


The United Church
11 Gibson Street

The Lamplighter



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

April 2022
Rev. Dr. Wade Allen



- Apr 3** – Easter Lily orders due!
- Apr 4** – Trustees, 7 pm
- Apr 5** – Stewards, 7 pm
- Apr 10** – Palm Sunday
- Apr 14** – Maundy Thursday service, 7 pm
- Apr 17** – Easter Sunday
- Apr 18** – Official Board, 7 pm



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Special Member Birthdays in April:

Special Members are those in their 90s, and/or who are homebound, in nursing homes, or need temporary special care. Please call the office if you need their address for a greeting card.



April 7: Jack Ebersol, 92 yrs. old. Jack and his wife, Rita joined our church in May 2000. Did you know that he’s a retired aeronautical engineer and a Korean War veteran? Jack and Rita have four kids and six adult grandkids. We enjoy seeing Jack and Rita every week at our worship services!

April 25: Betty Aquadro Owens, 91 yrs. old. Did you know that Betty is Beth Johnson’s mother, and mother-in-law of Paul Johnson? Betty moved from Canandaigua to Tennessee several years ago and has lived in a few other states including Montana, Georgia, and Colorado. Betty has always been very adventurous!

April 26: Edie Robbins, 97 yrs. old. Edie is our fourth oldest member. She joined our church 74 years ago in March of 1948!! What were YOU doing in 1948? She is still active with the Cheerful Service Women’s Circle and enjoys visits with her church friends. Edie has three children, two in their 70s and her daughter lives in Spain!

Special Member Anniversary Milestones:

Thanks for your commitment and devotion to God and for serving our church!

Bill Adams joined our church **80 years ago**, on March 29, 1942!! WOW! That’s quite a milestone!!

Ruth Bullock joined our church **79 years ago**, on April 18, 1943!! That’s a long time ago!!

REMEMBERING:

Our prayers and sympathy are with 2 families that long-time folks may remember:

- **Betty-Alice Almeida** passed away on February 23. Please keep the Almeida family in your prayers as well as good friends, Vadneys and DiCiccios.
- **Al Gingham** passed away. Please keep his wife **Ellie** in your prayers. They most recently have lived in California.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Royal Purdy**, whose wife, **Nancy**, passed away on March 21st. Please keep the Purdy family 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 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.

This Fund is supported by member donations. We take a collection six times/year: the next dates are on Communion Sundays: April 3, May 1, and June 5. All loose monies put in the Offering Plates will go into the Fund, along with any checks that are earmarked for the ASSISTANCE FUND. *Thanks so much!*

ONTARIO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORIC CHURCH WALKING TOUR

North Main St., Canandaigua

Join us for a tour of Canandaigu's historic North
Main St. churches.

Every other Thursday,
starting April 21st,
concluding July 28th.

Tours start at 1:30pm at OCHS,
and will include walking around 3/4 of a mile.

Donations appreciated.

Contact Benjamin@OCHS.org
with any questions.



SAVE the DATES for VBS!

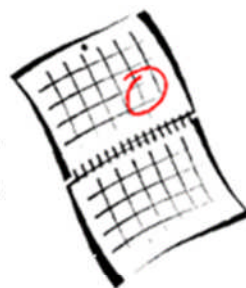
Kick-off: Sunday, July 17th at 6:30pm
VBS: July 18-22, 2022, 9am-12noon

Calling ALL volunteers!

We need MANY hands working together to make VBS a success! Please prayerfully consider volunteering! Some areas we need help are: creating decorations, organizing supplies, leading/helping a crew, leading/co-leading a station, preparing snack, taking pictures, and more!

Where is God calling you to serve?

Mark your calendar...



April 10, 2022: Palm Sunday—
SS children have a palm parade
during 11:00am service

April 17, 2022: Easter Sunday—
He is Risen! (No Sunday School)

May 22, 2022: Sunday School Celebration
breakfast at 9:45am
Children's Day Worship service at 11:00am

May 29, 2022: begin ONE service of Worship
at 9:30am

June 5, 2022: Church picnic at Baker Park
at about 11am (after 9:30am service)

June 12, 2022: Graduation Sunday during
9:30am service; Cake and punch reception in
the Welcome Center following the service

WE REALLY need some HELP for GREETERS in APRIL!

Would you like to serve as a **Greeter** for one of the Sunday Services? These volunteers welcome people as they enter the church building, they hand out Bulletins, and they collect the offerings during the Offertory.

The **Sign-up Sheet** is on the Church Office door. Reminders and instructions are emailed the Friday before 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!

All Easter Lily order forms are **DUE by SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd**. Use the order form below or pick up one in the Welcome Center. You may also call the Office if you need a form.

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



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!

Summer Camp

We are beginning to receive Summer Camp brochures! Please take time to pray about and consider sending your child to Christian camp this summer. This experience can be such a positive impact on your child and his/her faith development.

Our church family believes the Christian camp experience is so important that for any child from our church, we will pay half the tuition for one week at Christian overnight camp or Christian day camp.



