

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

February 5, 2023

PRELUDE: *“Fugue 9ème et Caprice sur le mesme sujet” by François Roberday*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (hymn #452)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God said, "Let there be light."

People: And there was light.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: And the light shone in the darkness.

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

All: And the light shall not be quenched.

***HYMN: #578 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:**

Invisible God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, sharing your own Spirit in communion with our spirit. As we come to worship, disclose yourself more fully as we hear your written Word and pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray as we sing the Lord's Prayer together...

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a (page 735) {A.B. page 814}

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM: (11:00) “I Love to Tell the Story” (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 112:1-9 (page 603) {A.B. page 677}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Nothing That Can Separate Me” (words on insert)

Youth Choir

Sermon

“Salt and Light Living”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #540 “Take Time to Be Holy”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Improvisation in B Major*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN: #523 “Trust and Obey”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Fanfare” by William Mathias*

Our prayers and sympathy are with James Mergenthaler, whose sister, Kelly Fish, passed away last week. Please keep the Mergenthaler family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Dr. Kenneth Carle, one of our regular friends from Ferris Hills, who passed away January 27th. Please keep the Carle family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Prayers and sympathy are also offered to the friends of Rita Eddy, an ARC client known to many in the church, who passed away on January 29th. Please keep her friends and family in your prayers as well.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Karen Roaix, Louis and Carolyn Verspoor, David Sanford, Kathy Mills, Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Brexton Bigos-Stocker (grandson of Ardelle Bigos), Dylan Smith (friend of Kat McFetridge), Shane Collins (staff at LeTourneau), Matthew Gullace

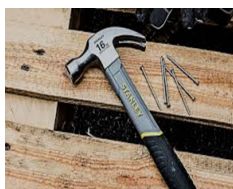
Cancer: Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Donna Schoenacker (aunt of Aldrich family), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), Dawn Miller, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou's step-daughter), David Pagoda (friend 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), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccios)

Recovering: Randy Secrest (Helen's son), Mary Jane Laird, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

MILITARY SERVICE: Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, 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.*



MISSIONS

Faith and Action

“What is God doing among us?”
“Faith in action”



“Naked clothed”. Church World Service, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and our Baptist and Presbyterian connections provide blankets and clothing across the globe. Our church provides coats, hats, gloves, and boots to CCIA (Cdga Churches in Action). Adult and youth winter wear is collected in the Welcome Center's tote.

“Shelter provided”. Monday, Jan 30th, a single mother with three preteen children moved into a Canandaigua Family Promise house. Members of our church cleaned, painted, and prepared a house for their arrival.

“Hungry fed”. Monday, Jan 30th, volunteers assisted at the Drive Thru Food distribution. Foodlink and CCIA distribute pallets of fresh vegetables and fruit, bread/other carbs, and some nonperishable foods. February 27 will be the next distribution. See Cathy Bush or Don Rensberger for more information.

Continue providing food items and/or personal care items like shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, In the welcome center's food cart.



“Care for the ill”. Mike Walker, Lynn Bernard, and Don Rensberger and six Elmira Baptist members will travel to Nicaragua February 7-19. Solar electric panels, battery storage system, and electrical lights will be installed at El Secorro's remote clinic. Baptist missionary Christina Lafferty will lead the team that is returning to the community where the NY and PA/DE Baptist team installed home water filters in 2015.

AMOS, the Baptist health and hope ministry, resources health promoters in twenty-five rural Nicaragua communities. While in Nicaragua the team will construct a medical cabinet in the clinic, conduct first aid training, and install additional home water filters.



The next **Supply a Smile screenings** for those without dental insurance will take place Saturdays, March 4, April 1, 9-10am at the Canandaigua Elementary School cafeteria. First 20 people will be screened. Questions? Call (585) 376 - 2242 or email supplyasmile@gmail.com. Or ask our CCIA rep Cathy Bush. Volunteers are sometimes needed as well.

“PRAY”. Pray in thanksgiving for God's Word having been given freely.

Pray in thanksgiving for the leadership of our missionaries and our local staff.

Pray for wisdom and safety for the Feb 7-19 Nicaragua team.

Pray for the team Feb 13-20 Mexico team.

Pray for CCIA, FPOC, SA, and other local ministries.

“GO”. Make disciples. Worship in El Secorro will be in Spanish. This Christian community observes Sunday as a day of worship and family/community interaction. The AMOS team will worship with our friends in a community without electricity and use bucket showers and sleep on cots.

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!**

Nursery care is available during both Sunday services and the Sunday school hour. 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 Sunday school and 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.

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!



Chelsea Chen in Concert! After two years of cancellations the Rochester Organ Recital Series (RCORS) returns to the United Church on Friday, February 10th at 7:30pm. Well known American organist and composer Chelsea Chen will perform as part of the 2022-2023 Concert Series. Tickets may be purchased at the door: suggested donation \$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$5 students with ID.

Relay for Life Flower Sale ~ Our new annual flower sale to support **Relay for Life** (our church team is United Against Cancer) will be held for the next few Sundays. Please see Susan & Sandi at our table in the Gathering Area to order.



Service Opportunity!

Called to Care is hosting a “Chasin the Blues Away” night at Crosswinds church on February 11. At the conclusion of the evening, they need help with clean-up, from approximately 8:30-9:30pm. This will involve breaking down tables and moving chairs back into place for Crosswinds’ Sunday morning services. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the Adult Ed bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Linda Werts.



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!

Sunday happenings...

