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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly
Bulletin
Sunday
NOVEMBER 2, 2025



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANADA



Order of Worship for
NOVEMBER 2, 2025



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

PRELUDE: “Communion” by Richard Purvis

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God’s promises are absolutely certain even when His timing seems delayed. We should live with readiness and trust rather than doubt.

INTROIT: (11:00) “A Prayer of Thanks”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather to remember God’s faithfulness.

People: From generation to generation, He keeps His promises.

Leader: Though doubters may scoff and delays may test us,

People: We trust the Lord who spoke the world into being.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose promises never fail.

All: We wait with hope and live ready for His return.

***HYMN #328:** “God’s Holy Ways are Just and True”

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we come before You today knowing that You are faithful to keep every promise. Help us to trust in Your perfect timing and live with readiness for Christ’s return, even when the world around us doubts and mocks. Now we join our voices together in the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, singing...

***HYMN #632:** “The Lord’s Prayer”

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 27:13-14 (page 546) {A.B. page 621}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Walk by Faith” by Joel Raney (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 24:36-44 (page 982) {A.B. page 1084}

Sermon
“God Keeps Promises”
(2 Peter 3:1-7)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #370:** “God of Our Life”

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Jesu, meines Lebens Leben” by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

COMMUNION

***HYMN #526:** “Trusting Jesus”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Festal Postlude on “Lasst uns erfreuen” by William Faulkes

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Marty Becker, who passed away on October 28th. His service will be at St. Patricks in Victor at 10 am on November 3rd. Many on our church softball team were close with Marty, so please keep them in your prayers, as well, during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), unborn daughter of Laura & Conner Fry (heart issues, relatives of VanIseghems), Lori McMillen, Wendy Stoddard, Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Martha Ashley, Ernie McKenzie, Karen Sanford, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jack Bigos, Everest & Carly Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Deanna and Brexten Stocker (friends 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), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Mallory Long (friend of Sharon Erb), Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), 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), 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), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Recovering: Earl Pettit (appendectomy)

Military Service: Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany and deployed to Qatar, JJ Callard (USN), US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks 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).

We want your Feedback!

Thank you for the feedback we have received. We want to continue to hear from you, so please share your thoughts or questions on the Feedback Pew Cards or contact us at feedback@uccdga.org.

Highlights for This Week

- **Sunday School Small Groups Bible Study** - This Sunday (and our final week!). Next Sunday (November 9), all groups will meet downstairs for a time of reflection and to hear the next steps of our Sunday morning programming.
 - Young Adults Small Group** - Bell Tower Room
 - Parenting Small Group** - Fellowship Room
 - Choir Small Group** - Upstairs in Room 26
 - United Small Group** - Downstairs Dining Room
- **Youth Club Mission Project: Christmas Stockings for NYC.** We need more donations, so the deadline has been extended to **next Sunday, November 9**. Items needed: yo-yos, small games, bouncy balls, gum, socks, hard candy, hair accessories, jump ropes, coin purses, trading cards, gloves, hats, small stuffed animals or dolls, etc!!! Note: Coloring books are too large for these stockings. **Donations must be new, small and able to fit into a 5x9" stocking**; items are needed **by November 9**. Please drop them off in Deb's office. Thank you!!
- **Ferris Hills Connect** - This Wednesday at 1PM - Come and enjoy music and a devotional!
- **Calling All Parents!** Sundays, from 9:45-10:45am, our Parenting Coffee Hour is your time to connect, recharge, and refocus. You are welcome to join us on any Sunday that works for your schedule. We'd *especially* love to see you on **Sunday, November 23**, as we talk about **Advent** (which begins November 30) and share practical ways to keep our families focused on **Christ** throughout the Christmas season. Come for the coffee, stay for the encouragement — and don't miss your **special gift** just for parents who join us on **November 23**!
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for November: Bev F.** Please contact Bev if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the remainder of 2025!

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

Nursery care is offered during both services. We use Room 11 during the 8:45 am service and we use Room 10 and Room 11 during the 11:00 am service.

Children's Time

There is no **Children's Time** today. Kids are invited to grab worship aides at any time during the service. They are found near the Main entrance.

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Next Sunday (November 9), all Sunday morning small groups are invited to gather in the Downstairs Dining Hall for reflection on the small group initiative as a whole. There will be time for the groups to reflect amongst themselves, and to also hear from our adult Sunday school teachers about details on upcoming classes and groups. There will also be a short survey to gather important information from you all, which will help direct future ministry efforts.

Intergenerational Sunday School

Mark your calendar...**Sunday, November 30** – Intergenerational Sunday school at 9:45am in the downstairs dining room. We will not be having a regular breakfast, but we need a few people to bring baked goods – please let Deb or Mark know if you plan to bring something.



Do You Have a Background in Care - looking for guidance?

