

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
October 29, 2023

PRELUDE: “*Sanctus from Orbis Factor*” by Dobrinka Tabakova

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “He Is Lord” (Hymn #97, vs 3)

Focus of the day: To be a healthy church we must all participate and use the gifts that God has bestowed on us.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: We are called to be God's people.

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People: We are called to be the body of Christ.

**All: Come let us worship God, who binds us together
in love and service.**

***HYMN: #689 “The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1,2,4,5)**
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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, you have blessed us with so many gifts. In this time of worship, may we be open to receiving these gifts. Help us claim our gifts and use them to bring healing to a hurting world. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable to you. May the Holy Spirit bind us together as your body, that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this, your world. 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: Ephesians 4:11-16 (page 1158) {A.B. page 1298}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
Joy Van Riper (piano)

ANTHEM: (11:00) "In My Heart There Rings a Melody” arr. Larry Shackley
The United Church Choir, acc. June Pettit and Kateri Andress

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:46-47 (page 1079) {A.B. page 1200}

Sermon
“Working Together for a Healthy Body”
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #560 “May the Mind of Christ My Savior” (vs. 1-4)**
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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Moderato*” by W. Volckmar

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #586 “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”**
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Fanfare and Processional*” by Keith Chapman

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

Looking for Prayer Requests? They’ve moved to the back page of the white insert (so we can spread out the bulletin and make it easier to read, and also for easier “fridge posting”).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Sharon Meyer (had a bad fall), Marion Sumpter, Carlos McGregor (Mexican Missionary), Diane Molenaar (Kathy Mills’ sister), Carolyn Verspoor, Hiram Bailey, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Kainoa Coarsey (great-nephew of Kathie Meredith & David Crowe), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Jean Pollard (Ali Boseck’s mom), Bob McDougal (MacKenzie Brown’s uncle), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Galen Marty (Mary Holm’s father), David Sanford, David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), 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: Jean Blake (former longtime member, friend of Mary Lou Havens), Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), 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 Sara Henderson), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), 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: Sara Henderson, Steve Smythe, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

Comfort and Peace: Richard Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s father)

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) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant 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)

CORPORATE PRAYER

WEEKLY PRAYER – 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

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.



Highlights for This Week!

- Please join us downstairs **today at 9:45** for the **Stewardship Breakfast and Intergenerational Sunday school!**
- **REMINDER: Adult Education Retreat** - Date & Time: November 4, 9AM - 3PM. Location: LeTourneau Christian Center. We look forward to our time together!
- Don’t forget to **turn your clocks back** next week as Daylight Savings Time ends, or you’ll be late for church!
- We need **donations of stocking stuffers** for our Youth Club Christmas stocking project. Items are due by **next Sunday, November 5th**, and need to fit into a small stocking (5 inch opening; 12 inches long).

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 10.

9:45 Sunday school Nursery ~ meets in room 11, the preschool 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!

TODAY from 9:45-10:45 am: Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship Breakfast



Please join us in the downstairs dining room for a **dish to pass breakfast**. We will combine our intergenerational Sunday school fun with our Stewardship breakfast. We hope to see you there!

Nursery Coordinator Needed

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 and 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.



ADULT EDUCATION RETREAT - NOVEMBER 4
Saturday, November 4 - LeTourneau Christian Center
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum (President & Dean Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary).

NOTE: Registration is now closed! Thank you for considering your attendance during this retreat!

YOUTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY CONNECT – Middle School and High School Students Invited!

Canandaigua – November 8 @ 6:45 AM. (North Rd. Tim Horton’s)
Victor – November 15@ 6:45 AM. (Main Street Tim Horton’s)
Marcus-Whitman - November 20@ 2:30 PM. (Gorham Free Library)

THE CAUSE – High School students invited!

Sundays, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, at the 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

Next week (Nov 5) Theology of Sex (class 6 of 8) The class is titled Free Love. We will be learning and discussing how Christianity cultivated the importance of consent, and the freedom found in healthy marriage.

Class offered : American Heart Association CPR/AED for Adult, Child and Infant

Date/Time: Saturday, November 18 from 9 - 12

Location: The United Church

Cost: Basic Class is \$30, +\$20 if you want a workbook to keep, +\$5 for First Aid certification (you’d stay another hour to complete this part). Cash, check or credit card.