TODAY –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Communicants Class begins at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, February 12, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Communicants Class begins at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

Workcamp meeting 12noon

Sunday, February 19, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Tech Help in the Fellowship Room at 9:45

Service at 11:00am

Are you interested in joining the United Church?

An Exploring Membership class is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, at noon. 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 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.



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.



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 Feb 8th – 6 dozen frosted cupcakes with sprinkles

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

Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn't do it without your help!

Parent Duties:

Kitchen Clean Up – Wednesdays, 6pm til done

Feb. 8 – Seeber, Clark, _____

Feb. 15 – Sheppard x2, Pasquarelli

Snack for 42 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays

Feb. 8 – French

Feb. 15 – Reding

Family Time Themes:

Feb. 8 – Birthday Night

Feb. 15 – Airplane Night

February is Birthday Bag month at Youth Club! Youth Club students will decorate and fill Birthday Bags for the Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA) Food Pantry. These birthday bags will be available at the food pantry for families celebrating birthdays! This project has been well received!

Donations needed are:

- box cake mix
- can frosting
- birthday candles
- birthday napkins
- colorful balloons



Please bring donations to Deb's office by Sunday, Feb 12th. Thank you!



ADULT EDUCATION

PARENTING CLASS

Sundays, from 9:45-10:45am, in the **Fellowship Room** - Coffee, snacks, and conversation with other parents!



BOOK OF JOHN

Sundays, from 9:45-10:45am, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – Join us as we finish up our series on the Book of John!

BOOK OF PSALMS

Starting Sunday, **February 26**, from 9:45-10:45am, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – Join us for a new series on the Book of Psalms! This is an 8-week series that will walk us through major themes of these Scriptures!



IRON SHARPENS IRON – MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **March 18th, 2023** in Buffalo NY, all men (ages 13 and up) are invited to join our church in attending this annual conference. More details to come. Save the Date!

Tech Help Day ~ If you've been struggling with any technology related issues around the new church website, the Church Center app, online directory, online giving, viewing live streams or even just scanning QR codes, we'd like to help!



On Sunday, **Feb 19th, between 9:45-10:45**, we will have patient helpers in the Fellowship Room to guide you through whatever sticking points you're having. Bring with you any devices you're trying to use (smartphone, tablet, or laptop). If you know you plan on coming, please sign up on the bulletin board. Thanks!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT

Saturdays, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, at the church, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job.

MEAL DONATIONS

Would you like to support our hungry young adults? Volunteer to provide a meal on the sign up sheet in the hallway!



YOUTH MINISTRY

GAME DAY

On February 11, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, 6-12 grade students are invited for another game day event! Students (and their friends!) are invited to bring their own games for fun and fellowship. Snacks will be provided. Sign up outside the Youth Office.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING & M&M FUNDRAISER



On February 12, 2023, our youth will be conducting these annual fundraisers! Money raised for the Souper Bowl of Caring will go to Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA), and the M&M Fundraiser will support our workcamp trip to Woonsocket, Rhode Island.



WORKCAMP MEETING

On February 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM in the Dining Room, Workcampers (and at least one parent) are asked to attend this important meeting. A light lunch will be provided.



UPCOMING CONCERTS

Is your student interested in joining our group for the following events? If so, sign up outside the youth office!

Winter Jam – February 24

For King & Country – April 20



LASERGEDDON

On March 4, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 6-12 grade students are invited to join our youth group (along with other area youth groups) at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. Please register your students at the following website:

<https://crosswinds.church/lasergeddon/>

Called to Care, Canandaigua... Two Ukrainian families resettled, one Haitian family arriving soon! And all are welcomed by volunteers and a community that has truly been "called to care." On Saturday, February 11th a grand fundraiser will be held at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church beginning at 7:00pm. *"Called to Care is Chasin' the Blues...a night of laughs, love and luscious treats"* will feature comedians Dan Kulp and Greg Van Alstine, Ukrainian singer Yulia Pavlyuk, and jazz group "The Sound" from the Academy. Tickets \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door will be on sale today. Proceeds go to the resettlement of refugee families, specifically to pay rent, utilities, food and other needs until the families find sustainable employment.



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 February 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

Love To Tell the Story (Choir)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings, as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat.
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.

(Chorus)

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.
His precious love!

I love to tell the story for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **(chorus)**

Nothing That Can Separate Me (Youth Choir)

Chorus

I'm convinced that there is nothing
Nothing that can separate me from his love
I'm convinced that there is nothing
Nothing nothing
Nothing that can separate me from his love

Verse 1

How can we be sure Jesus is the cure
For each and every sin-sick soul
Can we trust the One who gave his only Son
Can any broken heart be made whole
Look no farther than the day he died
He forgave the crowd who had him crucified

Verse 2

How can we be sure Jesus is the cure
For each and every sin-sick soul
Can we trust the One who gave his only Son
Can any broken heart be made whole
Look no farther than the empty grave
Love that conquered death is strong enough to save

Post-Chorus

Nothing that can separate me from his love

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!



7	2	9	4	2	6	5	6	8	6
2	4	0	2	5	4	7	3	2	1
0	7	4	1	3	8	1	4	9	7
7	9	0	7	0	9	6	3	2	1
4	7	4	2	4	1	3	9	6	8
9	2	5	6	5	6	9	1	3	6
0	7	2	8	6	3	1	3	9	3
8	9	8	5	1	9	0	1	7	6
1	5	2	3	2	8	4	3	1	5
6	0	5	6	1	4	1	6	7	6

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z