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July/August 2023

Rev. Dr. Wade Allen



- July 4 – Office closed for holiday
- July 9 – Kayak outing, 1 pm @ Woodville launch
- July 9 – VBS kickoff, 6:30 pm
- July 10-14 – Vacation Bible School, 9-12 am
- July 16-23 – Workcamp mission trip to Woonsocket, RI
- July 28 – Eadie Robbins Memorial Service, 11 am
- August 6 – Kayak outing, 1 pm @ Canadice East
- August 18-19 – Youth Retreat @ Onanda Park
- August 29 – Staff Retreat



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SPECIAL MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special Members are those in their 90s, and/or who are homebound, in nursing homes, or who need special care. Please join us in sending birthday greetings to these Special Members:



July 16: Helen Secrest, 91: Helen joined our church in 1985 with her late husband, Don, and they were both in the Choir. Helen loves her church family! She attends our worship services, a small group Bible study, the knitting group, and the Cheerful Service Circle. Helen grew up in Indiana on a farm and moved to the Canandaigua area in 1958. She has three children, including Dianne Beaumont who is also a member, and she has grandkids, 12 great-grandkids (6 live in Paraguay!), and 1 *great-great* granddaughter!

July 20: Jim Peck, 83: Jim joined our church in 2014 with his wife, Ann. They often brought their grandson, Jacob to church on Sundays and attended Sunday School classes. Jim suffered a stroke last year and currently resides at Ewing Continuing Care Center where he works with PT and keeps up on current world events. Jim and Ann were in the family crop and dairy farming business for many years in Newark. They have four sons and several grandkids and great-grands. Jim watches the Sunday Service online and enjoys waving back to us!

July 31: Larry Hood, 93: Larry joined the church in 2008 with his late wife, Marge, who he was married to for 69 years! Larry is a Marine Corps veteran; he was stationed in Washington, DC as part of the Presidential Guard during the Korean War. Larry worked at Kodak for 26 years as a design engineer. He has three daughters and three grandkids. Larry has a great bass voice and has enjoyed drawing and woodworking projects over the years.

August 16: Kathy Mills, 89: Kathy joined our church in 2012 and has been very active, attending worship services, Sunday School, Bible Study Small Group, Circle 7, knitting group and card making. She also helped keep the pews organized with all the information in the card holders. Kathy recently moved to Ewing CCC where she has her room decorated with dozens of photos of family and friends. She had 3 children, and has 4 grandkids, and 5 great-grands! Kathy worked at FLCC for 16 years. See a message from her below.

August 29: Sandy Cleason: Sandy joined the church in 1983 with her late husband, Jim; they were married 65 years! Sandy and Jim enjoyed raising their four kids, especially when they were vacationing on ski trips in Colorado and enjoying their house right on Canandaigua Lake. Sandy has a wonderful family of grandkids and great-grandkids. She enjoys her friends at Ferris Hills and likes to read and participate in events there. Sandy’s Christian faith is very strong and she keeps our church in her prayers.

**** For our SUMMER CARD MINISTRY to SPECIAL MEMBERS,**
please refer to the list in this Lamplighter. A stack of greeting cards is in the Welcome Center;
we invite you to take a few and send encouraging notes to our very Special Members!



A message from Special Member, **Kathy Mills** (who moved into Ewing Continuing Care Center):

Many thanks to all of you, my church family! It’s been so long since I’ve worshipped with you in the pews on Sundays and yet you haven’t forgotten me...the beautiful cards still come, the phone still rings, and visits are still occurring. Just knowing that you think of me and are praying for me is so encouraging – you have no idea. Thank you for your unbelievable support and know that I pray for you also.

HELPING OUR SENIORS: There are a few people from Horizon’s Sr. Living Center who would like to come worship with us on Sundays, but they don’t have means of transportation. Horizons is on Rte 21, just west of Route 20 and less than two miles from church.



Are YOU someone who could provide a ride on a Sunday? If so, we’d like to connect you with those seniors. Please call Virginia at the church office: (585) 394-0503 or email her at: virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org. THANKS!

(List of Special Member addresses inserted here)
Removed for online posting – contact the office if you need an address to send a card!

