

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

September 4, 2022

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After Sunday morning, it will be found (along with all old recordings) here: <https://tinyurl.com/3jnk46h>

PRELUDE: "*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*" by Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

## OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: "Open My Eyes That I May See" (hymn #557)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The mighty One summons us from sunrise to sunset.

**People: Out of perfect beauty, God shines forth.**

Leader: God calls to heaven and earth, "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me."

**People: The heavens declare the righteousness of God, the judge of people and nations.**

Leader: Let us not forget God, but with thanksgiving as our sacrifice, let us be a people of justice.

**All: We worship the God of our salvation.**

\*HYMN: #116 "Thou Art Worthy"

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\*OPENING PRAYER: Creator God, reveal your word to us this day in which all things were made.

Redeemer God, light our lamps this day, dress us for action, and open the doors of our hearts and minds.

Sustainer God, renew in us the faith of our ancestors, that we might claim it as our own in covenant with you. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to sing...(Singing the Lord's Prayer)

\*HYMN #632: "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI: #807

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (page 618) {A.B. page 692}

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Table" (words on insert) Jim Kerr and Wendy Stoddard

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Deb Marshall

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 11:1-3 (page 1191) {A.B. page 1348}

Sermon

"Faith in Action Part 2"

Rev. Mark Slomski

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

\*HYMN: #651 "Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "*Interlude in E Major*"

\*DOXOLOGY: #809

COMMUNION

\*HYMN: #563 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "*Allegro moderato - Postlude*" by Fr. Walezynski

*The rosebuds today are to celebrate the recent births of Paul and Beth Johnson's grandson, Remy Stephen Johnson, and Dan and Sonya Brooks' grandson, Nolan Matthew Brosamer. Please keep the families in your prayers during this special time.*

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Jim Peck, Marilynn Frost, Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Garrett Nayar (Karen Gardner's nephew), Jim LaBrake (uncle of Karen Roaix), Brexton Bigos-Stocker (grandson of Ardelle Bigos), Dylan Smith (friend of Kat McPetridge), Ethan Eckert (friend of Scharr family), Shane Collins (staff at LeTourneau), Matthew Gullace

**Cancer:** Sybil Amico, Kelly Fish (James Mergenthaler's sister), Dawn Miller, Julie High, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou's step-daughter), Jay Peck (son of Jim and Ann), Paul Hennessy (brother-in-law of Eveleighs), David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Keith Laursen (Tim's brother), Jim and Betty Davis (Scott's Parents), 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:** Linda Gilbert, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Kathy Mills

**Comfort and Peace:** Dorothy LaBrake,

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, Sgt. Mitchell Cooper stationed in Africa for a year; ENS Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) training in VA, 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.*

**Reminder:** Next week we return to the fall schedule of 2 Sunday morning services at **8:45 and 11:00 am**. The 11:00 service will be livestreamed.



**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 no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the green sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family!

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**Nursery care** is available during all Sunday services. 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 or Deb Marshall.



#### The United Church Praising Paddlers!!

Come join "The United Church Praising Paddlers" out on the water this summer with Canoes, Kayaks or SUPs, enjoying God's beautiful creations together. *"He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul"* – Psalm 23:2-3

1 more event this summer: Monday Sept 5th @ 1pm. Cdga Lake West River-Woodville Boat Launch

Text Ali Boseck @ 585-729-3659 for more information. \*Events will typically be 2hrs long and No Rain Dates will be scheduled.



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 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.

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**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](mailto:virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org)

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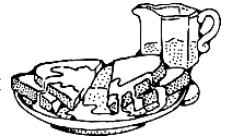


The shopping cart for collecting **food donations** will be in the Gathering Area every Sunday due to increased needs in the community. We will alternate taking the donations to the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Thank you for your generosity!

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### **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.



*Join us!*

**Exploring Membership Class** ~ We have great news for those of you who have been considering joining our church! We will hold the next Exploring Membership Class on Sunday, **October 2nd** from 9:45-10:45 am. We are excited and welcome you to attend and learn more about our programs and "our two denominations sharing a

common love in Christ". We hope you'll join us! Please contact the church office (585-394-0503 or email at [secretary@uccdga.org](mailto:secretary@uccdga.org)) if you are interested.

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### **Grace Payne's Outhouse Project**

This project started as an idea for my Gold Award in Girl Scouts and now it is being fully put in action.

I built a 4ft tall, hollow outhouse. The point of the outhouse is to hold donations that the congregation buys. The donations will be taken to organizations such as The Salvation Army, CCIA, Care Net, etc.

The donations should consist of paper products such as:

- paper towels
- toilet paper
- wipes, etc.
- feminine hygiene (pads, tampons)
- baby items (diapers, baby wipes, lotion, baby powder, diaper cream)

The outhouse will be at our church for the month of September before I take the donations to an organization and move the outhouse to another church within the county.