Sign Up: On the sheet on the Adult Ed. bulletin board (minimum 6, maximum 14)

Questions? Contact Holger Stave



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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

Nov 1 – Kitchen Clean up: Freeland, Clark, Aldrich, Hess

Nov 1 – Snack: Beyrle

Stocking Stuffers needed....

Youth Club Mission: Christmas Stocking Project

Christmas, already???? Well, it’s almost time for our Youth Club mission project of making, filling and sending Christmas stockings to Metro Ministries in NYC in time for their special Christmas parties for inner-city children. Many inner-city children do not know what it’s like to receive something handmade with love and care. These filled stockings show we care....because Christ cares for them, we care.



Would you be willing to provide stocking stuffers for this project? **Items must be new, small and able to fit into a 5x12” stocking.** Please bring your donations anytime to Deb’s office. Items need to be donated *by November 5.* Thank you!!

Items needed: bouncy balls, puzzles, gum, socks, hard candy, hair accessories, jump ropes, coin purses, jewelry, watches, trading cards, pencils, gloves, hats, toy cars, yo-yos, small games, small stuffed animals or small dolls, etc!!! Note: Coloring books are too large for these stockings. Please no toy weapons or “GI Joe” type figures. **Thank you!!**

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 November 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.



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

MISSIONS Faith and Action

Thank you for making a difference

We are **praying** for a hurting world and the children in Israel, Gaza and West Bank. We pray for children, whole families, and individuals seeking safety as refugees in many places in the world.

Thank You for \$1,915 our congregation's contributions to World Mission Offering. (Envelopes are on the table in the sanctuary as you enter from the Welcome Center.)

Thank you to the nine members who volunteered in the October 23rd Canandaigua FoodLink fresh food delivery.

We pray for leaders making decisions for accountability and movement toward reconciliation and healing.

Let us stand together with those suffering in this time of complexity and violence. Our partners in the regions of conflict in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas, and the Middle East have shared the following calls for prayer:

- Pray for lasting peace, hope, security, and freedom for the entire regions.
- Pray for God's comfort to be with those who are grieving lost loved ones.
- Pray for healing for those who have been wounded during the conflicts.
- Pray for the safety and liberation of those who are being held hostage.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment during the facilitation of a peace mediation process.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders.
- Pray for unity in God's church.
- Pray for God to use Christians as witnesses of his love

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"That all might come to know, love and follow Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior."

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Stewardship Note: Prayers and volunteering are key for effective programs. Financial contributions are also needed to support our programs.

As you complete your pledge, prayerfully designate **separate** contributions for Operating and for Mission. The Mission budget supports our local programs and our denomination programs.



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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!**



**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.

CCIA and Salvation Army Food Pantries wish to express their **deep appreciation** for the congregation's support through the Food Cart donations. Many Families are being served by your generous contributions. As we approach the Holiday seasons ( Thanksgiving and Christmas), the food pantries are asking for **INSTANT MASHED POTATOES** to be added to the previous list of needs. Thank You and God Bless!

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Time is running out to order....



Live Fraser Fir Christmas Wreaths! *Orders due today!*

These beautiful **live** wreaths include beautifully crafted holiday bows – 66 of them crafted by our own talented Carolyn Russell!!!

Pick up for the wreaths will be Nov. 20-21 at Spring Valley Greenhouse, County Rd 10 (Near Aldi's). *Proceeds go to Called to Care, Canandaigua* for expenses related to resettling refugees in our community. *If interested, please see Linda Werts or*

Cathy Bush (585) 281-4602 today!!! Thank you!!!



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**Scammers are targeting church members**, usually pretending to be Pastor Wade and asking you to go buy gift cards. **Please don't fall for this.** If in doubt, do not respond in any way. Call or email the church office or Wade's own number in the directory.