Treasurer's Financial Summary for May 2023

Description	Jan-May 2023 Actual	5 month Budget	
Income			
Total Giving	203,151.57	168,750.00	
Other Income	16,430.75	23,097.36	(budget includes transfer from surplus of \$15796.08)
Total Income	219,582.32	191,847.36	
Spending			
Education and Ministry	13,291.87	15,000.00	
Operating	38,035.56	25,645.83	
Personnel & Related	149,748.42	151,201.53	
Total Expenses	201,075.85	191,847.36	
Net Income Year to Date	18,506.47	0.00	

For the month of May, we spent \$9397.33 more than we took in but for the first five months of the year, we have taken in \$18506.47 more than we spent, so we have not yet needed to take any money out of reserves. We are still doing much better than anticipated.

Thank you for your faithful giving!
Nancy Lamberson
Treasurer

Online Giving

Our new church management program makes online giving very easy! Access it through our website, app, or scan this QR code. You can give one-time gifts, or set up recurring giving to happen on whatever schedule you choose.



REMEMBERING:

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Louis and Carolyn Verspoor**, who lost both Louis’ brother, **George**, and their granddaughter, **Rachel**, last month. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Yayoue Mathias and Marc Siméon**, who lost their twin sons, **Jaysen and Jayden**, following a pre-term delivery on May 25th. Marc’s brother, **Frantzdy Occil**, also passed away in Haiti on May 30th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of **Edith (Eadie) Robbins**, who passed away on May 26, at the age of 98. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Jan Gullace**, whose husband, **Ralph**, passed away on June 3rd. Please keep the Gullace family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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 Congregation Care Committee Chair: Sue Vadney, at (585) 739-8615

THE STEWARDS ASSISTANCE FUND supports families in our congregation who need some temporary financial help. These funds are supported through member donations and they are given to help purchase groceries, pay for medicine & medical bills, utilities, car repairs, and other essential household expenses. The recipients of these funds are very, very appreciative!!



If you, or someone you know in our church family needs assistance, please contact Virginia Holroyd at church or via email at: virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org. All requests remain completely confidential.

GREETERS of ALL AGES needed for the 9:30am SERVICES in JULY and AUGUST:

Greeters play an important role in extending hospitality in our church on Sundays. Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building, they hand out Bulletins, and they collect the offerings during the Offertory. This is a role where kids can help too!

The **Sign-up Sheets** are 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 the Steward of the Month, as shown on the signup sheets. *We really appreciate your service!*



“Revolution” and a Reunion ~ A movie review

By the time you are reading this, I will have just returned from the 50th reunion of my high school class in Nashville, Tennessee. It’s my first time to attend, so I am wondering how wide the floodgate of emotion and memories might open. But this spring, when I saw the movie “**Jesus Revolution**,” I got a preview of my own reaction to stepping back into 1973.

I grew up in the church – my family was there Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. I sang in the choir, joined the Youth Group, read the Sunday School lessons ahead of time and was baptized. But the Jesus people in my high school lived their faith at a different level.

The pages of their Bibles were all marked up. They knew Scripture. I saw that the Christian life for them was seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Those friends made a lasting impression on me. At an age when many young people would fall away, I was just discovering that there was much more to understand about following the Savior.

“Jesus Revolution” filled in for me the events that began in California’s hippie culture, grew through Calvary Chapel and others, and expanded in ripples that eventually reached Nashville. The movie shows people changing direction in a good way, and seeing my own story told 50 years on brought tears. And they were, I can tell you, tears of joy.

-Paul Johnson

Fellowship Events and Thank Yous

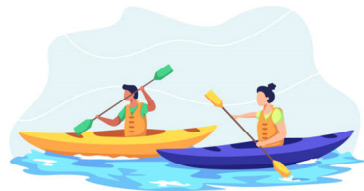
Stampin Up

The next Stampin’ Up class is scheduled for August 19th from 9:00 am – 12:00 in the Fellowship Room. If interested, contact Sharon Meyer to sign up by August 13th. Watch the bulletins for a preview of the cards!

Praising Paddlers!

Join us with your kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard.

- 7/9 @ 1pm Canandaigua Lake, West River, Woodville state boat launch
- 8/6 @ 1pm Canadice Lake east side launch
- 9/4 @ 1pm Canandaigua Lake, West River, Woodville state boat launch



A thank you from Bill Adams’ Family

To our wonderful church family. Thank you just doesn’t express everything that we want to say to all of you who have stood by us and supported us through these many years in caring for our dad. Your heartfelt love, prayers, hugs, and cards kept us going and truly brightened each day for dad. Every day he received at least one or two cards along with regular visits from those so special to him. Dad was especially pleased with all the congratulatory notes that came in when he was honored for being a member for over 80 years; he was overwhelmed and felt so special. Our thanks also to everyone who put so much time and effort into making our tribute to him so meaningful. Your kindness has meant so much to us.



