

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
August 27, 2023

PRELUDE: "Offertorium aus der ungarischen Krönungs-Messe" by Franz Liszt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: The characteristics of true repentance and true restoration

PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE: selections from David's Psalm 65

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

People: For God has dealt mercifully with us!

Leader: Even when we turned our backs on God,

People: God forgave us and restored us to life.

Leader: Rejoice in God's abundant love.

All: We will continually praise God who heals and loves us. AMEN.

*HYMN: #471 "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" CCLI Song #21332, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of hope, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live. 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 51 (page 562) {A.B. page 637}

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Going Up Home to Live in Green Pastures" (words in center of insert)

Paul Johnson (hammered dulcimer)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:9-14 (page 1038) {A.B. page 1151}

Sermon
"Turning From Sin"
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #445 "Just As I Am, without One Plea" (vs 1, 2, 3, 5)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Melodia

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #547 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

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DINING ROOM CELEBRATION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major" by J. S. Bach

Our prayers and sympathy are with Chuck Meyer, as he lost both his sister, Wendy Meyer, and his brother-in-law, Mike Kirkland, last week. Please keep the Meyer family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Dr. Allyson Haymes would like to ask for prayers for the friends and family of Dr. Tim O'Herron, her friend and colleague who passed away on August 18th.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Arlene Willett, Wally Wake (Kathie Meredith's sister), 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: Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

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.

** This Tuesday, August 29th, the church office will be closed for the day while all of the staff ** members enjoy a day-long retreat, planned by the Staff Relations Committee.



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 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.

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.



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.
- Do you enjoy spending time holding and playing with babies? Or do you enjoy playing with and reading to toddlers and preschoolers? Another need in the nursery is more volunteers! We plan to return to our “pre-COVID” model of one nursery during the 8:45am service and having an infant nursery AND a walker/preschool nursery during the 11:00am service. This means we need more of you to step up and help out caring for the youngest in our church family. If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Deb Marshall.



Bring your rubber gloves and elbow grease....



Kitchen Clean-It Day!

Saturday, September 9
9am-12 noon

After all the renovation dust has settled and before the start of our fall programs, the kitchen needs a good in-depth cleaning! Join a host of other cheerful workers as we wipe out the fridges, clean some dishes, and wipe down shelves, cabinets and carts. Many hands make light work! If you ever enjoy the benefits of the kitchen or use this well-stocked facility, please join us in this cleaning-frenzy!

Sign up on the sign on Deb's office door ~ or by calling the church office.

Thank YOU!!!!

Highlights for This Week!

- Today, after service, please join us for prayer in our **newly renovated downstairs dining room**. For those that are able and willing, a community prayer walk will follow.
- We will have our last summer service next Sunday, September 3 at 9:30am. After that, **on September 10, we resume 2 services at 8:45 and 11:00**.
- Now that renovations are finishing up, we need lots of help on the morning of Saturday, September 9 to **clean our downstairs kitchen** so that it is ready for fall programs. Please sign up on Deb's office door, or by calling the church office.
- Mark your calendars for our all ages **Sunday School kick off on September 10 at 9:45am** in our newly renovated downstairs dining room. We will announce some important fall dates, hear testimonies from our work campers, and enjoy a time of fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able!
- We need more **volunteers to help in our nursery**. You can choose how often you are able to serve. If you would enjoy playing with the youngest of our church family so that their parents can be filled and refreshed during a Sunday service, please let Deb Marshall know.
- **Attention parents of 3rd graders!** We will present all 3rd graders with their very own Bible on Sunday, September 17 during the 11am service. Please plan to join us for this special time of growth and celebration! A cake and punch reception will follow.
- **Weekly Corporate Prayer**, starting Sept 10th – 9:00am - 9:30am & 11:00am - 11:30am. Both in the Fellowship Room. Early service attendees can join the late session, and late service attendees can join the early session!

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!



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.

If you would like to help with relief efforts in Hawaii, following the devastating wildfires, you can give additional funds through American Baptist One Great Hour of Sharing.

Checks (payable to OGHS and designated to "Hawaii Wildfire") should be mailed directly to ABHMS' Office of Development, care of Kim Wilkins, 1075 First Avenue, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406. They should also include the name of the donor's church to ensure that it receives credit for the gift.

The World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA administers the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual OGHS offering received by churches.

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>

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

CORPORATE PRAYER

WEEKLY PRAYER – Starting Sept 10th.
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!