Please consider donating throughout the month of September. Thank you ~ Grace Payne

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### **Please make note of these important fall dates!**

**Sunday, September 11, 2022** – return to two Sunday services; SS dedication during services

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School kick off breakfast for ALL AGES in downstairs dining room at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am



**Sunday, September 18, 2022** – Bibles given to children during 11am service

Service at 8:45am

First day of Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am; nursery care provided for our littlest ones

Service at 11:00am

The Cause begins (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), 5-7:30pm



**Sunday, September 25, 2022 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), 5-7:30pm

**Sunday, October 2, 2022 – LOGOS dedication during services**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), 5-7:30pm

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022 –Youth Club begins, 2:30-6:30pm!**

**Youth Choir** ~ We have decided to formally put together a youth choir and open it up to both boys and girls from 4th-8th grade.

We plan to practice the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month for 15-20 minutes after 11:00 service. We plan to have this group sing once at 11:00 church every 6 weeks or so. Our first practice will be on September 11th, 2022 after the late service.

Please let us know if your child/children would be interested in this opportunity to sing to God's glory in church. If your child hasn't sung with us in church before, we just need to meet with them for a few minutes.

God's Blessings,

Nancy Burt-Preece and June Pettit



**Volunteers Needed!!**

The United Church will be hosting the **Biennial Conference for American Baptist Churches of New York State** on October 7th and 8th. We need your help (even if you're a Presbyterian or United Member!). Volunteers do not need to register as attendees on the state website, they are allowed to attend any of the activities for free when their volunteer service isn't needed and can enjoy the Friday night Ice Cream Social and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday for free. There are suggested areas on the sign-up page on the church website (or scan or follow the code/link below)



A few examples of help still needed:

Setup (evening 10/6)

Registration (late afternoon/evening 10/7 and early morning 10/8)

Ushers for worship services (evening 10/7; morning and late afternoon 10/8)

Kitchen workers (10/8 split shifts - breakfast/morning snacks; lunch/afternoon snacks; dinner)

Welcoming/hospitality (10/7 and 10/8 - welcome guests & help them find their way around church)

Take down & cleanup (evening 10/8 - get church ready for Sun. morning Worship and Sun. School)

Wherever/whenever needed (we'll be happy to assign you to a spot)



Thank you so much - this event relies on all of us to volunteer in order to be successful!

Nancy Lamberson and Mary Lou Havens, Co-Chairs

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0548a9af29a2fd0-abcnys>



**Save the date!** *Called to Care, Canandaigua* will host a benefit for our first Ukrainian family on Thursday, September 15th from 5-8pm at The Central on Main, 111 South Main Street, with food, live music, raffles, and a free will offering. Order food from participating restaurants...some will deliver, some offer pick up. Enjoy music from the Dixieland Band kicking the event off at 5pm, Ukrainian singers

throughout the evening, and Dos Locos closing out around 7pm. More details to come. Want to volunteer to help out? Speak with Ulana Fuller or Linda Werts.

*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers,  
for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2*

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## **Group Workcamp 2023 Mission Trip**

**Where:** Woonsocket, Rhode Island

**When:** July 16th – July 22nd, 2023

**Who:** United Church Youth & Adults are invited to sign up!

*More details to come...save the date!*

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## **Sunday, September 11 at 9:45am ~ Intergenerational Sunday School Kick off!**

### **Enjoy breakfast and fellowship**

If you're able, sign-up to bring a dish to pass; some breakfast items and drinks will be provided

### **Get ready for fun!**

We will learn together about fall programs for all ages; we will enjoy some fun activities, too!

### **11:00 service in sanctuary**

Dedication of Sunday School teachers and students of all ages. We bring ourselves before the Lord to ask His blessing on our new Sunday school year.

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## **Bible Presentation for our 3rd graders!**

**Sunday, September 18, during 11:00 service**

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 a cake and punch reception.

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## **MISSIONS**

**"Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven"**



**Christ's love moves the world to reconciliation and unity** is the theme for the 11th assembly of the World Council of Churches (August 31 to September 8 in the city of Karlsruhe in Baden in south-west Germany). Ryan and Alethia White, missionaries in Germany whom we support, are actively involved with Presbyterian US delegates to the assembly.

"The assembly gathers amidst perplexities, anxieties, ....., and accept responsibility for future generations. In this fragmented and fractured world, the assembly theme is an affirmation of faith that Christ's love transforms the world in the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit."

**Pray** this gathering of women and men will be able to listen as the Spirit of God speaks. The World Council of Churches originated in 1948 following WWII. 2022 is the 11<sup>th</sup> global assembly of the **WCC, a fellowship of 352 member churches** who together represent more than half a billion Christians around the world.

