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June 2023

Rev. Dr. Wade Allen



- June 4 – Church Family Picnic at Baker Park, after service
- June 5 – Trustees, 7 pm
- June 6 – Stewards, 7 pm
- June 8 – Called to Care Fundraiser at Central on Main
- June 11 – Graduates’ Sunday
- June 17 – Youth Chicken BBQ fundraiser
- June 19 – Official Board, 7 pm



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SPECIAL MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special Members are those in their 90s, and/or who are homebound, in nursing homes, or who need special care. *Please call Carolyn or Virginia at the church office if you need the addresses for our Special Members –*
** A list of our Special Members will be coming in the summer Newsletter.



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Birthday:

June 19: Arlene Willett: Arlene joined the church in 1967 and spent many years assisting Rev. Fred Magley with various projects in the church. She is especially known for designing and making the large banners which hang in our Sanctuary on holidays, Communion Sundays, and special occasions. She was also very involved with the youth, gardening, and other church programs. Her amazing creative ability has no limits, and at Quail Summit she still enjoys many craft projects. *Happy Birthday Arlene!*

Wedding Anniversary:

Jim Peck (Special Member) and Ann are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 17th. A very big *congratulations Jim and Ann!*

REMEMBERING:

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Steve Simpson**, whose brother, **Peter**, passed away recently in Florida. Please keep the Simpson family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Louise Van Iseghem**, whose mother, **Phyllis Curtis**, passed away on April 17th. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Ken and Regina Allen** for the loss of their sister-in-law, **Mary Elizabeth Mandigo**, who passed away on May 2nd. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Stephen Cole**, whose mother, **Carol**, passed away on May 2nd. Please keep the Cole-Massey family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Karen Gardner**, whose uncle, **John Gerhard**, passed away recently. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

MEMBER CARE: If you are aware of anyone in our church family who is ill, having surgery, who had a death in the family, is having troubles in some way? Are you missing your neighbor who sits in the pew next to yours? Or do you know someone who has a happy occasion to celebrate, please let us know!! The Staff works with the ***Outreach and Congregation Care Committee*** to connect with members of our church family who need encouragement and recognition. ***We care about you!*** Call the church office or Congregation Care Committee Chair: Sue Vadney, at (585) 739-8615

THE STEWARDS ASSISTANCE FUND supports families in our congregation who need some temporary financial help. These funds help purchase groceries, pay for medicine & medical bills, utilities, car repairs, rent, and other essential household expenses. The recipients of these funds are very, very appreciative!!



This Fund is supported by member donations. We take a collection six times/year: the next date is on Communion Sunday, June 4. All loose monies put in the Offering Plates will go into the Fund, along with any checks that are earmarked for the ASSISTANCE FUND. *Thanks so much!*

If you, or someone you know in our church family needs assistance, please contact Virginia Holroyd at church or via email at: virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org. All requests remain completely confidential.

Church Family Picnic

June 4 around 11:30

Baker Park, Canandaigua



Hot dogs and drinks provided

Please bring a dish to pass



Volunteers needed:

Love to grill?

Available to help set up or clean up?

Enjoy leading games for all ages?

Have a cornhole game?

***** Please see Jason Long, Mary Beth Fortunato, or Brenda Cunningham. *****

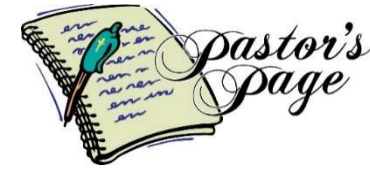
GREETERS of ALL AGES are needed for our Services in JUNE:

Greeters play a very important role in extending hospitality to all those who come to worship with us on Sundays.

Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building, they hand out Bulletins, and they collect the Offering during the Sunday Service. This is a role where kids can help too!



The **Sign-up Sheet** is on the **Church Office door**. Reminders and instructions are emailed the Friday before your scheduled Sunday. If you have any questions about being a Greeter, please talk with Virginia Holroyd or any Steward (listed on the back of the Sunday Bulletin) including our **June Steward of the Month, Marion Sumpter**. *We really appreciate your service!*



Transitions

This summer is an eventful season for our family. Levi will graduate from high school at the end of June, and Dawson (and Chloe) will be married the following weekend. Along with these milestone events, we have auxiliary celebrations (open house, rehearsal dinner) and family visiting from out of town. Christy and I appreciate your support and prayers during this season and family transitions.

