

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
September 17, 2023

PRELUDER: “Tranquilly” by Charles Parry
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “We Will Glorify” (Hymn #118)

Focus of the day: We learn from David what it looks like to forgive and to extend grace because we have received grace from God.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

People: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

Leader: God makes us new in God’s Spirit!

People: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

All: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

***HYMN: #17 “Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:21-35 (page 975) {A.B. page 1075}

ANTHEM: 11:00 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" The United Church Choir, (acc. Pettit/Andress)

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 32:1-11 (page 549) {A.B. page 623}

Sermon
“Forgive”
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #89 “Our Great Savior” (vs 1, 2, 5)**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Adagio” by Richard Grey

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #507 “I Then Shall Live”**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Prelude and Fugue in A Minor” by J. S. Bach

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Sara Henderson, 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), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Galen Marty (Mary Holm’s father), David Sanford, David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’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, Matthew Gullace

Cancer: 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 Sarah Henderson), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), 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)

Recovering: Steve Smythe, Arlene Willett, Wally Wake (Kathie Meredith’s sister), Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, 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 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.*



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 and October 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.

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.

Beaver Camp in the fall?! 3 great opportunities

Join us for **Champ Camp** at Beaver Camp! A weekend of fun for **young adults ages 18-30!** Join us **September 22-24** at Beaver Camp. We'll have hiking, axe-throwing, s'mores, challenge course activities, fireside talks, and breakout sessions about faith. Come relax and enjoy some fun with other young adults!

Sign up at Beavercamp.org, or reach us at office@beaver.camp or 315-376-2640

Join us for a fall **family retreat** at Beaver Camp! A weekend of fun for the whole family! Join us **September 29-October 1** at Beaver Camp. It's the perfect time of year to come experience Beaver Camp as a family! This weekend gives families quality time together while enjoying scenic wagon rides, hikes, games, challenge course activities, worship, and more.

Sign up at Beavercamp.org, or reach us at office@beaver.camp or 315-376-2640

Parenting with Purpose Weekend! Spend a weekend enjoying the fall beauty of the Adirondacks with your family while learning essential parenting skills that will help you connect with the heart of your children. Join us **October 13-15!** Families can take advantage of all that Beaver Camp has to offer from indoor and outdoor recreation spaces, to hiking and even boating if the weather is suitable. Activities will be provided for children ages two and up during sessions. Meals are provided so that mom and dad can focus on connecting with their child's heart.

Sign up at Beavercamp.org, or reach us at office@beaver.camp or 315-376-2640

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



Highlights for This Week!

- **Sunday school** for children and teens **begins today at 9:45am.** Classrooms for 3-year-olds through High School are located upstairs. There is nursery care provided on the main level in Room 11 (preschool nursery).
 - We will present **Bibles** to our 3rd graders today. *Please join us for a cake and punch reception in the fellowship room after the service.*
 - **Chicken Bar-B-Que** to support Called to Care. This Saturday, September 23, from 11am-2pm at Kings Catering.
 - An **exploring membership class** will be held next **Sunday, September 24 after the 11am service.** Sign up using this link <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1888777> or by calling the church office at 394-0503. A light lunch will be provided.
 - **Corporate Prayer** - Every Sunday - Early session at 9:00 AM, and late session at 11:00 AM. Come and add this essential activity to your morning routine!
 - **Testimony Saturday!** September 30th @ 10:00 AM - Join us to hear Melissa Wormer's testimony!
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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 11.

9:45 Sunday school Nursery ~ meets in room 10, the infant 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!



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY CONNECT – Middle School and High School Students Invited!

Canandaigua – Starts October 11 @ 6:45 AM. North Street Tim Horton's. Second Wednesday of Month.

Marcus-Whitman - Starts October 16 @ 2:30 PM. Gorham Free Library. Third Monday of Month.

Victor – Starts October 18 @ 6:45 AM. Main Street Dunkin Donuts. Third Wednesday of Month.

THE CAUSE – High School students invited!

Sundays, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, at the church

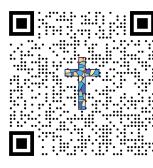


YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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.



FLCC SOCCER SCHEDULE – HOME GAMES – Come and support Gabriel and his team! Use the QR code or go to the FLCC website to access their schedule!

ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Young adults and adults invited! 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM – Downstairs Dining Hall

September 24– Theology of Sex (8 week course)

TESTIMONY SATURDAY – September 30th @ 10:00 AM - Come and enjoy refreshments, worship, and to hear Melissa Wormer's testimony!



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

Important Fall Dates!

TODAY

September 24, 2023

October 4, 2023

- **Sunday school begins** for all ages at 9:45am
- **Third graders** receive their own **Bible** at 11:00am service
- **Exploring Membership** class after the 11:00 service
- **Youth Club** begins



Bible Presentation for our 3rd graders! 😊

TODAY during 11:00 worship

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 cake and punch in the fellowship room.*

YOUTH CLUB

Begins Wednesday, October 4!

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 2nd - 8th grade student, we hope you will consider signing your child up for YOUTH CLUB!!! Registration is online. 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. 4) for a pizza dinner and our YC opening at 6pm! 😊 Our time should conclude at 6:30pm. We are all looking forward to a great year of Youth Club!



Needed: Pizza Servers and Kitchen “Cleaner Uppers”

For the first Youth Club, October 4, from 5:15-6:30ish, 2 *pizza servers* are needed in the fellowship room to serve parents stopping by for a quick bite before our opening program. AND 5 to work clean up in the dining room kitchen after our pizza dinner (we'll use paper products this night), so YC students, workers and parents can all be part of our opening program in the sanctuary. Please sign up on Deb's door. Thank you!

