

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

July 16, 2023

PRELUDE: “*Andante*” by J. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Gathered to worship God, let us celebrate, with the Psalmist, declaring

Many: God’s word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path!

One: Together to praise God, we come to learn God’s laws,

Many: for we want to keep God’s decrees!

One: Eagerly we tune our hearts,

Many: because we know following God’s commandments is our joy.

All: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

***HYMN: #77 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** CCLI Song #43073, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER: Ever-loving God, you’ve offered us the gift of life, and shown us boundaries that mark safe and loving ways to act, speak and love. Thank you for this hour of worship. Help us grow in our understanding, so even when we’re tempted to launch out on our own, we’ll draw back to lives bordered by your decrees and statutes. Raise us up today and each day to praise you! We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 18: 31-50 (page 540) {A.B. page 614}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Shine His Light” (words on center of insert)

VBS Singers

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Brenda Cunningham

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 13:26-41 (page 1092) {A.B. page 1216}

Sermon

“Serving This Generation”

Pastor Wally Fleming

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #532 “Be Thou My Vision”** CCLI Song #2431387, ©1974 Hope Publishing Co., CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Melody in G*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #659 “A Charge to Keep I Have”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Trio Sonata No. 2, Mvt. I Vivace*” by J. S. Bach

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Nathan and Margaret (Wormer) Ripoli’s new daughter, Elinor Grace Ripoli, on June 27th. She joins older brothers, Isaac and Peter. Her grandparents are Tom and Melissa Wormer. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Cynthia Chittenden (Larry Hood’s daughter), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), David Sanford, Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

Cancer: 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), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccios)

Recovering: Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Deb Marshall, Kathy Mills, Mary Jane Laird, Cindy Davies, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Jan Gullace, Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army 2LT 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.***



Did you know that our church has a softball team?!

Week	Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Field
1	6/6/2023	Away	Cheshire Community	Jefferson Park
2	6/13/2023	Away	Farmington Church	Farmington Town Park
3	6/20/2023	Home	Calvary Chapel	Sonnenberg Park
4	6/27/2023	Away	Seneca Falls/Willowbrook	Jefferson Park
5	7/4/2023	BYE WEEK		
6	7/11/2023	Home	Good Shepherd	Sonnenberg Park
7	7/18/2023	Home	Cheshire Community	Jefferson Park
8	7/25/2023	Home	Farmington Church	Farmington Town Park
Playoff 1	8/1/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
Playoff 2	8/8/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
Champ	8/15/2023	TBD	TBD	Farmington Town Park

Come cheer them on! All games are at **6:30 pm on Tuesday nights**. Contact Ryan Gardner, Sue Vadney or Sandi DiCicco if you have any questions.

SILENT AUCTION 2024
SAVE THE DATE! We will be having another Silent Auction June 2-9, 2024. Start thinking about items you might donate such as crafts, antiques, gift cards, new toys, cottage rentals, boat rides, baked goods, etc. Watch the bulletins and Lamplighters for updates.

CARD MINISTRY:
This is the month that the Stewards sponsor the summer Card Ministry for our Special Members. You'll see stacks of greeting cards in the Welcome Center along with copies of the list of Special Members. We encourage you to take a few cards and mail them to Special Members with a note about your own summer activities or what's happening at church. It's such a bright spot in their day to receive mail from their church family! Thanks!

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.



Sign up to help in Summer Nursery!
We still need a few more people to help in the nursery this summer. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the nurseries. Each Sunday, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we need 2 people to help in the nursery.

All volunteers 18-years-old and older need to be background checked before helping.
This is a quick and easy process! If you'd like to begin volunteering in the nursery, please see our nursery coordinators, Jason and Melissa Long or contact the church office. Thank you!



Highlights for This Week!

- It's the LAST WEEK to purchase VBS digital download cards or CD's in the Welcome Center for \$7 each. If you picked up a CD or digital download card but haven't yet paid, please do so with cash or check as soon as possible. Thank you!
- Please keep our summer campers and teen/adult work campers in prayer this week! Summer campers are listed in the bulletin and the work camp team is headed to Woonsocket, RI today.
- There are a variety of ways we can help the victims of the recent flooding in Canandaigua. Please see the detailed information in your bulletin, which includes contact information for those who are coordinating these efforts.

ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY? If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

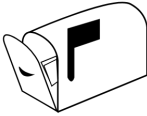
Nursery care is available during our Worship service. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. During the summer, Room 11 is used for nursery care. If your child is not potty trained, please **take a pager** in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long.

Children's Time ~ There is Children's Time today. After the children's sermon, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to the Fellowship Room for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

Fred Magley has moved YET AGAIN (this is a new new address).

His new address is:
% Ginny Stevens
PO Box 74
Aurora, OR 97002

The summer Lamplighter has his OLD address on the Special Member list, so please update it before sharing summer greetings! Thank you!



**NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE**

VBS music is here!
Would you like to keep listening to the great VBS music all summer long? Well, guess what?! You can!!! There are VBS digital download cards and VBS CD's for sale (\$7 each) in the Welcome Center. **This is the last week to purchase the VBS music.**



Summer Campers

Please pray for our summer campers! We have kids attending camp all summer long. We appreciate your prayers for them as they learn more about following Jesus through their experiences. Prayers for campers’ safety and good weather are also appreciated!

Beaver Camp

Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)
Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)*



LeTourneau Christian Center

Jesse Cheney, 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)

YOUTH MINISTRY

See below for upcoming special youth events:

Youth Retreat: August 18-19 (7-12 grade students)

Fall 2023 Program Year Begin: September 10

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



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 August sign up sheet is on the Office door.** If you have any questions, please ask any Steward or call the Office. Thanks so much for serving in this way on any Sunday that you're available.

Called to Care, Canandaigua is doing the work of "welcome" again. Last week a Good Neighbor Team and Sponsor met Marc's sister-in-law and son at the airport and served them a welcome meal. Mirlande and her 3 year old son, Manoe are staying with Marc and Yayoue until their apartment is available. Please greet them when you see them at church! It was a joyous family reunion for all!!!

Next week two of our Good Neighbor Teams will be welcoming and resettling an extended family of seven coming from Guatemala as World Relief refugees. Many volunteers have been helping to prepare and furnish their apartments and the Teams look forward to an airport welcome, community orientation and the many resettlement tasks to accomplish.

Today... Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard and Linda Werts invite you to learn more about the faithful and rewarding work of "welcoming the stranger." Please join us in the fellowship room following worship.

Exploring Refugee Resettlement in our Community

What can we at the United Church do to help care for those forced to leave their homeland?

Do you have a heart for the refugee?
Would you be willing to help resettle a refugee family in our community?
Are you called to be part of a Good Neighbor Team?
Come, find out what that means! Information only! No pressure! 😊

Several Good Neighbor Team informational sessions will be held this summer:

- (in the fellowship room)
- Sunday, July 16 10:45am after Worship
- Wednesday, July 19, 7pm
- Thursday, July 20, 4pm
- Tuesday, July 25, 7pm

- Come hear what church members have experienced resettling refugees through Called to Care Canandaigua. These are not training meetings but informational to let you know what is happening in local refugee resettlement AND to gauge if there is interest in our church forming a Good Neighbor Team.

- Explore ways we average folk at the United Church can help make a difference.

For more information, please see Linda Werts, Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard.

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was stranger and you invited me in.”
Matthew 25:35*

Help “Feed the Kids this Summer”

Requests for “easy-for-kids-to-prepare” meals come from moms and dads visiting the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. We are collecting nonperishable items in the welcome center for transport to the pantries.

Some kids that eat school lunches September to June are now home alone during the summer. While the parents are working they need to make lunch at home this summer.

The shopping cart in the Welcome Center will receive **easy to prepare PB and J, any Chef Boyardee meals, cereal, Mac and Cheese, and/or Ramen.** (Fresh fruit and veggies should be taken directly to the Salvation Army.)

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**Canandaigua Flood Recovery**

Sunday, July 9, some of our Canandaigua neighbors needed to be rescued from their home by boat. No one was injured.

Basements were filled with muddy water. Fifty-seven homes had the electricity and gas turned off due to basement flooding. Each home requires a certified inspection prior to service being restored. (Most have had electricity restored this week.)

News of the flood reached far beyond Ontario County. Remember our May Blanket Special Offering for Church World Service? This letter was received this past week including an offer to assist as needed!

“Dear United Church,  
We want to thank your congregation for its recent generous offering to support the Church World Service Tool and Blanket campaign. We hope you are faring well through the recent flooding in your area. **If we can do anything to assist, please let us know.** Thanks again for your generosity. Your faithful support is greatly appreciated.”

Local government agencies, The Partnership for Ontario County, Salvation Army, and a local congregation coordinated response efforts beginning Sunday afternoon.

Monday the Salvation Army began delivering meals. Muddy water was pumped from each basement. Volunteers this week have carried water logged appliances and other basement items to the curb for disposal. Washers and dryers, furnaces, water heaters, and more will all require replacement.

Emotional and personal physical recovery will continue in the weeks ahead.

See the “How you can help” announcement included in today’s bulletin for additional information.

**Together we make a big difference.  
Thank you for supporting Blanket Sunday.  
We are all connected**



**Shine His Light**

**Verse 1**

Let’s slide to the left Yeah yeah  
Let’s slide to the right Yeah yeah  
Show me your heart Yeah yeah  
Now let’s shine Jesus’ light Yeah yeah

**Chorus**

Shine his light  
Shine his light  
Shine his light  
For all the world to see  
Every single day is another chance  
Shine shine Jesus’ light  
Shine shine Jesus' light

**Verse 2**

Let’s jump to the left Yeah yeah  
Let’s jump to the right Yeah yeah  
Let’s do the airplane Yeah yeah  
Now let’s shine Jesus’ light Yeah yeah  
Let's go

**Bridge**

Every time you laugh every time you smile  
Every time you shout even when you’re quiet  
Every time you praise you can lift it high  
Shine the light of Jesus shine it bright  
**(REPEAT)**

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**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.

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