Check out some favorites:

Beaver Camp
(beavercamp.org)

Casowasco
(casowasco.org)

Camp Cedarbrook
(campcedarbrook.org)

LeTourneau Christian Center (letouneau.org/
summer-camp)

Miracle Mountain Ranch
(mmrm.org)

Camp Vick
(vpccministries.org/summer-camp)

Camp Whitman
(campwhitman.org)
For more info, look for the camp display in the welcome center beginning April 3rd.

Parents of Nursery Children

Please be sure to keep your child's nursery information card and family photo updated. This is important for our nursery volunteers to know your child's needs and who their family is. There are extra cards in the nurseries. Thank you!

*"We will tell
the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds
of the Lord,
His power, and
the wonders He has done."
Psalm 78:4*



Special Easter Offering for The One Great Hour of Sharing. Sunday, April 17

Each year at Easter time our church joins with many others in taking an offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing. And each year there seems to be a disaster, a tragedy, suffering, hunger, and poverty and our help is needed in various places in our world. This year is certainly no exception! Daily we read or watch the devastation happening in Ukraine in addition to tornado damage, refugee resettlement, and other disasters occurring around the world. Your contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing will make a difference in the lives of these people in need. Both the American Baptist and the Presbyterian USA denominations use the gifts from us to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities all over the world.

As we continue to pray for those in Ukraine and others in need let us open our hearts and give generously as we share God's love with our neighbors in need. You will find envelopes in this newsletter and in the pews. Please mark your gifts for OGHS. Remember, if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

"Called to Care...Exploring Refugee Resettlement"

Have you been watching the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine in disbelief? Have you been hearing about the many ways the Rochester community is welcoming Afghani refugee families under the SIV program? Have you wondered how to engage in offering hospitality here in Canandaigua or Ontario County? A community group will meet on **Monday, April 4th at 4:00pm in the United Church fellowship room** to open up a conversation about refugee resettlement. All are welcome to join us. Please let Linda Werts know of your interest and availability to attend. lwerts@aol.com or 315-447-0276

The Tabi Project... bringing clean water, sanitation and economic development to the rural community of some 600 in the state of Quintana Roo... now has commitment from our partners that the building to house the water system equipment as well as the new well providing the water source will reach completion by April 10th. Just in time for our team to arrive on April 20th for the system install and the community health and spiritual sessions. We cannot have come this far without the wondrous support from members of the United Church, local and international Rotary Clubs, several churches in our Geneva Presbytery and above all from our partners in Tabi who have put their "sweat equity" into this project. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor." Ecclesiastes 4:9

Silent Auction 2022 TO BENEFIT MISSION TRIPS

Spring is in the air...some days more than others...and that means the Mission Trip Fund Silent Auction is getting closer! Make sure the dates are on your calendar - **Sunday, June 5 – Sunday, June 12**. We already have many wonderful donations (sunset sail with food & drinks, Bills own James Lofton's autograph, photos of Canandaigua lake, 100 yr old wooden desk, many handmade items...) but are hoping for many more. Children's items are always popular and we haven't received many of these items yet! As always also 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.



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**

**1st graders can visit
Youth Club on 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 2nd graders, from school to church.

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!



Youth Club Themes:
April 6—Easter Night!

April 13— No Youth Club—Easter Break

April 20 — Camp Night!

April 27 — Carnival Night!

**Y.C. Parent Duties—
Kitchen Clean Up**

☺ Apr 6: Aldrich, Corbett

☺ Apr 13: No Youth Club—Easter Break

☺ Apr 20: Sheppard, Pasquarelli

☺ Apr 27: Last Youth Club!

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

☺ Apr 6: Piper

☺ Apr 13: No Youth Club—Easter Break

☺ Apr 20: Clark

☺ Apr 27: Marshall

Parents, please join us for the last Youth Club! April 27, 2022

On April 27, 2022, we will have our last Youth Club of the 2021-2022 school year. Parents, please plan to arrive by 5:30pm to join us for pizza dinner in the downstairs dining room. We have special plans for this night, so we may not conclude our

evening together until about 7pm. Your kids are eager to share their Youth Club experience with you, so you don't want to miss it!



Please RSVP to Deb Marshall by April 25th regarding how many adults and non-Youth Club siblings will be joining us for pizza. We want to make sure we have enough for everyone. Thank you!

Bakers/Prep needed for Youth Club:

☺ For Apr 6— Easter cut out cookies

☺ For Apr. 20— s'mores made ahead

April's Featured Youth

Natalie Cunningham



Natalie Cunningham is a Senior at Marcus Whitman High School. After she graduates she plans on attending college to study environmental science. Down the road, Natalie would love to have a family of her own.

Natalie plays softball, likes camping and hiking, music, and traveling. She says, "There's something about being outside, enjoying God's creation that I just can't get enough of. I love spending time in the Adirondacks, as well as visiting national parks."

Fun Facts about Natalie:

1. Favorite Bible story is Jesus walks on water.
2. Favorite verse: Jeremiah 29:11-For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and future.
3. The first time she was ever in a police car was at the age of 15...months old.



