


The United Church
11 Gibson Street

The Lamplighter



Canandaigua, NY
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Worship Service 8:45 and 11:00 am

March 2022

Rev. Dr. Wade Allen



- Mar 1** – Red Cross Blood Drive
- Mar 1** – Stewards, 7 pm
- Mar 5** – CPR/Safety class
- Mar 6** – Exploring Membership Class, 9:45
- Mar 7** – Trustees, 7 pm
- Mar 12** – Youth Snowtubing
- Mar 13** – Daylight Savings Time! Spring forward!
- Mar 20** – Organ Concert (EROI), 3 pm
- Mar 21** – Official Board, 7 pm
- Mar 27** – Teacher Appreciation Sunday



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Special Member March Birthdays:

Special Members are those in their 90s, and/or who are homebound, in nursing homes, or need temporary special care.

March 17: Eleanor Oskamp, 98 yrs. old! Eleanor is our second oldest member. She was married for 77 years to Harold, known as “Buzz,” until he passed away on December 30th. Let’s show her how much we’re thinking of her by sending cheerful birthday cards. Please call the office for her address if you don’t have the Church Directory.

REMEMBERING:

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Tom Rogers**, whose brother, **Christopher**, passed away on January 9th. Please keep the Rogers family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of **Shirley Wilcox**, who passed away on January 22nd. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of **Bill Schultze**, who passed away on February 3rd. Please keep his daughter, **Michele Brenner**, in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the **Broan family**. In addition to losing **Brittany Broan**, who passed away on February 9th after a long illness, both of Bonnie’s parents, **Bill and Carol Whittaker**, passed away in January. Please keep, Bonnie and Gerald, and Brittany’s sister, Amanda, in your prayers during this difficult time.

* *Please let the church office know of your family news.*

MEMBER CARE: If you are aware of anyone in our church family who is ill, having surgery, who had a death in the family, is having troubles in some way? Are you missing your neighbor who sits in the pew next to yours? Or do you know someone who has a happy occasion to celebrate, please let us know!! The Staff works with the **Outreach and Congregation Care Committee** to connect with members of our church family who need encouragement and recognition. *We care about you!* Call the church office or Outreach Chair: Sue Vadney, at (585) 739-8615



The March **Stampin’ Up** class is scheduled for **March 19** at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room. We will make the 5 cards pictured. Please call or email Sharon Meyer (585-924-8792 or shargmeyer@gmail.com) to sign up by March 13.



Easter Lily Order Form

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____



I would like to order _____ Lilies at **\$12.00** each.

They are given in memory or honor **(circle one)** of:

1. Honor / Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

2. Honor / Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

3. Honor / Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

4. Honor / Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate WITH your check made payable to “THE UNITED CHURCH STEWARDS – EASTER LILY” or mail or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY April 3rd ...NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Please pick up your lily after church on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

UC Moms

Did you know that UC Moms is open to moms of ALL ages? We meet twice a month (usually on Monday evenings) in the Fellowship Room. We enjoy a time of fellowship, prayer, and studying God's word. We are currently discussing "House or Home" by Chip Ingram, which is Bible-based DVD study on parenting. Our group is made up of moms at many different life stages. We have moms of little ones through moms of young adults. All are welcome, anytime! Come check us out—it's great to "do life" together with other moms!

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall.



School Teacher Appreciation
Sunday, March 27, 2022
11:00 am service
More info and invitations will be coming soon!



SAVE the DATES for VBS!

Kick-off: Sunday, July 17th at 6:30pm
VBS: July 18-22, 2022, 9am-12noon

VBS requires many hands. Please let Deb Marshall know if you'd like to help.

Sunday Mornings...

NURSERY CARE

is offered during:
8:45am Worship Service
9:45-10:45am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Worship Service

Please let Deb Marshall know if you'd like to volunteer in the nursery. All volunteers complete a background check.

Children's Time is offered for children in K-5th grade during the 11:00am worship service. After the children's sermon, have your child follow teachers to the fellowship room for an age-appropriate lesson.



Sunday School children will be given Rice Bowls in Sunday School on March 20 so that they can take part in our special Children's Lenten Offering.

Rice Bowls partners with 55 faith based children's homes in 8 countries:

South Africa, India, Zambia, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Honduras, Haiti, and the Philippines. Thanks to generous donors, Rice Bowls provides 100% of the food for children living in these homes.

The Rice Bowls can be filled with loose change, paper money, and/or a check. Alternatively, you can give online if you prefer. Please return Rice Bowls on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.

Thank you in advance for generously giving out of what God has given you!