Are you interested in joining the United Church? Save the date!

An Exploring Membership class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 24th, from noon - 1:00 pm.** 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, Pastor Wade Allen, 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.

<https://bit.ly/uccdga-em>



Nursery needs

Are you organized? Do you enjoy helping the church in "behind the scenes" ways? Please consider being the nursery coordinator. This person sets the schedule for the nursery, a simple training on how to make the 4 month schedule is provided. This person also ensures that nursery toys are cleaned every 6 months by engaging a team of volunteers to help. If you are interested, please see Deb Marshall.

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!**



The evening **prayer shawl knitting group** will resume meeting this month on Tuesday, September 19th. We will meet in the Fellowship room at 7 pm. Please come to knit and enjoy fellowship.

New knitters are always welcome!



Fall Family Dessert Delight at Paul & Beth Johnson's

4638 Kear Rd., Canandaigua

October 14th, 2-4:30 PM For ALL Ages



👉 Bring your favorite fall dessert to pass & lawn chairs

🔥 Enjoy a campfire, games, crafts & s'mores of course!
🍁 Could you help with some supplies: fall colored material, small pumpkins, cinnamon sticks, fake leaves, etc..? Please see Brenda Cunningham if you'd like to help.

Do you enjoy simple decorating and love a good theme? Youth Club needs your help! Each week, we have planned a fun theme. We need a volunteer to create and copy placemats, find fun napkins, and create simple table centerpieces that go along with each week's theme. There are many supplies available in church storage for these purposes. Interested? Please contact Deb Marshall.



MISSION FOCUS CANANDAIGUA

OUR MISSION BUDGET AND OUR PRAYERS SUPPORT

Thank You!



CALLED TO CARE
CANANDAIGUA
WELCOMING REFUGEES

several others on September 22nd & 23rd. Please support our chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 23rd from 11-2pm at King's Catering. Speak with Sarah Gross or Regie Allen for pre-sale \$15 tickets. New Good Neighbor Teams are still forming, volunteers are always needed for tasks big and small, and we begin in earnest some work of advocacy. All are invited to join us on Monday, September 18th from 4-6pm at St. Mary's Church to learn more or get involved.



Called to Care Canandaigua
Cameron Community Ministries
Camperships
Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA)
CareNet Canandaigua
Family Promise of Ontario County
GenOn (Youth Club)
Gleaners Community Kitchen
Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County
Potter's Hand
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Salvation Army Emergency Relief
Salvation Army Phoenix Program
Church World Service - kit postage

\$5000 in Canandaigua flood relief was contributed!

Called to Care, Canandaigua shares this news and asks for your prayers on all of the moving parts happening this month. Our family from Guatemala has arrived at independence much more quickly than any would have hoped for! They left this week to begin new lives in Chicago where we learned they had friends. We wish them well and know we prepared them for a hopeful future. Wendy Stoddard's Good Neighbor Team has welcomed the Banakh family of three this week. They are relatives of the Kukhar family and will be settling into their apartment next week thanks to the housing efforts of Kory Massey and Cathy Bush. The children in the Sylla family, who you are connecting with on Sunday mornings, have all started school and their family will be settling into their own apartment with help from Dean and Aleta Williamson and



Are you a golfer? Have some fun and help Family Promise! The FPOC Golf Tournament at The Winged Pheasant Golf Links is **Saturday, September 30**. Recruit a foursome or sign up individually, and join other Family Promise friends and supporters for a beautiful day of golf! The cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per team for a round of golf, a cart, lunch, and dinner! Please share this opportunity widely, to those who might like to play (or just come for dinner). For information, visit <https://birdease.com/familypromise>

Family Promise's guests are experiencing a greater need for assistance with grocery and gas gift cards. This is due to SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits being reduced as well as the increased cost of groceries. The family in the apartment that the United Church has 'adopted' has had their house structurally damaged by June flooding in Geneva. Gas cards are especially important to them as the father has to commute to Geneva for his job and their 3 yr old goes to Rochester for medical care.



Our church is collecting grocery and gas gift cards to help their guests.

Walmart, Tops, and Aldi are the most appreciated grocery cards, in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Kwik Fill, Exxon/Mobil, and Speedway gas cards are also very helpful and at Speedway they can be labeled "Fuel Purchases Only."

If you can help these struggling families, please leave the gift cards in the church office or place in a marked envelope in the collection plate by Sunday, October 8.

Thank you for your support of these families in need!

WHEELS FOR THE WORLD

<https://joniandfriends.org/wheels-for-the-world/>



Wheels for the World is a Christian ministry that provides life-changing mobility along with the hope of the Gospel to people impacted by disability around the world. You can get involved by **donating wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and canes**. These will be rehabbed and donated to those in need around the world.

Every donation is the opportunity for someone to experience the love and hope of Jesus Christ! Please bring your used wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and canes to church on **September 10 and 17th**.

For more information call or text Louise at **585-727-1311**

Care Net needs volunteers ~ these volunteer positions can be a one time or one event commitment or an ongoing commitment to help at **Care Net**. Please call (585) 393-0437 if you'd like to volunteer!

Care Net is looking for a **part time Center Manager** (20 hours per week). This is a shared position and includes administrative tasks, client services, and helping with fundraising/PR. The job requires coverage for open Center hours to meet the needs of clients. Some work will be off-site and limited remote opportunities are possible. Pay is \$20 per hour. Interested candidates should send an email to centermanager@carenetcan.org