With love and blessings to each of you, Sue, Sandi, and Cathy



A HUGE THANK YOU to our church families that helped us raise more than \$3,200 for Relay for Life!! Our team, "United Against Cancer", spent all day on Sat., June 3rd walking the track in celebration of survivors & in remembrance of all those who have passed from any type of cancer. On behalf of our team, thank you, again, for your generosity! Sue V. & Sandi D.

"The Lord Gave, the Lord has taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord."

As we mourn the loss, Yayoue and I have been comforted by the messages and kind words many of you have sent. We greatly appreciate the massive outpouring sympathy we have received. After the loss of our two boys. We appreciate all the flowers, all meals, cards and messages we have received. we do plan to send notes individually but we just wanted to let you know how all those gestures have warmed our hearts in this difficult time we went through. Without your prayers, your supports, your visits, your comfort words, Yayoue and I would not be able to hold this difficult time up.

The United church shows love and compassion to us that makes us really feel home. We are so happy to have the United Church as our new HOME and our New Refuge. May Love and compassion continue to reign among every one of us into the United Church. Thanks.

Sincerely yours, Marc and Yayoue!!!

Church Family,

We must tell you that the love and support shown to Levi in celebrating his graduation was nothing we could ever imagine! We have known from the first time we entered the church doors that you are a congregation that loves as God tells you to love. We have experienced that many times since we’ve become a part of you. None of our biological family was able to attend Levi’s Grad Party but because of you he felt loved, supported and encouraged!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
Wade, Christy and Levi



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Downstairs Dining Hall - Update

Our Downstairs Dining Hall & Restroom renovation is moving along nicely!

With all the work done so far, current estimated time for completion is by the end of July.

As many have heard, we discovered a few additional items that needed addressing after the North wall paneling was removed! In response, much work has been done in shoring up and sealing the North wall foundation. This will set us up for many more years of a functional and welcoming Dining Hall!

New windows are installed, new framing being put in place, and drywall paneling is being put up! The project is moving along quickly, so by the time you may read this, we will be even further along!

The downstairs restrooms continue their transformation! At the time of this writing, the tile work in the restrooms will start next week. We are excited for see the final product!

Thanks again for all the volunteers, staff coordination, and for your patience!

Progress Picture



North Wall Foundation & New Framing



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NOTES ON MINISTRY LIFE...

Reflections

As the program year ended, I reflect on how much I am thankful for. I'm thankful for the relationships that have developed over the past year. I'm thankful for all the learning I had as I entered ministry life, learning from our staff and from our congregation. I'm thankful for the flexible lifestyle that ministry life provides – much different than the inflexible manufacturing world I was so accustomed to! Ministry life is a blessed life – experiencing the highest of highs and the lowest of lows – with all of you. I look forward to learning about what the summer season has in store for my new pastoral lifestyle!

On the personal side of things, I was able to take some time off recently to focus on matters at home. Between spring clean-up, gardening, and family time, we kept ourselves quite busy!

Learnings

I recently had an opportunity to attend the annual conference at Northeastern Seminary. It was a great joy to visit the seminary after graduating in 2017. The theme was “rebuild”, and the main sessions included a presentation from the Barna Group and a panel of Gen Z leaders. I attended several workshops, and I found it interesting that the workshops I attended were also had the most attendees. The theme between the workshops I attended was interesting as well, as they all were surrounding conflict and how to biblically navigate conflict in a polarized society.

This summer, I have several books lined up for consumption! They are a mixture of books, mainly around the topics of prayer, church culture, and contemporary issues. I am also attending a few online classes – a mixture of Bible study and research on societal topics – to further my orientation into pastoral ministry.



Busy Summer

As we approach the month of July, we are in summer mode. In some ways, life is a bit more relaxed. We gather in one worship service, kids are out of school, many will travel to vacation destinations, and the weather allows plenty of outside time.

Yet July is anything but relaxed at The United Church. Vacation Bible School and Group Workcamp provide time for extended ministry with children and youth. In a world where many churches are dying, The United Church has maintained effective and robust programs for children and youth for several generations. I love this about our church. And I believe this is a primary reason our church has remained strong over the years.