At the same time, The United Church is transitioning into the summer. Summer worship and programs are on a different schedule. But with the shifting schedule, we enjoy a combined worship service. Perhaps we will see new faces and learn about someone who attends another service or has arrived at The United Church since last summer. Let me encourage you not to be afraid to introduce yourself and perhaps connect outside the church with someone new.

A final transition worth mentioning is the fellowship hall. I am grateful to the Trustees and additional volunteers pouring their energy into transforming this space. I am excited to see how this space will change over the next few months.

Transitions can be stressful, but they can also be life-giving. Let's celebrate the newness around us in all of these transitions. May God continue to guide us in each of these.

Wade

June Worship Schedule and Readings

We continue our series in the life of David. Let me encourage you to catch up if you miss a sermon. You can catch up at <https://bit.ly/uccdga-streams>.

- June 04 - After the Giant (1 Samuel 18)
Additional Readings: Philippians 4:4-8, Psalm 9:1-10
- June 11 - Valley of Shadows (1 Samuel 19-21, Psalm 23)
Additional Readings: Psalm 23, Romans 8:18-30
- June 18 - David's Cave (1 Samuel 22-24)
Additional Readings: Psalm 7:1-17, Philippians 2:1-11
- June 25 - David's Dark Days (1 Samuel 26-30)
Additional Readings: Psalm 18:1-19, Psalm 4



The QR code to the right will also take you to the streaming page

The Allen family would like to invite you all to join them to celebrate Levi's graduation!



The drop-in party will be from 2-5 pm on Saturday, June 17th
At the West Lake School House, 3650 County Rd. 16, Canandaigua

Come enjoy an assortment of our family favorite homemade cakes, play yard games, and if the weather is nice feel free to bring a swimsuit for a dip in the lake!





Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. (CCIA has specifically requested: **diced tomatoes, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned meat meals (like stew or beefaroni) and pasta.**) Thank you for your generous contributions!



Called to Care, Canandaigua is bringing another fun and memorable event to The Central on Main, 111 South Main Street! Join us at an “International Gala” on **Thursday, June 8th from 5-8pm**. The evening will feature food to purchase on site, live music, dancing, and an international marketplace offering SERRV and other crafts, raffles and more. A free will offering will be appreciated with proceeds benefitting Called to Care’s mission to welcome and resettle refugees by providing a support network to help them start a new life. See Cathy Bush or Linda Werts for more information.



Monday, June 26, is our next **Drive Though Food Pantry** at the Highway Dept Barn in Canandaigua. The pantry is **open to all, 11am – 1pm** or until food is gone.



Volunteers are needed starting at 9:30 am to set up, unload the truck and package the food for families driving through. This free food distribution is especially helpful due to the reduction of SNAP benefits that began in March and the rising prices of groceries. Can you help?

NEW LOCATION: Highway Dept Barn, 5440 Rt 5 & 20, Cdga. Questions or to volunteer, please see Cathy Bush or Don Rensberger.

Habitat for Humanity Restore is looking for volunteers **Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons** to help processing our donations and helping our customers.

Thank you for your interest. For information and to volunteer contact:
Tom Barnard
Interim Volunteer Coordinator
Office (585)393-3600
Tomb@grhabitat.org



Thank you all so very much for your donations during **CareNet’s recent diaper drive**. The need is so great, and your generosity helped us restock rapidly depleting shelves. This is truly a blessed church family.

~ CareNet

Fellowship Events



Stampin Up
The June Stampin’ Up class is scheduled for June 10th from 9:00 am – 12:00 in the Fellowship Room. We will make the 5 cards pictured. Cost of the class is \$15. Please call or email **Nancy Burt-Preece** (585-760-9535 or nbp@rochester.rr.com) to sign up by June 3rd.

Save some summer dates for the Praising Paddlers outings!
Join us with your kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard.
7/9 @1pm West River Woodville state boat launch
8/6 @1pm Canadice Lake east side launch
9/4 @ 1pm West River Woodville state boat launch

Watch the bulletins and next month’s newsletter for more info!