September 10, 2023

- return to 2 services at 8:45am and 11:00am
- **Sunday School kick off** for ALL ages in *newly renovated* downstairs dining room at 9:45am; please bring a dish to pass (fruit, muffins, hot casserole, quick breads, etc.)
- **The Cause** kick-off at 5pm

September 17, 2023

- **Sunday school begins** for all ages at 9:45am
- **Third graders** receive their own **Bible** at 11:00am service

September 24, 2023

- **Exploring Membership** class after the 11:00 service

New Dining Room Blessing and Prayer Walk

Join us TODAY after the 9:30 service as we head to the basement and pray together to bless the space for the many ministries that will take place there. After we pray as a large group, those who are willing and able are invited to break into small groups of 3-5 people and walk around our community to pray for Canandaigua. Each group will be given specific places to walk to and particular items to pray for at those locations. This walk will last approximately 30 minutes, so those who participate in the prayer of dedication and the walk will likely be back at church around 11:30 am.



Bible Presentation for our 3rd graders!

Sunday, September 17, 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.

Praising Paddlers!

Come join us with your kayak, canoe, or paddleboard at **1:00 pm on Labor Day, Sept 4th**, for our last outing! The group will be meeting at **Canandaigua Lake's West River Woodville state boat launch** and expects to be out for about 2 hours.



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!**



CALLED TO CARE
CANANDAIGUA
WELCOMING REFUGEES

Called to Care, Canandaigua has welcomed a new family of five from Haiti! The Sylla family of Yvesner and Miseline and their three children Asher (age 10), Paul (age 9) and Aaliyah (age 7) will be worshiping with us on Sundays. They are currently living in a "home stay" with their sponsors Doug Doebler and Judi Gorenflo, who are usually here in our pews as well. Please greet them all warmly as you have been already greeting their friends, Marc, Yayoue, Mirlande and her son, Manoe. A community Good Neighbor Team has already formed to walk alongside the Syllas and assist them with their resettlement tasks. On another note...a newly forming community Good Neighbor Team will be meeting in mid September as co-sponsor with World Relief Western NY. Please speak with me if you have interest in joining this group in rewarding work of "welcome." I found this message recently..."An open door is a welcome that turns a stranger into a friend." Won't you join us as we live into our Biblical calling to welcome the stranger among us?

Linda Werts

Do you feel "Called to Care?" Our community organization will be welcoming a **new Ukrainian family of 3 in September.** We are looking for donations of items found on the list in the link (or QR code) below in order to prepare the family's apartment for their arrival. <https://tinyurl.com/52kwxukc>

If you are able to donate, please put your first and last names as well as an email address in the form next to the item you've "claimed." Once the apartment is cleaned, you will be contacted about drop off dates/times for small household items and pick up dates/times for furniture. Furniture items should be pet hair and smoke free, please.



Speaking of furniture pick up, we're also in need of volunteer muscle and trucks to help collect and move in the furniture items. Scroll to the bottom of the donation form to indicate your willingness to join the moving crew.

United Church Good Neighbor Team

The past couple months, we explored forming a United Church Good Neighbor Team to partner with World Relief Western New York to welcome and support a refugee family here in Canandaigua. Several interest/informational meetings were held here at our church and we had some good conversations about sharing the work of refugee resettlement.

At this time we don't believe we have a solid number needed to form a UC GNT. Perhaps this can be revisited in the future should the Lord lead.

So many from our congregation have helped with donations, moving and serving with Called to Care Canandaigua in significant ways. We are grateful for God's provision.

Thank you!!!! Cathy, Linda and the Mission Committee

Going to Live in Green Pastures by H W Vanhoose

Chorus

Going up home to live in green pastures
Where we shall live and die never more
Even the Lord will be in that number
When we shall reach that heavenly shore

Verse 1

Troubles and trials often beset us
Causing the weary body to stray
But we shall walk beside the still water
With the good Shepherd leading the way

Verse 2

Those who have strayed were sought by the Master
He who once gave His life for the sheep
Out on the mountain still He is searching
Bringing them in forever to keep

Verse 3

We would not heed the voice of a stranger
For He would lead us into despair
Following on with Jesus the Savior
We shall all reach that country so fair

CCLI song #468627

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>



Rev. Tim Long

September 12 the United Church will host Rev. Tim Long, a missionary the United Church has supported for more than a decade will be in Canandaigua. Patti and Tim Long's chosen Scripture: "Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and servant of all.' in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.'" Mark 9: 35-37



Patti is a resource specialist in a school serving children with special needs.

Didaqué school becomes their safe haven. the special education program, which requires ongoing collaboration among special education teachers, faculty, and parents.



Tim serves in leadership development with the Baja Baptist Seminary of Mexicali. The seminary teaches present and future church leaders in Baja California and in the Dominican Republic. He also serves as on-site coordinator and professor in Palmer Seminary's online Master of Theological Studies program in Latino/America and the Caribbean.

Enjoy fellowship and a meal with Tim Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00.

Hear of Tim's experiences with congregations "south of the border" engaging with insecurities and refugees.