May I implore you to pray this summer for these wonderful ministries? Pray that God will open the hearts of our young people to His love and care for them. As they encounter Bible stories and serve the world around them, pray that God will draw them to Himself.

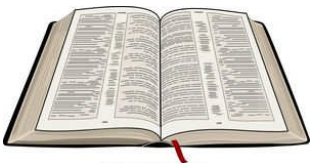
In worship, we continue to study the life of David. Here is a schedule for the next two months for you to keep up with where we are going in the series.

Wade

Summer Worship Schedule and Readings

We continue our series in the life of David. Let me encourage you to catch up if you miss a sermon. You can catch up at <https://bit.ly/uccdga-streams>.

- July 02 - Saul's Death (1 Samuel 31)
Additional Readings: Isaiah 65:13-16, Hebrews 4:14-16
 - July 09 - The Danger of Comfort (2 Samuel 2-5)
Additional Readings: Isaiah 55, Luke 5:27-32
 - July 16 - Wally Fleming Preaching
 - July 23 - Lauren Blanco Preaching
 - July 30 - David and the Ark (2 Samuel 6)
Additional Readings: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Psalm 100
 - August 06 - When God Says No (2 Samuel 7)
Additional Readings: Psalm 132:1-12, Luke 22:39-46
 - August 13 - Carried to the Table (2 Samuel 9)
Additional Readings: Matthew 25:31-46, Proverbs 31:8-9
 - August 20 - Secret Sins (2 Samuel 11)
Additional Readings: Psalm 32, Galatians 6:1-10
 - August 27 - Turning from Sin (2 Samuel 12)
Additional Readings: Psalm 51, Luke 18:9-14
- The QR code to the right will also take you to the streaming page



You can now listen to sermons (old and new!) as podcasts!

You can reach them through our website here: <http://uccdga.org/podcast>

Or wherever you usually listen (Spotify, Apple Podcasts, etc.) just search for the United Church of Canandaigua channel.

These podcasts are audio only of just the sermon portion of the service, perfect to listen to on your commute (most are 15-20 minutes long). We are still working on getting all of the older ones loaded, they go back to 2012!



Monday, July 24 and August 8, are our next **Drive Though Food Pantries** at the Highway Dept Barn in Canandaigua. The pantry is **open to all, 11am – 1pm** or until food is gone.

Volunteers are needed starting at 9:30 am to set up, unload the truck and package the food for families driving through. This free food distribution is especially helpful due to the reduction of SNAP benefits that began in March and the rising prices of groceries. Can you help?



NEW LOCATION: Highway Dept Barn, 5440 Rt 5 & 20, Canandaigua. Questions or to volunteer, please see Cathy Bush or Don Rensberger.

Called to Care, Canandaigua welcomes and appreciates the support it receives from the United Church! Several have helped Cathy Bush paint, clean and furnish our newest rental unit in preparation for receiving an extended family of seven from Guatemala. Several helped organize and attended our recent “International Gala” fundraiser which moved quickly from an outdoor venue to the beautiful new Hotel Canandaigua. Others are serving on committees and on Called to Care’s Board of Directors. And many have warmly embraced Marc and Yayoue and comforted them through difficult times. Overall the organization now has an “active” volunteer list of over fifty individuals representing churches and service organizations.



But we are currently focused on expanding the number of volunteers to serve on “good neighbor teams.” After receiving training through World Relief Western NY, these groups of six to ten caring individuals walk alongside a newly arrived family and help the family in resettlement as family members make a new life here in Canandaigua. The joy felt in this relationship building and support can last a lifetime.

The “core group” of Called to Care leaders served as a first “good neighbor team” and successfully resettled three families already. We are thrilled that two of our families have found sustainable employment and are now financially independent. But that does not mean that our relationship ends or that we do not continue to pray for them and for those left behind and struggling in Ukraine and in Haiti. Now as we look forward to several other families making their way to Canandaigua over the next years we realize the need for others to take on the joyful responsibilities of a “good neighbor team.” So the “ask” is out there in local churches and service groups for any who feel a “call to care” to get in touch with us and make connections with the two new “good neighbor teams” who are in training right now. Are YOU one who might answer that call? Please speak with Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard, or Linda Werts.

Our Missionaries

“We remain unsure of many things, but we also are grateful for the space and place where we are. And for connections that remind us we are not alone, and that God is still with us.” Alethia White

Whites: Ryan and Alethia with two children are stepping fully into the role of regional liaisons for Northern and Central Europe. The past year has been a time of learning and adjusting, while also transitioning from the primary role of offering pastoral support to the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin.