THE STEWARDS ASSISTANCE FUND helps those in our congregation who need a little financial assistance during challenging times. Distributions help pay for such things as groceries, medical costs, rent, car repairs, heating, home repairs and other essentials.

If you or someone you know in our church family needs some help, please contact Virginia at the church office or at virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org. All distributions are kept confidential. Donations can be made to the Assistance Fund at any time during the year. Thanks so much!

We need GREETERS for March!

Would you like to serve as a **Greeter** for one of the Sunday Services? These volunteers greet people as they enter the church building and they hand out Bulletins. They're often the first people that welcome visitors when they join us for worship.

The **Sign-up Sheet** is on the Church Office door. Reminders are emailed the Friday before the Sunday you're volunteering. If you have any questions about being a Greeter, please contact Virginia Holroyd or any Steward. *We really appreciate your service to our church family in this way!*



EASTER LILY ORDERS!!



The **Easter Lily order form** is included in this Lamplighter. Forms will also be available in the Welcome Center. The final day to order is on **Sun., April 3rd**.

You may order your plant in memory of loved ones or in honor of special people in your lives.

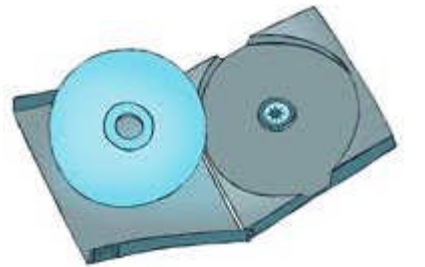
The lilies will adorn our Sanctuary for the celebration of Easter and you may take your plant(s) home right after the Easter Services. *Thanks so much for your orders!*



Your Church Library

Have you been wanting to borrow books from the library (or maybe you have) but never seem to have the time to read them? Well, the library has a great selection of DVDs, several that are based on well-known Christian books. **The Pilgrim's Progress** is based on John Bunyan's epic masterpiece of the same title. The book is one of the most popular books and most important stories of all times. This powerful allegory helps families understand that the spiritual journey is the most important journey in life, as well as the importance of staying on the straight path, even when the journey gets difficult. **The Case For Christ** is based on Lee Strobel's best-selling book. Working to disprove the growing Christian faith of his wife, an investigative journalist chases down the biggest story of all time...with unexpected results! Come check out these DVDs or browse the entire collection in your church library!

Also, don't forget to take a look at the Lenten and Easter book selection!





United in Action Mission Co-workers



Birthday Bags in Canandaigua and Solar Electric panels in rural Nicaragua

What do they have in common? Light, joy, and hope are shared. Birthday candles were in each of the many beautifully decorated birthday bags that were delivered to Canandaigua Churches. Solar electricity panels were installed in Nicaragua during February. Each are important points of light bringing joy.

As co-workers for Christ, the United Church is sharing the Gospel locally and around the world. Local connections including CCIA's food pantry and clothing room, Family Promise, and the Salvation Army provide light and hope locally.

Light is shining in dark places by international missionaries. Rev. Shelvis and Rev. Nancy Smith-Mather are Presbyterian mission co-workers with the people of the Republic of South Sudan. Nancy says, **"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation"** (2 Corinthians 5:18).

International mission co-workers including Shelvis and Nancy are mature individuals who wish to live out their call to Jesus Christ through service to our partners around the world. Their call to service includes a commitment to partnership and mutuality in the work they perform. Use this website to learn more about their co-worker ministry assignment and a family photo (including three young children).

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/shelvis-and-nancy-smith-mather/>



"Muchas Gracias UBC Elmira y UC of Canandaigua"

In February, our connection with the AMOS, the Baptist mission in Nicaragua installed solar electric panels and new medicine chests in rural clinics. The design and the specifications were developed by the United Church – Elmira Baptist partnership. Thank you for all the prayers and support.



"Muchas Gracias UBC Elmira y UC of Canandaigua"

is the message from Nicaragua.

Continue prayers for our co-workers in CCIA, South Sudan, Nicaragua, Linda Werts and Ken Allen preparing for service in Tabi, Mexico, and all our partners around the world. Pray for Rev. Shelvis and Rev. Nancy Smith-Mather.

Share light, hope, and joy in Canandaigua and around the world.



Winter Wear Drive Report- Thank you for your generous donations of winter coats and clothing for the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Closet at CCIA. We were amazed at the amount of quality items we were able to pass on. All items are free to those visiting the Clothing Closet. Thank you for responding to this need!!!



Youth Club

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry
For children in 2nd–8th grade
3:15–6:30 ~ October through April
Bible Study ~ Worship ~ Recreation ~ Family Time

Youth Club Outing: Bowling at Roseland

On March 23, 2022, the Youth Club kids are going bowling! This is our once a year "field trip" for YC. We still arrive at church the same way, at the same time of day. However, once we've had snack, we divide up into cars and head to Roseland Bowl. We have fun bowling for a while, and then we end our night with pizza for dinner!