RELAY FOR LIFE
Please join our **RELAY FOR LIFE** team, **"United Against Cancer"** on **SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd** any time 2-11pm! We’re site 13 and would love to see you in Geneva, near the Visitor’s Center by the lake!

Thank you, Susan V & Sandi D.

From the Marshall Family:



We are grateful for the overwhelming support we've received from you, our church family, as Deb continues to heal from her surgery. Thank you for the delicious meals, generous gift cards, thoughtful get-well cards, gestures of kindness; and most especially, prayer, during this time.

Treasurer's Financial Summary for April 2023

Description	Jan-Apr 2023 Actual	4 month Budget
Income		
Total Giving	176,362.67	135,000.00
Other Income	15,584.81	18,477.89
Total Income	191,947.48	153,477.89
Spending		
Education and Ministry	9,686.53	12,000.00
Operating	33,951.49	20,516.67
Personnel & Related	120,405.66	120,961.22
Total Expenses	164,043.68	153,477.89
Net Income Year to Date	27,903.80	0.00

For the month of April, we spent \$2,729.44 more than we took in but for the first four months of the year, we have taken in \$27,903.80 more than we spent, so we have not yet needed to take any money out of reserves. We are still doing much better than anticipated.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Nancy Lamberson
Treasurer

Online Giving

Our new church management program makes online giving very easy! Access it through our website, app, or scan this QR code. You can give one-time gifts, or set up recurring giving to happen on whatever schedule you choose.



CHILDREN’S AND FAMILY MINISTRY

What’s happened...

Rice Bowls, our Children’s Lenten Offering, collected **over \$103 in donations** for orphaned and hungry children around the world! Thank you for so generously giving out of what God has given you!!!



What’s happening...

We have **12 children** signed up to attend **Christian summer camp**. You have the opportunity to connect with one (or some) of them by **writing a camp note**! During the month of June, a “**camp note tree**” will be out in the gathering area with pre-addressed envelopes. Inside you will find a card and information about the camper that you are writing to. You will also see when you need to mail their card, as some campers go to camp at the end of June and some don’t go until August. Our campers are listed in the weekly bulletin so that you can **pray for them** as well. We hope you enjoy connecting with the children and youth attending camp this summer!

We are preparing for **Stellar VBS**, which will be held **July 10-14, from 9am-12noon**. We need **lots of help** to prepare and during the week of VBS. How will you be involved? There are MANY options! You can take a supply donation tag off the board in the Welcome Center and **donate needed items**; you can **volunteer** during the week of VBS; you can pick up VBS prayer cards in the Welcome Center and **pray for our VBS** or you can **join a scenery work day** and create space-themed décor. We would love your help!

If you have questions about VBS, please see Cathy Bush, Sandi Munson, Lauren Slomski, or Julie Zajac.

We need some **help in our nursery this summer**. Each Sunday, we need **2 people in the nursery** to lovingly care for the youngest in our church family. We ask that people **sign up for nursery duty** during the summer months since summer schedules often include being out of town on weekends. If you know you’ll be in town and enjoy babies and toddlers, might you consider helping out? You can sign up on the **bulletin board outside the nurseries** for a Sunday that works for you. *Please note that all people 18 and over who volunteer in the nursery need to be background checked* – this is a quick and easy process! Contact Carolyn to be checked.

On Sunday, June 11, we will **celebrate our graduates**! If you have a **high school grad** or **college grad** in your family, please plan to **join us for Graduate Sunday at 9:30am on June 11**. High school graduates will be called up front and college grads will be recognized. *All graduates will be prayed for during the service*. After the service, all are invited to enjoy a **cake and punch reception** in the Welcome Center.



Upcoming Events...

- June 4** – Church picnic after 9:30am service at Baker Park
- June 11** – Graduate Sunday during 9:30am service; cake and punch celebration following
- July 9** – VBS kick-off at 6:30pm
- July 10-14** – VBS, 9am-12noon
- TBD in August** – community prayer walk or service day
- September 10** – Sunday school kick off for all ages

Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!

Graduate Sunday

Join us as we recognize our 2023 graduating seniors during our 9:30am worship service on Sunday, June 12th

Our High School Graduates

Levi Allen is graduating from Canandaigua Academy. He will attend SUNY Geneseo to study Economics.