BGs: (Carlos and Mayra) are beginning a new five year term of service as regional consultants for discipleship in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. Previous five-year appointments in Chile, Spain Nicaragua, and Columbia have connected them with many partners. Using both in person and remote (think ZOOM) connections with existing partners the first year they will strengthen partner leadership and improve discipleship training materials.

Longs: Tim and Patti continue ministry from Mexico (south of San Diego, CA).
Smith-Mather: Shelvis and Nancy with their three children and living with South Sudanese refugees in Uganda and traveling to war zone in S. Sudan.

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SAVE THE DATE ~ Tuesday, September 12

Our American Baptist global servant, Tim Long, will be visiting our church on the evening of Sept 12 when we will share a meal and Tim will speak to us. Tim and Patti Long serve in Baja California, Mexico. Patti teaches special education at a Baptist grade school in Tijuana. Tim serves with the Baja Baptist Seminary of Mexicali and with International Ministries in the Dominican Republic as well as his role with Palmer Seminary. Please plan to join us to learn first-hand how God is working in our world.

ADULT ED MINISTRY

Reflections

During our final **Adult Ed Sunday School** hour, I (Mark Slomski) had the privilege to share my testimony. It was a joy to share the personal elements of my ordination paper during that time. I hope people feel that they know me better now, and I pray others were encouraged in their faith. Before I shared, we were blessed with worship with Mike O’Brien, and food prepared by multiple people, especially Wanda Munt.

Our **Youth Adult weekly connect** has also ended for the summer! Near the end of the program year we took a trip out to Watkins Glen to watch the races! Stephanie Wall is also finishing up a young adult Bible study with other young adult women.

The **Adult Ed Ministry Team**, along with the **Young Adult Ministry Team**, will not be meeting during the summer. Still, our team’s look ahead to Fall programming, including reading some curriculum together as part of that discernment process.



Upcoming Special Events

- SunUp Saturday, Men’s Breakfast – TBA**
- 2023-2024 Sunday School Start – September 10**
- Adult Ed Retreat – November 4**
- Young Adult Passion Conference – January 3 – 5**



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Reflections

Our **Cause youth group** program has ended for another program year! Our students learned a lot about God and one another through the year. We even were able to help out around the church! While normal programming has ended for the summer, our youth will continue to have periodic connects in fun and exciting ways. Please continue to pray for our students as they experience the summer season.

While our **Youth Ministry Team** does not have monthly meetings like they do during the program year, they will still be hands-on with our various activities, including VBS, workcamp, the youth retreat, and more!



Upcoming Events

Workcamp Trip – July 16 – 23

Summer Youth Retreat – August 18 – 19

2023-2024 Sunday School & Cause Start – September 10



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Welcoming the Stranger Among Us... It is said that the refugee crisis around the world today may be the crisis of our time. How do we as Christians understand the Biblical *mandate* of welcoming refugees coming to our shore? Baptist Churches of New York State is encouraging churches to prayerfully consider coming alongside an agency that is the initial sponsor of a refugee family and partnering with that agency in caring for a refugee family. After reviewing the information received from Rev. James Kelsey, Executive Director, your mission committee and the Official Board want to explore the interest in our congregation in moving forward on a path to partner with World Relief Western NY and to form a **"good neighbor team" of members of the United Church welcoming a refugee family.**

Welcome

The mission committee has individuals with experience and commitment in welcoming and resettling refugee families, through *Called to Care, Canandaigua*, who are already working with World Relief, Western NY, a Rochester area resettlement agency which offers training for "good neighbor teams." Additionally, the mission committee Estate Fund has more than enough funds to cover expenses, usually estimated at around \$10,000, for a family's rent, utilities, food etc. during their first 3-6 months until they find sustainable employment. We invite you to gather with us to consider becoming a welcoming church. Several informational meetings are planned. You need only attend one: Sunday, July 16th at 10:45am, Wednesday, July 19th at 7:00pm, Thursday, July 20th at 4:00pm or Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00pm.

Family Promise of Ontario County is a local organization that helps families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. United Church has 'adopted' one of their emergency shelter apartments meaning we clean and ready it for the next family when the current family 'graduates' and moves out.

Many of the large grants Family Promise received to help provide shelter and homelessness prevention have ended with the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency. They are still housing families in six shelter apartments and need help paying rent, utilities, insurance, and other operating expenses. Direct financial support is now their greatest need.

