

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

June 25, 2023

PRELUDE: “*Cantabile in C*” by J. H. Knecht

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: Even though David is in a dark place, God does not abandon him.

PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE: selected verses from David’s Psalm 8

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!

People: We are grateful and thankful for all God’s blessings in our lives.

Leader: We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

People: We humbly praise God for such a gift!

Leader: Come and worship the God of love and hope.

People: Praise be to God at all times and in all places! AMEN.

***HYMN: #799 “God Himself Is with Us”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Holy God, who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. 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 18:1-19 (page 539) {A.B. page 613}

SPECIAL MUSIC: ““The God of Abraham Praise” (#66 in the hymnal)

piano duet (Kateri Andress and June Pettit)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Brenda Cunningham

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 4 (page 533) {A.B. page 606}

Sermon

“David’s Dark Days”

Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #365 “Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide” (vs 1, 3, 4)**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Fantasia*” by Johann Krebs

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #619 “God Will Take Care of You”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Festival Toccata*” by Percy Fletcher

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, Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin) deployed to Somalia, 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: Pray for American Baptist missionaries June 22-25 biennial in Puerto Rico. The BGs and the Longs are participating. 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.

DINING HALL RENOVATION

Ceiling Tile Fundraiser

Our Downstairs Dining Hall & Restroom renovation is moving along nicely! With all the work done so far, the 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!

The North wall needs have produced unexpected costs to the project. In light of those costs, we would like to provide an opportunity for the congregation to participate financially in this project. The Trustees are coordinating a fundraising project by **selling ceiling tiles for \$50/each**. For fun, donors can write their names on the back of the tiles.

After service you will find Connie Frye, along with some ceiling tiles, ready for your donations (look for signs in the Welcome Center)!

Thank you for considering contributing in this way!



Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- **CEILING TILE FUNDRAISER** - Purchase a ceiling tile in the Welcome Center after service to support the Downstairs Dining Hall Renovation!
- **VBS digital download cards and CD’s** are for sale in the Welcome Center for **\$7 each**. If you picked up a digital download card last week, and haven’t yet paid, please do so with cash or check as soon as possible. Thank you!
- Thank you to everyone who took a note off of the camp tree. Some of our campers **begin their week of camp tomorrow**, so if you took a note, please make sure you check and see when your note needs to be sent.
- We will be **setting up VBS scenery** all over the church on **July 5** from **10am-2pm** and **July 6** from **5pm-8pm**. Please come to either day and stay for however long you are able.
- We are still in **need** of some **VBS supplies**. Check the **bulletin board** in the **Welcome Center** to help out.

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!

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! ~ Please sign up 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!

Summer Campers

Please pray for our summer campers! Some of them are off to camp tomorrow, and 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

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)*

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)

Jackson Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)

Juliana Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)

Mason Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Wacky Water Week)

Aria Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)

NTS Camp (at Houghton University)

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

Help us prepare for STELLAR Vacation Bible School and Shine Jesus' Light!!!!

At our church, VBS is an all-church, all-in, ministry! People of every age help to prepare, to serve, to make this impactful week possible. God surely uses this week to deepen the faith of children, families and even those who work!!



Help needed to set up VBS scenery! We will be setting up scenery all over the church on **July 5 from 10am-2pm and July 6 from 5pm-8pm.** Please come to either day and stay for 30 minutes, the whole time, or however long works for you. If you know you can come, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on Deb's door. Or you can just show up!! Contact Sandi Munson or Cathy Bush with any questions.

Do you have any of these things we could *borrow* for VBS?

- Black light
- Fog machine
- handheld mirrors (need 11)
- Large solid black blanket/sheet/tablecloth/material (at least twin bed size)
- Night sky/galaxy projectors (need several)



Please bring items in as soon as possible! We are happy to return your items after VBS (label with name!)

Want to donate other items needed for VBS?

See the board in the Welcome Center covered with colorful tags! Sign out one or more tags, gather the items, and return by the dates on the tags. Thank you! Contact Jule Zajac with questions on donations!



VBS music is here!

Would you like to hear the great VBS music *before* the week of VBS? Well, guess what?! You can!!! There are VBS digital download cards and VBS CD's for sale in the Welcome Center. Grab yours today and start learning the VBS music.

VBS prayer cards available!

We would love for YOU to pray for our upcoming VBS. There are prayer cards available for this purpose in the Welcome Center. Please take a set of prayer cards home today. We appreciate you joining us in asking God to bless our VBS in ways that exceed all we can ask or imagine!

YOUTH MINISTRY

FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

Our last workcamp fundraiser has been completed! Thank you all for your time, efforts, and donations towards our upcoming trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare our heads, hearts, and hands to do God’s work in Woonsocket, Rhode Island (July 16-23)

See below for upcoming special youth events:

Workcamp: July 16-23

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 July 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.

Fred Magley has moved again. His new address is:

The Springs of Wilsonville
7600 SW Vlahos Dr. #411
Wilsonville, OR 97070

The summer Lamplighter that was **just** mailed this week has his OLD address on the Special Member list, so please update it before sharing summer greetings! 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.

Drive Thru Food Pantry ~ Open to all

Monday, June 26, 11am- 1pm (or until food is gone)

Town of Cdga Highway Barn, 5440 Rt 5 & 20, Canandaigua



“Stay on your side of the bed”



Children traveling with families on vacation may need to share a bed. Remaining on one half of the bed is a challenge when “Stay on your side of the bed” is the expectation. At home each has his/her own bed. Parents lovingly provide wisdom for the family vacation experiences to continue. Leadership is required.

Christ’s call is to be aware of shared spaces, personal needs and the needs of others. Pastors and Christian leaders minister with the 2,000,000 refugees from South Sudan in neighboring African countries. Christianity is the major religion in South Sudan.

Pray for **Rev. Shelvis and Rev. Nancy Smith-Mather** and their three children, our missionary family, as they minister in a South Sudanese refugee camp located in Uganda. The Shelvis and Nancy have lived in South Sudan and wait with the refugees for an opportunity to return home. 900,00 refugees are waiting to leave Uganda and “return to their side of the bed”.

“Here come the campers”

Final preparation for the camper arrival occurs this week. Pray for Natalie Cunningham, Grace Payne, and Jen Petracchi, our United Church family members, as each prepares this week for camp staff assignments. Christian camp’s goal is “THAT ALL MIGHT COME TO KNOW, LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR”.

Exploring Refugee Resettlement in our Community

Notes and Doodles:

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!

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

(in the fellowship room)

- Sunday, July 16 10:45am after 9:30 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.

- 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.

*“Do not mistreat a stranger or oppress him,
for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”*

Exodus 22:21