Parents, please note that you need to pick up your kiddos **EARLY** on **March 23 at 5:30pm at Roseland Bowl.** Also, please send in \$5 to help cover the cost of bowling and pizza. Thank you!



Youth Club Themes:

March 2—Dr. Seuss Night!

March 9—Lego Night (MS Night out)

March 16 - Space Night!

March 23—Bowling at Roseland!

March 30—Fishing Night!

Y.C. Parent Duties— Kitchen Clean Up

☺Mar 2: Seeber, Buono

☺Mar 9: Seeber, Buono

☺Mar 16: Bowerman, Sheppard

☺Mar 23: Early pick-up; 5:30 at Roseland

☺Mar 30: Bowerman, Aldrich

Y.C. Parent Duties— Snack (for 50 kids)

☺Mar 2: Andrews

☺Mar 9: Bowerman

☺Mar 16: James

☺Mar 23: Pasquarelli

☺Mar 30: Sheppard

1st graders can visit Youth Club! April 20, 2022

On April 20, 2022, we invite 1st graders to come to Youth Club and see how much fun we have together! This is an opportunity for 1st graders to see what Youth Club is like so they might have a better idea whether or not they'd like to sign up in

the fall. They will be walked, along with the other primary and elementary children, from school to church. Then, they will join us for a typical evening of Youth Club which ends with a delicious dinner!

More information will be sent directly to parents of 1st graders in early April. Any questions can be directed to Deb Marshall. Thank you!

Bakers/Prep needed for Youth Club:

☺For Mar 16—

Star cut out cookies

☺For Apr 6—Easter cut out cookies

☺For Apr. 20—s'mores made ahead



Upcoming Youth Dates

- 3/6 - Cause (5-7:30)
- 3/12 – HS event - Tubing
- 3/13 - Cause (5-7:30)
- 3/20 - Cause (5-7:30)
- 3/27 – Workcamp Meeting #4 (12:00)
- 3/27 - Cause (5-7:30)
- 4/3 – Cause (5-7:30)
- 4/10 – Cause (5-7:30)
- 4/17 – No Cause, Easter
- 4/23 – LAN and Game Day (11am-8pm)
- 4/24 – Cause (5-7:30)

High Schoolers – Tubing Event

We are going tubing at Greystone Tubing in Walworth on March 12 (weather permitting). If they can't be making snow, we will be watching a movie and having fellowship at the church instead.
Time: 2pm-4pm
Location: Greystone Tubing, 1400 Atlantic Ave, Walworth, NY 14568
Sign up by: March 6th
Fee: \$10

Middle and High Schoolers - Save the Date

We are planning a LAN and Game Day for April 23rd at 11am-8pm at the church. Bring your friends! Sign-up will be on the board next to Chelsea's office. – See ya there!

Workcamp – July 9-16, 2022 in Dexter, ME

July seems far off, but 4 months will pass quickly and there is much to do to prepare! If you are planning on attending and haven't signed up yet, be sure to reach out to Chelsea Emmal or Ray McMillen. We have a number of fundraisers planned to help offset part of the cost of the trip. Scholarships are available if needed.
Mark your calendar for the next Workcamp meeting, 3/27/22. This will be held after the 11:00 service in the dining room. These meetings are mandatory for all students attending workcamp. **Lunch will be provided.**



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Instagram: united_church_youth

Update on the Newark Rotary and Living Waters for the World Tabi Project...

Our February trip has been postponed and is now scheduled for April 19th - 27th. Actually that has given everyone a little "breather." Our partners are still completing the building. The work this month was finishing the flat roof, adding stucco to interior and exterior walls, prepping for septic draining, and leveling the area around the new building. With some additional funds received from the United Church missions budget and Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery Newark Rotary's 3rd payment for construction materials is providing the funds for windows, doors and the new well. We expect the building to be totally completed this month and ready for the system equipment to be delivered in preparation for our install in April. Our recent online fundraiser yielded \$1,652.00 and several church members were winners. Thank you! Our team continues in contact with the education leaders in Tabi to plan for the education and spiritual community sessions which are so important to the Living Waters for the World model of bringing clean water to all God's children and developing lasting relationships with our partners. This month we'll be meeting to organize our "pack up." There are so many resources and supplies to take with us! We remain committed and appreciative of your support and words of inspiration. "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

Silent Auction 2022 TO BENEFIT MISSION TRIPS

We all know that mission trips are a benefit to the people being served but did you know that participating in a mission trip also benefits the person going? Some of those benefits are God will change you. ...