Family Promise's biggest fundraiser **The Amazing Bed Race** is coming up! While the United Church isn't fielding a team, you can show support by pledging to one of the existing teams... then show up at the Ontario County Fair on July 25 to cheer them on!

Finally, Family Promise has the following **short-term Volunteer Needs:**

- They need help staffing an information table(**filled**) and running family games at Lincoln Hill Farms' Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 9, between noon and 8:00 p.m. We are also looking for beautiful, desirable donated items for a silent auction at that event!
- They also need help staffing an information table at the Ontario County Fair from Tuesday, July 25 to Saturday, July 29.
- They need many volunteers to help on the evening of the Bed Race, July 25!
- Contact Jay, 585-953-1108, at Family Promise if you would like to help with any of these events!



Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week.

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

The Salvation Army wants to help Canandaigua kids this summer!

While their parents are at work, 12-14 year old children need to prepare lunch for younger siblings and themselves. Needed are easy to prepare lunches. See the picture at right for good ideas. Mark "S Army" on these gifts to our food cart or take items directly to the Salvation Army at 110 Saltonstall Street.

Thank you for your generous contributions!



CHILDREN’S AND FAMILY MINISTRY

What’s happening...

We continue to have our **nursery open all summer long**. Please consider **volunteering in the nursery**, as this gives parents of the youngest in our church family a time to truly **connect with God**.

Please keep our **campers** in prayer as they head to Christian camp this summer. We **pray their hearts will be open** to all God has for them while they are at camp.

LeTourneau Christian Center

Joy Cheney, June 26-30 (Treasure Hunters)* and July 10-14 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)
Jesse Cheney, June 26-30 (LEGO Builders) and Aug 14-17 (Wacky Water)*
Carter Slomski, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)
Billy Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*
Eva Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*
Adele Marshall, July 17-21 (Arts-n-Crafts)*, July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*, Aug 14-17 (Baking Champions)*
Liam Hildebrandt, July 24-28 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)
Jackson Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)
Juliana Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)
Aria Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)
Mason Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Wacky Water Week)

Beaver Camp

Elise Cunningham, July 2-7 (Gymnastics)
Adele Marshall, July 2-7 (Beavers)
Lily Munson, July 2-7 (Bears)
Paige Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)
Sophie Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)
Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)
Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)*

NTS Camp (at Houghton University)

Walter Marshall, July 9-13 (Theme: Discover where God is Working)

Attention crew leaders, crew helpers, station leaders, and station helpers. Please mark your calendar for **Stellar VBS training**. Choose **one** of the following *mandatory* trainings to attend:



Thursday, June 29 at 7pm
Wednesday, July 5 at 7pm
Thursday, July 6 at 10am

This year, the VBS children will be raising money that will be used to **provide Bibles** to use in discipleship ministries in **African nations, Latin America, and the Middle East**. These Bibles aren’t simply handed out—they’re used in Bible clubs, VBS programs, parenting classes, and Sunday schools. Kids and adults discover how **to read and apply the truth in God’s Word**. We are excited for this opportunity to **shine Jesus’ light** to families around the globe. A **\$12 donation** provides a language-appropriate Bible, plus connects recipients with discipleship opportunities that help them grow in faith.



CHILDREN’S AND FAMILY MINISTRY

What’s coming up....



On Sunday, August 6, the **Back to School Angel Tree** will be up and loaded with school supply tags for students in our community who need a boost getting ready for school. Please choose a tag and ***return the items with the tag attached to church by Sunday, August 20***. Supplies are needed by this date to give us time to sort and get to the families before Labor Day. Last year we were able to help 9 students! **Thank you for your generosity**. Questions? See Deb Marshall.
P.S. *If your children need school supply assistance, please contact Deb.*

Mark your calendars...

July 9 – VBS kick-off at 6:30pm

July 10-14 – VBS, 9am-12noon

August 26 – Community prayer walk or Service day (stay tuned!)

September 3 – one Sunday service, 9:30am

September 10 – Return to two services, 8:45am and 11:00am

SS kick -off breakfast for all ages in downstairs dining room at 9:45

Dedication of Christian Education during Sunday services

September 17 – Sunday school begins for all ages

Bibles given to children 11:00 Worship

The Cause begins (9th-12th grade)

September 23 – LOGOS training (for all Youth Club and Cause volunteers)

October 4 – Youth Club begins (2nd - 8th grade)

November 4 – Annual Adult Retreat

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