*(Quotes from 11<sup>th</sup> assembly of WCC document.)*

**"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"**

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This morning (8am) was the last of Our **Weekly Prayer Gatherings** that occurred during the summer corresponding with Pastor Wade's summer series on prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Please continue to pray for our church during the coming year. Prayer cards for our church are still available in the office. Thank you for participating. It was an honor and a blessing to bring our praise, prayers and concerns together before the Lord for our church and the world. How caring is our God who desires to hear from us!!!



**The table (lyric)** Music and lyrics by Jim Kerr and Wendy Stoddard

The Father spreads a table  
Beneath the radiant sun  
A festive celebration  
A banquet for the Son  
Around the verdant valley  
The summons goes to all  
For no-one is excluded  
Yet none accept the call

**Refrain:**

And no-one is excluded  
At table with the Son  
Though once we had our weapons drawn  
He makes himself our home

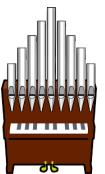
A gloom has now descended  
As he at table waits  
He senses now the ending  
Abandonment his fate  
The winds cut cold and desolate  
His cheeks are washed in tears  
For as the valley stirs with rage  
The enemies draw near


“Oh Father, at your table  
With trembling here I stand  
It has become an altar  
For cleansing of the land  
And so must come the sacrifice  
No bread, nor wine I see  
My enemies’ intention  
That I’ll the offering be”

Then in that verdant valley  
The dreadful deed is done  
The gentle prince of glory  
Is broken ‘neath the sun  
The dark descends, the angels weep  
Yet from this mound of death  
Comes the Light, the Life of God  
Creation’s glorious breath

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Former United Church organist, **Alden Wright**, has returned from his year in England and will be performing at a recital at Calvary Episcopal Church in Williamsville on Sept 25th at 4 pm. Wouldn’t he be surprised to see some old UC friends come support him?!

Also, information is coming soon about **Kateri Andress’** organ concert right here on Oct 21st! Save the date!



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 How blessed we are to have such a loving church family! Thank you so much for all the cards & notes to celebrate Dad's 93rd birthday and his awesome position of being the oldest member of our church family! These acknowledgements sure brought smiles & a sense of appreciation from Dad!  
Much love & appreciation from Bill Adams, Susan V & Sandi D  
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## Adults

Get ready for our Sunday morning sessions this fall! Come and be fed by our Lord, the One who knows what you need.

Sept 11 at 9:45am: Intergenerational Sunday School Kickoff ---- Dining Room

- All ages together for breakfast, fellowship and information
- Learn about Children's, Youth and Adult programs for this fall
- Dish-to-pass, along with some food and drink items provided



Sept 18 at 9:45am: Adult Sunday morning groups begin, choose among three:

- 1) **Parenting Coffee Hour** will meet in the *Fellowship Room*
  - Do you have to put on your "happy face" walking into church after a crazy car ride?
  - Join with other parents for conversation, faith-filled discussion and refreshments
- 2) **Book of John** will meet in the *Downstairs Dining Room*
  - We will use the Warren Wiersbe study of this New Testament book
  - Study guides books are available to you at no cost
- 3) **The Feasts of Leviticus 23** will meet in the *Downstairs Dining Room*
  - Why did our Lord spell out 7 feasts in peculiar detail?
  - Learn how these less-familiar passages point to Christ



Questions/Info: Paul Johnson, Director of Adult Education, 585-794-2746

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### **COME TRY THIS BIG, SMALL GROUP AND SING FOR A REASON:**

**Choir Practices start Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the choir room.**

You'll find fellowship with others who:

- 1) Sing to bless other believers in our congregation Sunday mornings.
- 2) Sing a message that speaks to hearts who need to hear it, including yourself.
- 3) Sing songs you hear in your head all week long that keep you close to God.
- 4) Sing to get you out of the house one night a week to fellowship with other adults.
- 5) Sing because it's fun. :)



To find out more, see or e-mail Georgia Sperano, [gsperano@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gsperano@rochester.rr.com). Hope to see you there!

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### **Bring your rubber gloves and elbow grease....**

#### **Kitchen Clean-It Day!**

Saturday, September 10  
9am-11am



Before the start of our fall programs, the kitchen needs a good in-depth cleaning! Join a host of other cheerful workers as we wipe out the fridges, wipe down shelves, cabinets and carts, scrub sinks, etc. Many hands make light work! If you ever enjoy the benefits of the kitchen, please join us in this cleaning-frenzy!

Sign up on Deb's door ~ or call the church office. Thank YOU!!!!



Greetings.

It is with great pleasure to announce that **Gleaners Community Kitchen will resume hot and nutritious sit-down meals beginning on Tuesday, September 6, 2022!** Doors will open to the public at 11AM for socialization, and meals will be served from 12 (Noon) until 1PM. We ask that guests arrive before the 12PM serving time. The last day for pantry items and bagged lunches will be September 2nd. We look forward to resuming our dining experience and to continue to serve our community. Welcome back!

Sincerely,  
J.T. Squires, Kitchen Manager

Can you solve the puzzle this week?  
It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!

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