

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
November 12, 2023

PRELUDE: "Sonatina" by E. Bottigliero

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (Hymn #555, vs 1)

Focus of the day: We should consider our motivation in everything we do. And may it be from a heart of love for God.

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!

All: We are ready! AMEN.

***HYMN:** "Living Hope" (see insert)

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***OPENING PRAYER:** 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... Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI:** #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:1-6 (page 960) {A.B. page 1057}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) "He's Always Been Faithful to Me"

Nancy Burt-Preece & Kateri Andress (piano), Joy Van Riper (cello)

ANTHEM: (11:00) "The Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hopson The United Church Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) "1st CORINTHIANS 13"

Sunday School Kids

(based on Matt Redman's "10,000 Reasons", see words on insert)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Deb Marshall

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 13:4-8 (sung, words on green insert)

Sermon

"Motivation Matters"

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #555 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr" by Johann Friedrich Alberti

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN:** #558 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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BAPTISM: (11:00) Russell Dale Mattice

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare and Processional" by Keith Chapman

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Sharon Meyer, 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: Tom & Monica Yurik (friends of Bruce & Deb Gardner), Bill Blance (Ed's brother), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccos), 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

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!

- A Special **Congregational Meeting** of the United Church will be held after the 11:00 service, in the sanctuary, TODAY. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to the Covenant of Union regarding the structure of the Official Board.
- **REMINDER:** Cause students are invited to bring gifts to fill our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes **tonight!**
- We need someone to bake **2 dozen turkey cut out cookies** for **Youth Club this Wednesday**. There is a cookie cutter available to borrow. If you're willing, please contact Deb.
- Mark your calendars for our annual **Christmas pageant** on **December 17 at 10am**. We will have **one practice on December 16 at 9am**.

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!

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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YOUTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY CONNECT – Middle School and High School Students Invited!

Canandaigua – December 13 @ 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

Today (Nov 12) Theology of Sex (class 7 of 8) The class is titled Thriving Against Desperate Waiting. We will be learning and discussing the Purity Paradigm and how it is challenged by the logic of Grace.

Coming soon ... Parenting Coffee Hour ~ Holiday Edition

Returns for three Sundays



November 26 – Helping our kids (and us) stay focused on Christ during Advent

December 3– Saying “no” to all the extras during the holidays

December 10 – Keeping our sanity during the holidays



**American
Heart
Association®**

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

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

Location: The United Church

Registration is now closed

Questions? Contact Holger Stave

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

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 15 – Kitchen Clean up: James, Tew, Robbins, Nearpass

Nov 15 – Snack: Cheney



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 November 15th – 2 dozen turkey cut out cookies (turkey cookie cutter available to borrow)

For December 13th – 6 dozen Christmas cut out cookies

We hope our children and youth will join us for our annual Christmas pageant! Mark your calendars for our one practice and for the pageant. Our whole church family is invited to attend the pageant on December 17th at 10am.



Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 17th at 10am
In the sanctuary

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

One Practice
Saturday, December 16th at 9am
In the Sanctuary

1st CORINTHIANS 13

(based on Matt Redman's "10,000 Reasons")

CHORUS:

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His holy name.
And now these three remain
FAITH-HOPE-LOVE
But the greatest of these is Love.

Love is patient and Love is kind
It does not envy and it does not boast.

Love's not proud and it is not rude

It's not self-seeking and it can't stay mad!

CHORUS

Love does not delight in evil,
But rejoices with the truth.

Love protects and always trusts,

It hopes and perseveres.
LOVE NEVER FAILS!

CHORUS

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 and December 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.



Notes and Doodles:

MISSION NEWS

With thanksgiving and awareness

We are collecting diapers for CareNet Canandaigua Today and next Sunday. Please place diapers and wipes next to the food cart in the Gathering Area. **Sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 diapers** (toddler size) and **baby wipes** are in demand. Donations of any size diapers are welcome.

CareNet is a Christian pregnancy center located in The Thompson Building across from Wood Library. CareNet provides diapers, wipes, hygiene products, clothing and more to infants and young toddlers. They offer both in-person and online parenting classes and can offer other family resources to parents. CareNet receives no state funding, relying instead on donations, fundraising, and volunteers.



We **lament** the violence in our world, in our country, and even in Canandaigua. Jesus did not and does not condone violence. Jesus advises standing firm without seeking revenge.



We pray for and we walk with all God's people searching for safety, food, and water.

May all communication bridge builders and all medical personnel serving in areas of conflict observe glimpses of success.

We **celebrate** our relationship with Jesus Christ, listen carefully, and live our lives so THAT ALL MIGHT COME TO KNOW, LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS-CHRIST AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR.

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

Designate **separate** contributions for Operating and for Mission as you prayerfully complete your pledge. The Mission budget supports our local programs and our denomination programs. Some logos of organizations our mission funds support can be seen on a poster in the Welcome Center.



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!

If you or someone you know are interested in a temporary position cleaning the Church and performing custodial duties while we hire a replacement for Doug VanNorman, please contact someone on the Staff Relations Committee (Jeannie Blance, MacKenzie Brown, Jen Eveleigh, Paul Johnson, Ray McMillen, Sandi Munson, Steve Simpson). The time commitment is 10-15 hours per week and the pay is \$15.00/hour.



If you are following along with the progress of our **Stewardship campaign** (and watching the scarecrow outside the office fill in!), here are the numbers as of Thursday, November 9th:

We have received pledges from **62** families, for a total of **\$206,145.40** to the Operating budget and **\$53,139.60** to the Missions budget. Our goal is to have 150 families pledging! Our goal for the Operating budget is \$406,500.



A note about the crow:
His name is Chandler Wing, could his name **be** any funnier??!

