

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
Sept 18, 2022

To watch this service *online live at 11:00 am*, click this link: <https://tinyurl.com/kxtr32m>
After Sunday morning, it will be found (along with all old recordings) here: <https://tinyurl.com/3jnk46h>

PRELUDE: *“Sing Praise” arr. M. Ham*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus.

People: But following Jesus isn’t easy.

Leader: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

People: It will change our whole lives.

Leader: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

All: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance. AMEN.

***HYMN:** #663 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray... Our Father...(using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI:** #807

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO 3RD GRADERS

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 10:37-42 (page 965) {A.B. page 1,064}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Joy Van Riper (piano)

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Hold On to the Rock”

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10:17-31 (page 1,002) {A.B. page 1,108}

Sermon

“The Cost of Following”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #638 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“I’d Rather Have Jesus” arr. M. Ham*

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN:** #666 “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Rock Medley" arr. M. Ham

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 McFetridge), 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), 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

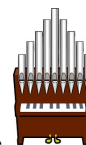
Comfort and Peace: Dorothy LaBrake,

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.*

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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!



Greetings.

It is with great pleasure to announce that **Gleaners Community Kitchen has resumed hot and nutritious sit-down meals!** 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. We look forward to resuming our dining experience and to continue to serve our community. Welcome back!

Sincerely,

J.T. Squires, Kitchen Manager

### **Dad & Mom - are you looking for**

- a relaxing weekend family getaway
- an affordable break from cooking
- a weekend with planned activities
- a weekend free from cell phone coverage

And most of all, a faith-based weekend at Beaver Camp during peak leaf season in the Adirondacks? **When:** October 7-9. **Who:** Families  
For more information, go to <https://beavercamp.org> or Talk to Bob and Brenda Cunningham.





Do you have any **GIANT** versions of common games like Jenga, Connect 4, Bowling, or anything else? If you do, the youth would love to borrow the game for our **GIANT Game Day** on Sunday, 10/23. If you have a game you can loan us, please let Mark Slomski or Julie Zajac (mrsz@rochester.rr.com) know by October 2nd. Thanks!

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

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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. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during the 11am service. 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.



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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



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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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**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) if you are interested.

### **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.



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**PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING** ~ The evening knitting group will resume meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our first meeting will be on **Tues, Sept 20 at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Room. Questions: please contact Jeannie Blance at 585-789-0448. We look forward to welcoming new knitters.

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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, 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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**Fall Organ Concert...** Kateri Andress, our beloved and talented young organist here at the United Church, will offer a Fall Organ Concert on Friday, October 21st in our sanctuary at 7pm. This is a community event so please consider inviting your friends and family to enjoy her performance on our organ and meet her during a reception to follow, hosted by the organ concert committee. If you are able to provide cookies or other refreshments please speak with Ellen Parsons or Joyce Laursen.

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

**TODAY!** – 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!

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## **YOUTH CLUB**

**Begins Wednesday, October 5!**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, we hope you will consider signing your child up for YOUTH CLUB!!! Online registration information has been sent via email directly to families. Please let Deb Marshall know if you have any questions!

**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. 5) for a pizza dinner and our YC opening at 6pm! J Our time should conclude at 6:30pm. We are all looking forward to a great year of Youth Club!

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***Called to Care, Canandaigua...*** Thank you! to those who supported our first community fundraiser "Night for Ukraine" last Thursday night. Our September monthly meeting will be held on September 21st from 4-6pm at St. Mary's Church, 95 North Main Street in the Parish Hall. We have extended our meeting time and invited Eric Lintala, Volunteer Coordinator from World Relief of Western NY, to present the "Good Neighbor Team Information Session." Good Neighbor Teams are caring groups of 6-10 individuals who work with newly arrived refugees for at least six months to develop a relationship and to accomplish all of the necessary tasks of resettlement... housing, employment, medical, schooling, etc. All are welcome to attend the September 21st meeting. At present we are also looking for an individual or family who will open their hearts and their home for a short homestay of a few days, a week or two, or at most one month for a Ukrainian family this fall before they move to an apartment. You would have the support of a "good neighbor team." This will allow our family to become used to a new life and culture as well as to be welcomed with a very personal show of warm hospitality. If this is something that calls to you please speak with Ulana Fuller or Linda Werts as soon as possible.

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Mathew 25:40*

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### **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

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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"**



**Coming soon to Canandaigua**

**October 8, 2022**



Family doctors **ANITA and RICK GUTIERREZ** train and equip local missionaries, or Health Builders, to combat lifestyle-related diseases like HIV/AIDS, high blood pressure, heart and artery disease, diabetes, and malaria in homes, schools, places of worship, and marketplaces. Health Builders also receive training in gardening and poultry skills so that they can promote good nutrition and create income, and they lead Bible study groups in their communities.

Drs. Anita and Rick, American Baptist Global Servants, will be at the United Church for the October 7 and 8 Biennial Gathering. Pray for our Global Servants and our sister congregations in New York.

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### **Young Adults**

Play like a grown-up! **Join us September 23-25, 2022** for a weekend filled with classic camp games, outdoor adventures, breakout sessions about faith, late-night talks around the bonfire, and a refreshing escape to the Adirondacks. **Champ Camp is for young adults, ages 18-30.** We need camp more than ever. Turn off your phone, escape from the stresses of adult life, and have the best weekend of 2022. **The all-inclusive registration fee of \$120 covers everything throughout the weekend:** games and activities on the Challenge Course, meals, use of the canoes, trails, and other amenities at Beaver Camp, and lodging in dormitory-style cabins! Check-in for Champ Camp is 6:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday. The retreat ends at 11:00 AM on Sunday. **The United Church is offering a "campership" to pay half the cost of this camp for any Young Adult from our congregation who wants to attend!**

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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.

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

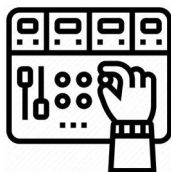


- 1) **Parenting Coffee Hour** will meet in the *Fellowship Room*
  - Do you have to put on your “happy face” walking into church after a crazy car ride?
  - Join with other parents for conversation, faith-filled discussion and refreshments
- 2) **Book of John** will meet in the *Downstairs Dining Room*
  - 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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We are looking for people interested in helping with the audio support of the 8:45am Sunday worship service and both audio and video support for the 11:00 service. People interested can contact Dale Zajac at 585-924-8564 or [mrz@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mrz@rochester.rr.com). We plan to coordinate show and tell training in the next few weeks.

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### Stampin' Up Cardmakers:

Check with Sharon Meyer before Oct 1st if you are interested in making an assortment of 11 cards on Oct 15th!

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This Sunday (9/18) the Choir Anthem is:

“Hold On to the Rock”, by Pepper Choplin, c. Lorenz Company

### Hold On to the Rock

(Chorus):

You've got to hold on to the Rock of Ages, hold on to the Cornerstone.  
Gotta stand, Stand strong on the Sure Foundation, surrounded by the Fortress strong.  
When all the storms of life are raging, hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on,  
Gotta hold, Hold on to the Rock.

You know that it doesn't take a mighty earthquake to shake the ground you stand on  
'cause life can change, like a hurricane and blow all the plans you planned on.  
Well, the ground is gonna shake and the wind is gonna blow,  
Now tell me who you gonna trust and(uh) where you gonna go? (chorus)

You know sometimes when life is easy, it's so easy to keep the faith,  
To be grateful for every blessing, when every blessing comes our way.  
But when life shakes us to our very soul,  
who you gonna trust and(uh) where you gonna go? (chorus)