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Even outside of church ... if anyone claiming to be *anyone* asks you to go buy gift cards as a form of payment, or asks you to wire money, or pays you with a "too big" check and asks for a refund of the excess ... it is likely they are trying to steal from you. **Please ask a trusted friend or the authorities if they think the situation stinks!** Microsoft tech help will NEVER contact you to tell you that you have a problem. Do not give them access to your computer or any passwords or pins. They are thieves and will remotely steal from you while telling you they are helping you. The more urgent they seem, the more likely they are bad.



Special Congregational Meeting



A Special Congregational Meeting of the United Church will be held after the 11:00 service, in the sanctuary, on Sunday, November 12, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to the Covenant of Union regarding the structure of the Official Board.

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FALL WORDS CRYPTOGRAM

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October is Staff Appreciation Month

The Staff Relations Committee (SRC) would like to highlight and acknowledge each of our hard-working, dedicated church staff members.

Wade Allen joined us as Pastor in March of 2021. The 30th anniversary of his ordination was in September. He is an inspired preacher and recently preached a sermon series on the life of King David highlighting the important lessons for us today. We are grateful and thankful to God for his presence with us.

Mark Solmski began as Youth Director in July 2022. Mark accepted a calling in January 2023 to become our full-time Pastor of Youth and Adult Education. Mark's devotion to our congregation, contributions to educational programming, insight to our church's ministry team and pastoral leadership are greatly appreciated. Our youth value the relationships they have built with him through time spent at The Cause and on mission trips/retreats, while our adults can feel his presence during adult education classes, and when he is on the pulpit preaching. Mark has described his new position at The United Church by saying "It is my dream job.". We are truly grateful that the Lord called Mark to our Church.

Deb Marshall has led our children as Christian Education Director for the past 7 years. Children from our congregation and the community are welcomed, loved, taught, introduced to and led through God's word multiple times each week and year-round through Deb's leadership and planning for church nursery, children's Sunday School, Youth Club, Vacation Bible School and multiple service projects.

Nancy Lamberson joined us as Treasurer in September of 2022. Nancy is a pleasure to work with, she is responsive and accurate. We are thankful for her clear and concise financial summaries in the Lamplighter. We thank her for her faithful service.

We want to thank **Virginia Holroyd** for her work as the Visitation Director. She has served as a staff member for 15 years, in several roles, most recently as Visitation Director. We appreciate all that she does for the Special Members of our congregation who cannot attend services.

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Carolyn Russell wears the multiple hats of both the Church and the Financial Secretary. Quietly, steadfastly and confidently, Carolyn organizes and delegates the tasks both of her roles require along with the *many* other needs that she notices or are thrown at her. Carolyn's commitment and integrity over the last 11 years have played an immense role in keeping so many aspects of our church running smoothly.

Doug VanNorman has kept our building tidy as our Custodian on staff since 2010 and through a service company for several years before that. Our sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, dining room setups, halls, every nook and cranny of our much-used building have been under his care week in and week out. Doug is now stepping down from his role in our church, and we are indeed grateful for the dedication he has brought to our congregation and its ministries.

Georgia Sperano accepted the position of Choir Director for the United Church in 2006. For 17 years she has been sharing her love of music with our choir, our church, and her many piano students. She makes our choir practices memorable every week with her instruction, her humor, and her friendship. This year she initiated a new outreach for our Special Members. She calls one Special Member each Wednesday night, and the choir sings the following Sunday's anthem to them, letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. We are grateful for Georgia sharing her special gifts with us.

In 2021 **Kateri Andress** became our Organist, having just completed her bachelor's degree and moving to Rochester to work on her master's degree at Eastman School of Music. She completed her master's classes this past spring and will be performing her recital for her Master's requirements in just a few weeks. Kateri is taking a year off before she pursues her Doctorate degree and is currently a nanny for two small children. We are blessed to have Kateri on our staff. She is talented, sweet, respectful and has a joyful heart for the Lord!

The SRC's third annual Staff Retreat was held this August to foster growth, connection, and enjoyment among our staff members. The event took place overlooking Canandaigua Lake and included a speaker, group discussion, lunch, and a hands-on cooking activity. We pray that this day left our team feeling refreshed and revitalized.

The SRC encourages our entire church family to recognize the valuable and essential roles our staff play in guiding, educating, supporting and sharing in our Christian journey and ministry.