He is Risen, Indeed!

Easter Sunday is undoubtedly a high point for those of us who follow Jesus. People of all cultures and places will gather to celebrate the Risen Christ. But did you know that Easter is not limited to one Sunday? It is a season, beginning on Resurrection Sunday and going until Pentecost Sunday. We will continue to follow lectionary passages through the Easter season, continuing our celebration of the Risen Lord for six more Sundays.

This year, our passages take us into the book of Acts. We will be looking "back" on the Resurrection of Jesus from the vantage point of the early church. The impact of Jesus' Resurrection on the lives of early Christians is astounding. In every story, we will see Jesus' followers pointing to the Resurrection as the central tenet of their life and faith. It informs everything they say and do. Might we consider how Jesus' Resurrection impacts our daily lives? Is it something we think about week in and week out? How might our lives be different if Jesus' Resurrection stood at the center of how we live each day.

Allow me to suggest a practice for you this Easter Season. Find a note card or sticky note and write the phrase "Jesus is Risen...What does this mean for me today?" Take a few minutes each day to consider this question. Ask God to speak to you, answering this question. What does it mean for your relationships? Your family? Your job? Your boss? Your friends? How does it change the way you treat people? Invest your time and money? React to difficulties in your life? Take this note and place it where you will see it each day from April 17 (Easter Sunday) to June 5 (Pentecost Sunday). I'd love to hear how God speaks to you through this experience.

Blessings,

Wade

Upcoming sermons

- April 03 - Broken and Poured Out (John 12:1-8)
- April 10 - Tempted to Veer (Luke 22:39:46)
- April 17 - The Risen Christ (Acts 10:34-43)
- April 24 - Witnesses (Acts 5:27-32)



Save the Date!

The United Church will be hosting the Baptist Biennial on Friday and Saturday, October 7 & 8, 2022! The theme is "Gifts from the Exile" and the scripture that theme is based on is Isaiah 43:18-19: *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.* There will be engaging speakers, and break-out sessions designed to help us embrace the brave new world unfolding in the wake of the pandemic. **You do not need to be a Baptist in order to attend!! We are also looking for people to serve on the committee** overseeing the local aspect of this conference which is planned by American Baptist Churches of New York State. If you would be interested in helping us, please let one of us know. We would welcome your assistance!

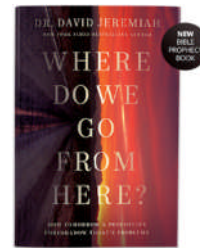
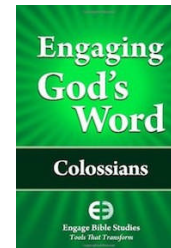
Nancy Lamberson and Mary Lou Havens, Co-Chairs
nanlamb100@gmail.com; mlhavens101@msn.com

Adult Ministry



Sunday School for adults at 9:45:

- We begin April by wrapping up our two current classes. Join us for discussions in the Bible on any Sunday:
 - Book of **Colossians** (Fellowship Room)
 - **Bible prophecy** with Dr. David Jeremiah (Dining Room).
- In mid-April, our last series for the year:
 - Young adults (Bell Tower Room) -- **“Defending Your Faith”**: How can you know the Bible is absolute truth and God’s inspired Word?
 - Combined adult class (Dining Room) -- **“A Walk through Asia Minor”** with Ray Vander Laan. In these 4 sessions, follow a group of young hikers on location in present-day Turkey. See where our forebears in Christ lived their faith. The examples they set are a challenge to the manner in which we follow Christ.
 1. *Aphrodisias* – At an ancient stadium – “Let us run with perseverance....”
 2. *Antioch Pisidia* – Ruins of a city designed like a small Rome, it was here that Paul led his first convert to Christ.
 3. *Lystra* – The town where Paul first met a teen named Timothy.
 4. *Cappadocia* – A remote and rugged region where for centuries people, including Christians, lived in dwellings carved into the soft stone.



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

Youth News!

Upcoming Dates

- 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)
- 5/1-Cause (5-7:30)
- 5/8-No Cause, Mother’s Day
- 5/14-The Greatest Talent Show
- 5/15-Cause (5-7:30)
- 5/22-Cause (5-7:30)
- 5/29- No Cause, Memorial Day weekend

The Greatest Talent Show

Show us the talents that our God gave you. *Let it burn so bright!*

Saturday, May 14th

Sign-up on the youth bulletin board



LAN Party and Game Day

What is LAN, you ask?

A **LAN party** is a gathering of people with computers or compatible game consoles, where a local area network (LAN) connection is established between the devices using a router or switch, primarily for the purpose of playing multiplayer video games together.

Students from 6th through 12th grade are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

For those who would like to play games on different platforms/consoles such as Xbox or Wii, these will be available as well. Also, the traditional board game.

When: April 23rd, 11am- 8pm

Where: The United Church

Sign-up is on the youth bulletin board. Bring your game face, we look forward to seeing you there!



We are still looking for volunteers to provide dinner or help Robin in the kitchen Sunday nights for the Cause. Sign up is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

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