Mallory Baxter is graduating from Canandaigua Academy and will attend the University of South Carolina to study Business.

SheaLeigh Brown will be sitting for her EMT exam in June as part of the Emergency Medical Services Academy that she attended at FLTCC for the past two years. She will graduate with honors from Marcus Whitman High School and will then pursue her B.S. in Nursing at Daemen University, Amherst, NY, in the Fall.

Grace Corbett is graduating from Canandaigua Academy and will attend Keuka College with a major in Psychology.

Kendall Davis is graduating from Marcus Whitman High School. She will be attending Alfred University with a major in Physics and minor in Astronomy.

Sydney Hartpence is graduating from Canandaigua Academy. She plans to attend RIT to pursue a degree in Illustration.

Anna Holm is graduating from Victor High School. She will attend the University of Maine to study Wildlife Ecology.

Michael McFetridge is graduating from Canandaigua Academy. He will be attending SUNY Geneseo to study Mathematics and Adolescent Education.

Braden Whitcomb will graduate from Canandaigua Academy. He plans to attend Finger Lakes Community College to begin studying for a Liberal Arts degree.

Our College Graduates:

Olenka Duncan graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Environmental Engineering. She is working for Keller in Webster, NY.

Nick Hartpence graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from RIT College of Art and Design. He will be pursuing a job in video editing.



SAFETY MINISTRY

Reflections

Over the years, our church has been blessed with a variety of safety initiatives, commitments, and activities! There are many members within our congregation who have provided expert guidance and experience. We have also benefited from external resources, such as local law enforcement, which have provided context-specific recommendations. **Moving forward, we aim to continue the same level of support that we have always enjoyed, along with incorporating new and updates ideas.**



Learnings

A sub-group of our safety ministry team had the privilege of conducting an on-site visit at **Crosswinds Wesleyan of Canandaigua**. Crosswinds has a well-established and mature safety ministry! During our visit, we met with their safety director, and were able to learn about leading resources and strategies for effective safety program in ministry settings. They generously provided us a tour of their facility, and spoke of the fantastic support their program has received from the congregation and church leadership.

In response to our learnings, the safety ministry team prepares to provide our supportive church leadership with recommendations on safety improvements. The safety ministry team is also actively recruiting for additional members to join this important program.

Interested in participating in safety ministry here at the United Church? Please contact Mark Slomski (contact information below) so that we can discern together about your involvement.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Downstairs Dining Hall Remodel

Our Downstairs Dining Hall & Bathroom renovation is in process! With a combination of contractors and church members, the work will span a couple months!

Many hands have been involved already in the project. Thank you for all the support!

Thank you to the church staff and various ministry teams for their partnership in planning for this work!

The **Dining Hall** remodel includes floor to ceiling improvements!

Both **downstairs restrooms** (men's and family's) will be fully renovated!

NOTE: The kitchen will remain fully functional for the duration of the project.

See below for some **before** pictures!

Before Pictures



Men's



Downstairs Dining Hall



Family



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Reflections

Our **Cause youth band** continues to grow, and now has acquired (via a generous donation) a drum set! Our youth band makes up the majority of our students.

We have also **welcomed 8th grade students** into the Cause program! This end-of-year tradition provides our new students a glimpse into our high school program, and also serves as a bridge to their big transition when graduating Youth Club!

This year, we are providing the parents with a **year-end report**, detailing the activities of our Cause students. In the future, we hope to provide our parents an **appreciation night** to serve as a more personal opportunity to reflect on the program year.

The **Youth Ministry Team** has also conducted a year-end meeting to reflect and collectively discern God's direction for our youth program. Pray with us as we seek to follow the Lord's will and bless our youth!

Our Youth Ministry Team does a lot behind the scenes that make our youth program work. When you see members of the team around, join me in thanking them for their time and effort! **Members:** *Kayleigh Sheppard, Julie Zajac, Dale Zajac, Lauren Slomski, Robin Payne, Ray McMillen, and Sonya Brooks (2022)*

Learnings

At **The Cause**, our students are finishing up the contents of the book titled "*3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager*". Our students are currently on a 10-week plan to consider those three big questions, namely: "*Who Am I?*"; "*Where do I Belong?*"; and "*What Difference Can I Make?*". We are spending 3 weeks on each question, with the final week serving as a full conclusion.

