested, please see Deb Marshall.

WHEELS FOR THE WORLD

<https://joniandfriends.org/wheels-for-the-world/>



Wheels for the World is a Christian ministry that provides life-changing mobility along with the hope of the Gospel to people impacted by disability around the world.

You can get involved by **donating wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and canes.**

These will be rehabbed and donated to those in need around the world.

Every donation is the opportunity for someone to experience the love and hope of Jesus Christ!

Please bring your used wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and canes to church on

September 10 and 17th.

For more information call or text **Louise at 585-727-1311**

YOUTH CLUB

Begins Wednesday, October 4!

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in grades 2 – 8

After school – 6:30 October through April

Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

If you have a 2nd - 8th grade student, we hope you will consider signing your child up for YOUTH CLUB!!! Registration is online. Please let Deb Marshall know if you have any questions! **QR code**

Parents of Youth Club students ~ Please plan to join us in the sanctuary at about 5:30pm on the first day of Youth Club (Oct. 4) for a pizza dinner and our YC opening at 6pm! 😊 Our time should conclude at 6:30pm. We are all looking forward to a great year of Youth Club!

Needed: Pizza Servers and Kitchen "Cleaner Uppers"

For the first Youth Club, October 4, from 5:15-6:30ish, 2 *pizza servers* are needed in the fellowship room to serve parents stopping by for a quick bite before our opening program. AND 5 *to work clean up* in the dining room kitchen after our pizza dinner (we'll use paper products this night), so YC students, workers and parents can all be part of our opening program in the sanctuary. Please sign up on Deb's door. Thank you!



Are you interested in joining the United Church? Save the date!

An **Exploring Membership class** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 24th, from noon - 1:00 pm.**

The purpose of the class is to help you learn more about The United Church and encourage you to consider membership.

During the class, you'll learn about the church's history and how the church is connected to two denominations. You might be wondering what this means and how this works? We will talk about how the church is organized/governed and what it means to become a member. We will discuss the various boards and committees in the congregation. You will learn more about the staff and worship services.

There will be plenty of time for you to ask questions about the church or me, Pastor Wade Allen, personally. I'd love to have you join us, and please understand there's no commitment to join just by attending the class. I'd love to get to know you better and spend this time with you. If you can attend the class, register at this link or contact the church office and we'll get you registered. A light lunch will be served.

<https://bit.ly/uccdga-em>



Missions

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September 12
(Tuesday)
at 6:00 PM



Dinner with missionary Rev. Tim Long in the Fellowship Room

When: 6:00 PM Tuesday the 12th

Where: Fellowship Room

Cost: Free - The Mission committee members are preparing the meal.

**Tim will share experiences from his many years as a missionary “south of the border”.
Congregations in Mexico and Central America engage with insecurities and refugees.**

Enjoy fellowship and a meal with Tim Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00.

RSVP with the signup sheet on the office door or contact any mission committee member.

Are you a golfer? Have some fun and help Family Promise! The FPOC Golf Tournament at The Winged Pheasant Golf Links is **Saturday, September 30**. Recruit a foursome or sign up individually, and join other Family Promise friends and supporters for a beautiful day of golf! The cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per team for a round of golf, a cart, lunch, and dinner! Please share this opportunity widely, to those who might like to play (or just come for dinner). For information, visit <https://birdease.com/familypromise>



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!**

If you would like to help with **relief efforts in Hawaii**, following the devastating wildfires, you can give additional funds through American Baptist One Great Hour of Sharing.



Checks (payable to OGHS and designated to “Hawaii Wildfire”) should be **mailed directly to ABHMS’ Office of Development, care of Kim Wilkins, 1075 First Avenue, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406**. They should also include the name of the donor’s church to ensure that it receives credit for the gift.

The World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA administers the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual OGHS offering received by churches.

Notes & Doodles: