

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
July 6, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: We are challenged to follow Christ’s example so that our good deeds might cause others to glorify God.

INTROIT: “Open Our Eyes, Lord” (Hymn #536)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this gathering where we celebrate the gift of companionship

Congregation: Together, we embrace the beauty of unity

Leader: Let us honor the divine gift of partnership, reflecting love and respect in all we do.

Congregation: With grateful hearts, we join in worship, cherishing the bond of companionship.

Leader: So let our spirits intertwine in reverence as we lift up this sacred bond.

All: Amen.

***HYMN: #559 “Make Room Within My Heart, O God”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Dear God, as we gather in your presence, we reflect on the sacred bond of companionship. May our worship today deepen our appreciation for the divine gift of partnership, drawing us closer to one another and to you. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

*** HYMN: #632 “The Lord’s Prayer”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 1:8-17 (page 873) {A.B. page 954}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Counting My Blessings” (words on insert)

Nancy Burt-Preece, Joy Cheney, Stephanie Cheney

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 119:33-40 (page 608) {A.B. page 682}

Sermon

“Different by Design, Faithful in Practice”

(1 Peter 2:11-25)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #584 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”** CCLI Song #28225, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN: #563 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Karen Sanford, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer’s brother), Luca Masi (Verspoor’s g-grandson), Lou Verspoor, Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt’s daughter), Arlene Willett, Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Jennie (friend of Nancy Bowllan), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Deanna Stocker and Everest Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Stephen Cole, Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn’s daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Kathy Cool (Daughter in law of Ann and James Peck), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell’s brother), Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh’s brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce’s brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh’s sister), Rich Crowley (Steve and Beth Smythe’s friend), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner’s friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber’s brother)

Comfort and Peace: Harriet Morgan (Megan French’s grandma)

Military Service: Nicholas DelVillano (Frye’s son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany and deploying to Qatar this summer, JJ Callard (USN), US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Boseck's husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

Missionaries: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple).

Highlights for This Week!

- 🍦 **Ice Cream Social for Care Ministry Teams. Tuesday, July 29 • 6:30–8:00 p.m.** All members of the Transportation, Hospitality, Meal Train, Support Teams, and Care Ministers are invited! Come enjoy a relaxed evening of fellowship, meet your team coordinators, and connect with others serving in Helping Hands Ministry.
- **Senior Companions Summer Card Ministry** ~ Help us share love with our Senior Companions (those 90 and above or needing extra support)! Stop by the card station, (located in what was once Mark’s office), to pick up a card/s, and a list of addresses! Sending a handwritten card is a simple way to help our senior companions feel connected, cared for, and remembered by their church family.
- There are still a few **Camp Notes** available on the shelf in the **Ministry Outreach Center** (Mark’s old office). Our creative card makers have made special cards for kids going to camp. These cards are addressed and stamped, and contain info about the camper as well as a date to mail the note so it arrives on time. If you’d like to **send a note to a camper, please grab a card today.**
- “Pop-up” playdates - **Mondays in July** (July 7, 14, 21, 28) at **Baker Park** off Buffalo Rd, **9:30-11:30am**. All moms, grandmas, caregivers and their children are invited! Feel free to invite a friend. Come when you can; bring a lunch and stay longer if you choose.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for July: Sharyn Canham.** Please contact Sharyn if you need help signing up. We’ve opened up the sign-ups for the entire summer!
- **VBS prayer cards** are available in the Ministry Outreach Center (Mark’s old office). Please grab a stack, take them home, and join us in prayer for our True North VBS, July 14-18. Thank you!
- Items/Supplies needed for VBS:
To borrow ~ a large flashlight ~ child -sized camp chairs
 ~ UV black light ~ 2 wide mouthed glass vases
- Please let Deb Marshall know if you have an item that we need to borrow.
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- We have created an Amazon wishlist for some of our needed VBS supplies. Check it out here: <https://a.co/iJlxUDh> (or scan the code to the right) if you’d like to purchase needed supplies. We also have some VBS supply tags available in the welcome center for other needed supplies. All supplies are due by July 1. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Marshall. Thank you!



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 pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

Nursery care is offered during summer services in room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery).

Children’s Time ~There is no **Children’s Time** today. Kids are invited to grab a worship aide (bag or binder) at any time during the service. They are found at the Main entrance.

Parking reminders for summer: only **2 cars** may park between the Main Street driveways, otherwise the shuttle bus cannot make it through. Also, if you are able-bodied, consider parking in one of the further lots or the courthouse and saving the closer spots for our friends that need them. Thank you!

Youth Room Ceiling Tiles - After many years of enjoyment, our painted ceiling tiles in the upstairs youth room are beginning to deteriorate. We are making plans to replace them with brand-new tiles. If you (or your child) has a ceiling tile that they painted in previous years that you would like to take home, please let Pastor Mark know (we will save it for you for your keeping). Future painting projects will be conducted on framed canvas that will be hung on the walls of the youth room. These paintings will be given back to the high school students upon graduation, which will make room for art produced by future students. The hand prints are here to stay, and will be added to by our seniors each year.

Summer Event Registrations - (register online)

Adult Retreat - August 16, 9:30am-11:30 - Come and engage in discussion about Sabbath rest as the people of God!

Youth Retreat - August 16, 9am-9pm - 6-12 grade students invited for fun, fellowship, and faith discussions!

Red Wings Game - August 23, 6:30pm - 9:30pm - The United Church Youth Choir will be singing the National Anthem at this game at 6:45, so be sure to arrive, park and be in your seats before 6:30.



Counting My Blessings by Jonathan Conrad Gamble, Jordan Sapp, Seph Schlueter

Verse 1

It's like it was yesterday
I was praying for a miracle
Scared to have a little hope
And now looking back today
Seeing all the things you've done
I can't even add them up

Pre-Chorus

One two three
Up to infinity
I'd run out of numbers
Before I could thank you for everything

Chorus

God I'm still counting my blessings
All that you've done in my life
The more that I look in the details
The more of your goodness I'll find
Father on this side of heaven
I know that I'll run out of time
But I will keep counting my blessings
Knowing I can't count that high

Verse 2

And I know that seasons
Never last forever
So God I will remember
All of the reasons
My heart has to be grateful
All the times you've been faithful to me

Tag 1

Oh I can't count that high
High

Tag 2

I will keep counting my blessings
Knowing I can't count that high

Summer Campers

Below find a list of our summer campers. Some are going to camp this week. Each child attending camp gets a campership for ONE week of camp. Some children/families choose to attend other weeks as well. Please **pray** that the **campers** below **grow in their faith** during a safe and fun week at camp!

LeTourneau Campers

- Rowan Buono: Wilderness Survivors Camp (July 7-11)
- Joy Cheney: Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wild, Wild West Camp (overnight, July 21-25)
- Wyatt Posson: Mad Science (July 7-11), Wacky Water (July 28-Aug 1)
- Olivia Gruschow: Top Chef Camp (July 14-18)
- Wes Gruschow: Battlezone Camp (July 14-18)
- Dorothy Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)
- Violet Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)
- Jed Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)
- Jules Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)
- Jackson Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)
- Jesse Cheney: Wacky Water (July 28-Aug 1), Adventure Quest (Aug 11-15)
- Billy Clark: Kingdom Conquest (July 28-Aug 1), Frontier Fun (Aug 4-8), Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)
- Eva Clark: Frontier Fun Camp (Aug 4-8), Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)
- Sydney Cloutier: Wave Riders Camp (Aug 4-8)
- Aria Hildebrant: Wave Riders Camp (Aug 4-8)
- Kailynn Stewart: Wave Riders Camp (overnight, Aug 4-8)
- Asher Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)
- Elizabeth Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)
- Levi Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)
- Graham Beyrle: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)
- Carter Slomski: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)



Beaver Camp Campers

- Adele Marshall (July 6-11)
- Eva Clark (July 20-25)
- Elise Cunningham (July 20-25)
- Liam Hildebrant (Aug 3-8)
- Mason Hildebrant (Aug 3-8)
- Lily Munson (Aug 3-8)
- Paige Munson (Aug 3-8)
- Sophie Munson (Aug 3-8)
- Amelia Cunningham (Aug 10-15)
- Izzi Sheppard (Aug 10-15)
- Anna Zajac (Aug 10-15)



Miracle Mountain Ranch Campers

- Hannah Aldrich (July 6-11)
- Paige Munson (July 6-11)
- Sophie Munson (July 6-11)

MISSIONS



The Habitat for Humanity “Framing Frenzy”

community initiative is moving forward well! The United Church and Zion Fellowship are coordinating with the Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity for this one day...Saturday, August 23rd...event to hammer and nail the walls together for a new Habitat home to be located in Canandaigua this

fall. 75 construction volunteers, 16 years of age and older, will be needed. We will also need 10-15 volunteers to help with other on-site tasks. This is a worthy opportunity to join with others from the community and bring hope to one family through home ownership. If this calls to you, please sign up on the office door today, speak with Linda Werts or Ken Allen.



Yes! Grocery donations are still needed! Look for the collections cart in the Mission Room (formerly known as Mark’s office)! Donations are alternately taken to the CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) food pantry and the Salvation Army food pantry. **CCIA is in need of cereal, pasta, sauce, canned veggies and fruit.** Thank you! Questions? Please see Ken Allen, Mary Lou Havens or Cathy Bush.