Within this 3-week cycle, we do the following: **Week 1** includes student engagement with the survey questions from the book. **Week 2** includes a deep dive into a Bible study, along with a teaching on that particular passage. **Week 3** is a reflective/application week, to review our learnings and find creative ways to live out our faith!

Upcoming Events

Workcamp Meeting – June 11

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser (#2) – June 17

Workcamp Trip – July 16 – 23

Summer Youth Retreat – August 18 – 23

2023-2024 Sunday School & Cause Start – September 10



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ADULT ED MINISTRY

Reflections

Our **Sunday School Hour** program has finished! When you see the **Adult Ed Ministry Team** and teachers around, please join me in thanking them for their time and effort! **Members & Teachers:** *Steve Simpson, Gail Benjamin, Bob Cunningham, Brenda Cunningham, Nancy Lamberson, Gary Preece, Tim Laursen, and of course Paul Johnson!*

Our **Saturday Young Adult gathering** continues! We are finishing up the book of Job (but have also been helping with the Dining Hall Remodel!). Our **weekly Young Adult Sunday school class** has wrapped up as well (currently studying biblical leadership). The **Young Adult Ministry Team** has taken a pause (young adult schedules are difficult!). Also, Passion 2024 tickets have been purchased (Jan 3-5)!

Learnings

Our **Adult Ed Ministry Team** continues their work in selecting *2023-2024 Sunday School Hour* materials! For our upcoming Sunday school Bible Study, we will be covering Proverbs and 1/2 Peter. The Parenting Coffee Hour will continue as well! We look forward to another year of fellowship and growth as a faith family in Christ.

For the **Fall Adult Ed Retreat** (*November 4, 2023*), we are privileged to have Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum, Dean Emeritus at Northeastern Seminary as our guest speaker. This year's theme will be communicated soon! Please reserve this date in your calendar – we look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Special Events

SunUp Saturday (Men's Breakfast) – *Summer, 2023*

Young Adult Watkins Glen Trip – June 3

Young Adult Retreat – *Summer, 2023*

2023-2024 Sunday School Start – September 10

Adult Ed Retreat – November 4

Young Adult Passion Conference – Event Dates – January 3 – 5



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NOTES ON MINISTRY LIFE...

Reflections

While writing this, I am in the midst of the busiest month I have experienced working here. It is amazing to see all we do as a church and how so many of us look to contribute in different ways. The month of May has felt like some sort of climax to the program year. We have had Children's Sunday, Sunday School Celebration, Chicken BBQ Fundraiser, Testimony Sunday, the Downstairs Dining Hall Renovation, and more! I also look forward to serving as pulpit supply while Wade is out of town – a privilege I am always thankful for.

Once the program year ends, I look forward to changing at least some of my gears toward future planning. The Fall program year will come quickly, and there are important activities that demand careful preparation. During the summer months, I also look forward to diving deeper into content that will further my orientation into pastoral work. Ministry is a great, big world, and I am eager to continue my exploration!

On the personal side of things, my family has also experienced a busy month. Lauren had Jury Duty, and Carter has finished up school. Spring time is here, which means I spend a good amount of time on a mower, in the barn, and in the garden. We are planning some half-week vacations soon to offer ourselves some calendar space. God is good!

Learnings

With Deb away for a bit, I am learning more about all that she does. To list just a few, I've enjoyed learning more about graduation celebrations, camperships, and Children Sunday (and these are just *some* of the things for *just* the first half of May!). I also look forward to learning about VBS (this will be my first year participating!). As always, join the church staff as we continue to pray for Deb and thank God for her ministry at the church.

I continue to learn from Pastor Wade and the other pastors in the area. Their experience proves invaluable! I currently join Wade in two pastor-connects a month. The atmosphere is largely informal, and almost always involves food! Their conversation captures a wide range of topics. Right now, I try to sit and listen most of the time. Their loved-filled hearts are instantly recognizable. Their wisdom is evident – cultivated through countless challenges and celebrations. Pastors carry heavy-burdens in their roles. Yet, it is God who sustains them. Please continue to keep your neighborhood pastors in prayer – they (and we) need it!



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