

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

October 1, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

## OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “He Is Lord” (Hymn #97)

Focus of the day: David challenges us to live in faithful relationship with God, as God is faithful.

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed.

**People: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.**

Leader: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

**People: Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.**

Leader: God’s transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

**People: Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow. AMEN**

**\*HYMN: #60 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER: Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don’t recognize it. This day we have gathered in Your Name. Make us ready to become stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray as we sing...(singing the Lord's Prayer)**

**\*HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 78:1-8 (page 579) {A.B. page 653}**

**ANTHEM: (11:00) "Change My Heart and Lord, Be Glorified”, arr. Wilson**

**The United Church Choir**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 2:1-10 (page 1178) {A.B. page 1330}**

**Sermon**

**“The End of an Era”**

**Pastor Wade Allen**

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN: #522 “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (vs 1 & 4 only)**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

## COMMUNION

**\*HYMN: #534 “Draw Me Nearer” (vs 1 & 2 only)**

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR LOGOS VOLUNTEERS**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***Our prayers and sympathy are with Larry Hood, whose daughter, Cynthia Chittenden, passed away on September 22nd. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.***

***Congratulations to Ryan Gardner, who married Becky Gravenstede in a small ceremony in Bergen, NY on September 30th. The couple is living in Irondequoit, NY. Please keep the family in your prayers during this joyful time.***

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Diane Molenaar (Kathy Mills’ sister), Carolyn Verspoor, Hiram Bailey, 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), Denice Tautges (Hiram Bailey’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

**Cancer:** Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccios), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sara 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:** Sara Henderson, Steve Smythe, Arlene Willett, 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), 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 October 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.

If you'd like to send Anniversary greetings to **David and Arlene Willett (married 64 years, as of October 3rd!)** you can send cards to them at either of these addresses:



Mrs. Arlene Willett  
C/o Quail Summit  
Apartment 257  
5102 Parrish St. Ext  
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Mr. David Willett  
P.O. Box 362  
Canandaigua, NY 14424

**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](mailto:virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org)

**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 and 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!**

***Highlights for This Week!***

- Today we are receiving our annual **World Mission Offering**. This collection is split 50/50 between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and American Baptist International Ministries global servants. You can find the envelopes in your pews, your Oct Lamplighter, or simply designate your gift for World Mission Offering.
- **Youth Club begins this Wednesday, October 4!** Parents, you're invited to come around **5:30pm** and grab a bite of **pizza** before we all **meet** in the sanctuary at **6pm**. Don't forget to **RSVP for pizza** by tomorrow, **Mon., October 2**.
- **GAME NIGHT** - This **Friday, October 6** - Middle school and high school students. Join us for food, fellowship and games, from **6PM-9PM**, at the church. Please register online so we know to expect you!
- **Workcamp / Camp Barnabas interest meeting**- next **Sunday, October 8** (after 11am service) - Come for lunch and learn more about these wonderful opportunities! Please register online for this event.
- Everyone is invited on **Saturday, October 14** to Paul and Beth Johnson's house from **2-4:30pm** for fall fun! Please bring a **fall dessert to pass** and **lawn chairs**. We also need **donations** - please read the full announcement for more details.
- We need a **nursery coordinator**. This person schedules nursery volunteers and helps to keep the nursery clean and stocked. Please see **Deb Marshall** if you're interested.

**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 10.

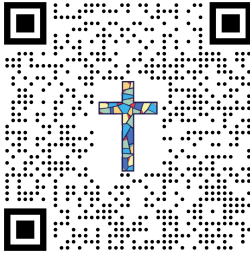
**9:45 Sunday school Nursery** ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. Claire Sheppard and Marcea Stave are our well-loved caretakers during this hour.

**11:00 Service Nurseries** ~ Both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

**Children's Time** ~ There is no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the yellow sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family!

EVENT REGISTRATION

Is there a United Church event you are planning to attend that requires registration? Use this QR code to access the event registration landing page!



**GAME NIGHT** – Chess, Checkers, and More! Middle School and High School students  
Friday, October 6, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, at the church (food provided)  
**Special Guest:** National Chess Master Matt Slomski  
Please register online, using the QR code above or the church website!

**WORKCAMP / CAMP BARNABAS INTEREST MEETING**  
**Sunday, October 8 (after 11am service)** - Come and learn about these service opportunities!  
Please register online, using the QR code above or the church website!

**ADULT EDUCATION RETREAT - NOVEMBER 4**  
**Saturday, November 4** - LeTourneau Christian Center  
**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum (President & Dean Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary).  
Please register online, using the QR code above, the church website, the hallway sign-up sheet, or call Mark Slomski!

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 the Month.

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

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

**October 1**– Theology of Sex (8 week course)

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** - **Dedicate LOGOS volunteers** (for Youth Club and Cause; at both services)

**Oct 8, 2023** - **Mission Trip/Work Camp** interest meeting after 11am service

**Oct 29, 2023** - **Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship kick-off breakfast** at 9:45am.  
~ Please bring a dish to pass if you’re able~

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**

**Parents of Youth Club students** ~ Please plan to join us at about 5:30pm on the first day of Youth Club (Oct. 4) for a pizza dinner and our YC opening in the sanctuary at 6pm! 😊 Our time should conclude at 6:30pm. We are all looking forward to a great year of Youth Club!

## Live Nativity – Church Wide Mission Opportunity

For several years the First United Methodist Church has been providing the community with a Live Nativity in December. They have found that they are no longer able to undertake this project by themselves and are asking other churches to assist. **This is a great opportunity for our church to be part of this community outreach event and all ages are encouraged to participate!** This year, the Live Nativity will be Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17, 6-8 pm but there are volunteer needs at other times as well! Below is a list of volunteer opportunities. **Please call (937-602-1215) or email (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) Sonya Brooks by Oct. 8 if you are interested or have any questions.**





- Casting Call – Be part of the Live Nativity! You can wear winter clothes under your costume if it is cold and/or grab a bowl of hot soup!
- Manage costume distribution – Before event organize and label costumes.
- Animals – Persons who can bring and manage small animals each night (sheep, goats, miniature horses etc.)
- Set Up – The sets are stored locally but need to be moved to their church parking lot, set in place and secured. You would be helping others experienced with the process.
- Accessorize – the first morning of the event the props need to be put in place.
- Costume collection – after the event (the next few days) costumes need to be inventoried, cleaned, and repaired as needed and returned to storage.
- Tear down – the set needs to be returned to storage (typically Sunday afternoon).




***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.



**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 Rochester 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 them in a marked envelope in the collection plate **by Sunday, October 8.**



**Thank you for your support of these families in need!**





**TODAY** we will be receiving our annual **World Mission Offering**. This special offering provides us, as members of the body of Christ, several ways to engage in God's mission around the world. 50% of what is given will be used by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which enables

immediate response to National and International disasters. 50% will go towards supporting American Baptist International Ministries global servants, missionaries serving around the globe.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we can make a difference in our world by our gifts. Envelopes are in the pews and the October Lamplighter. You can also simply mark your gift for the World Mission Offering or give electronically to the World Mission Offering on the church's website.

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***Called to Care, Canandaigua*** will host its final general information meeting for the year on Monday, October 16th from 4-6pm at St. Mary's Church. Please join us for refreshments Sarah Gross

, a thanksgiving to our volunteers for the support they have given to our families throughout the year, and a time to join in advocacy initiatives. All are welcome.



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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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**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!

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**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](mailto:centermanager@carenetcan.org)

### **LOGOS Volunteers Dedicated**

Wade Allen  
Martha Ashley  
Ed Blance  
Jeannie Blance  
Becky Boseck  
Sonya Brooks  
Nancy Burt-Preece  
Lydia Busch  
Cathy Bush  
Rich Bush  
Linda Daggs  
Joan Danaher  
Kathy Eagan  
Sharon Erb  
Bev Fehrenbach  
Megan French  
Connie Frye  
Bruce Gardner  
Joyce Laursen  
Jen Manning  
Deb Marshall  
Ryan Marshall  
Walter Marshall  
Ray McMillen  
Sandi Munson  
Grace Payne  
Gary Preece  
Vickie Salato  
Claire Sheppard  
Robin Sheppard  
Lauren Slomski  
Mark Slomski  
Julie Sperano  
Margie Wall  
Linda Wells  
Mary Wiser  
Dale Zajac  
Julie Zajac