- You build relationships with people. ...
- Your comfort zone will be challenged. ...
- You are taught faith in ways you don't expect. ...
- Your compassion grows. ...
- You practice patience and flexibility. ...
- You become more globally aware and better understand the world.



Our church has a great history of adult and youth mission trips. These trips are partially funded by the Mission Trip Fund. The Silent Auction (used to raise monies for the fund) will be Sunday, June 5 – Sunday, June 12. **You can help our youth and adults participate in mission trips** by donating items and/or planning to do some bidding! Consider donating handmade items, gift certificates, gift baskets, antiques etc. or donate your services for baking, cooking, yardwork, boat rides, etc. Please fill out a donation slip (describing the item) and put in the box in the gathering area by May 1. Items will be collected starting May 22.

During the month of March, we will be given the opportunity to provide children with some of the basic tools for learning. A gifted member of our congregation has made 30 colorful cloth bags and we will be collecting the following items needed to fill these bags to send to **Church World Service** to be distributed where they are most needed.

- The supplies needed for each bag include:
- 1 pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip only)
 - 3 70 count bound notebooks
 - 1 12" ruler
 - 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
 - 1 large eraser
 - 6 new, unsharpened pencils
 - 1 box of 24 crayons



These items may be left in the boxes in our Welcoming Center during the month of March. Thank you for providing hope for the children, parents and teachers of our world.



Lenten Devotional

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Most of us know that the season is 40 days long, not including Sundays during this time frame. We think of Jesus' 40 days in the desert before entering his public ministry. Many will give up a particular food or habit during this time. It is an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus endured on the Cross. As we give up, we open an opportunity for increased prayer or reflection. Might I suggest you add something to your list of daily activities during this season?

The church is providing Lenten devotionals as it does most years. But I would like to say a bit more than "pick one up and read it if you like." Let me encourage you to commit to reading this short devotional entry, along with the selected Scripture passage each day for this season. The devotional begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and goes through Easter Saturday, April 23. N.T. Wright, the author, guides the reader through the same passages we will be reading each week in worship. I hope that the experience will be life-giving for you as you encounter and re-encounter these passages each week.

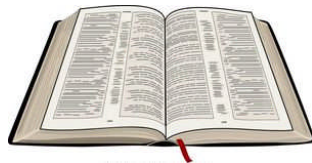
I am not recommending this practice without trying it first. As I have developed the sermons for Lent, I have been reading this devotional. I have found this brief time each morning to be spiritually nourishing. Would you be up for the challenge?

You can pick up the devotional at church, or if you prefer a digital version (Kindle), you can purchase a copy at <https://amzn.to/3HS3aj0>. May God bless you as you stretch yourself during this critical season.

Wade

Upcoming sermons

- March 06 - Temptation (Luke 4:1-13)
- March 13 - Determined and Compassionate Jesus (Luke 13:31-35)
- March 20 - The Barren Fig Tree (Luke 13:1-9)
- March 27 - Lost and Found (Luke 15)



Adult Ministry

Sunday School for adults this month at 9:45:

- **Fellowship Room:** Book of the Bible study. See the bulletin for details.
- **Dining Room:** Join us for the concluding sessions and discussion in our series by Dr. David Jeremiah called “Where Do We Go From Here?” We see in the prophetic words of the Bible descriptions and warnings about characteristics evident in today’s culture. How are we as followers of Christ to respond to the events around us? (This class is also offered via Zoom. Contact Paul for the link.)

Next topic: “A Walk through Asia Minor” with Ray Vander Lann. In these 4 sessions filmed on location in present-day Turkey, we see places where our Christian forebears lived in spite of opposition. The people and events in Scripture come alive when we see where they demonstrated their faith. The examples they set are a challenge to the manner in which we follow Christ.

- **Bell Tower Room:** For young adults – “Defending Your Faith: How can you know the Bible is absolute truth and God’s inspired Word?”

Attention Men:

“Iron Sharpens Iron” men’s conference: Saturday, March 19, in Hamburg, NY -- a full day of sessions and worship for men from all over western New York. The day is designed with specific topics for men of all ages, 13 and up. We will meet at our church at 6:30am and travel together, returning by 6:00pm. **Deadline is March 6** to get the Early Group Rate of \$47 per man, \$30 for students/active military. See details and **sign up as a group** on the Adult Education bulletin board. More info is available at this website: <https://csbministries.org/isi-buffalo>



Ladies: Send your man to this conference! You know men need men in this fight!

* * * * * Paul Johnson, Director of Adult Education, 585-794-2746 * * * * *