Our Care Ministry is building a confidential **Care Referral/Professional Knowledge Contact List** to help connect members with resources such as assisted living, therapy, or counseling. You would not be asked to take on responsibilities--only to offer guidance, referrals, or suggestions when needs arise. If interested, please contact Christy Allen, Director of Care Ministry.

Stewards Assistance Fund Collected today

The first Sunday of each Oct, Nov, and Dec, as part of our Sunday offering, we receive donations for the Stewards Assistance Fund. Any loose change given during this first Sunday of November is directed toward the fund. These gifts provide confidential support to those in our church family facing unexpected needs, allowing us to extend Christ's love in practical ways.

Stewardship and Pledging

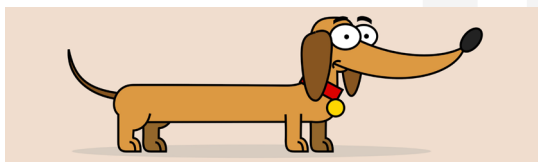
Stewardship season is underway! The new pledge forms for 2026 were mailed out in early October and there are extras on the Welcome Center desk. They can be returned over the next few weeks to the offering plate or the box in the Welcome Center or you can mail them into the office. You can also submit a pledge form digitally by following this link:

<http://bit.ly/48BcbNw> or scan the code to the right.

We have a goal of getting **125 families** to return pledge forms, and we're already up to **40**! Watch the main office and the Sunday bulletins for our progress towards this goal!



(meet Oscar, the dog,
and our mascot for this season)



Missions **Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...**

World Mission Offering- Thank You!

We collected **\$1,765** for WMO this year! Thank you for your generous donations that will assist in God's life-changing mission around the globe.

Family Promise of Ontario County

Thank you to those who contributed gas and grocery gift cards to Family Promise of Ontario County. Your gifts help those persevering to leave homelessness and entering new lives for their families.

Food Cart & Card Ministry Location

The black collection wagon is in the Missions Collection Center in the south side of the newly remodeled Fellowship Room. We continue to collect needed food staples for **CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action)** and the **Salvation Army food pantry**. Our donations continue to be needed. Thank you for so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in before or after church to select some. Questions? Please see Mary Lou or Cathy B.



Wreaths

Called to Care Canandaigua is having a **wreath sale** through November 10th (pick up on December 4th). See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more info or ask Sarah G, Cathy B, Regina A, or Linda W.

A 2026 Mexico Mission Team has formed!

Another informational/planning meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 16th at noon** in the fellowship room. Trip dates are set for **March 19-28, 2026**. We are planning four days with the congregation of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bacalar, three days with LWW partners in Tabi, and a day of tourism. Please contact Linda W, 315-447-0276 if you have interest. **We are especially looking to add a Spanish speaker to our team.**

Winter Wear Drive

As the air gets frosty, people in our community need your help staying warm! The United Church is partnering with CCIA in collecting **new or gently used coats and warm socks and gloves of all sizes**. Items must be clean and easily washed. Please leave your donations in the collection bin in the Mission Center. Thank you! ~ Missions Collection Team





Christmas Angel Tree

Interested in helping with the set up and collection for Christmas Angel Tree? Please see Cathy Bush or Mary Lou Havens. The tags will be on the trees starting November 16th.

ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS DECORATING EVENT

The Advent Season will soon be upon us! Come join your church family on **Sunday Nov. 23rd** for a festive time of **decorating our Church** for the Advent Season. We will start at **4 pm** with children making a take home “Chrismon” ornament (like the ornaments on our Church tree) and decorating Christmas cut out cookies. At **5 pm** we will join The Cause and High Schoolers in the Sanctuary for a Christmas themed worship and music service. At **5:15** we will begin decorating the sanctuary. When we are finished decorating we can move to the fellowship room to enjoy a bite to eat and refreshments. We should wind up the night around **6:30**. **All are welcome!!** A sign up sheet will be on welcome desk. Please sign up to participate **by November 16th**. This will be a fun way to start the Season!



CPR/AED Class Offered

November 15. 9am – 1pm, here at the United Church American Heart Association Standard CPR/AED for the Adult, Child and Infant, and First Aid Skills. **Taught to certification level for \$30 per person. Free if no certification is requested.** We will do CPR first at 9am, then start First Aid @ 11am. Same cost for the combination or single subject certification. CPR includes choking relief and Naloxone (Narcan) administration. For questions, contact Instructor Holger Stave at holger@wfany.net or find answers at www.wfany.net. **There will be a sign-up on the office door.**



Small Group Bible Study Bulletin Insert

November 2 - SOAP Bulletin Insert (2 Peter 3:1-7)

S - Scripture

What verse stood out to you?

O - Observation

How does Peter use creation, Noah, and fire to point to God’s judgement?

What truths are we called to *recall* from prophets and apostles?

A - Application

Where am I tempted to doubt God’s timing or promises?

How can I guard my mind with “wholesome thinking”?

How can we live with readiness while waiting for Christ’s return?

P - Prayer

“Lord, strengthen my faith in your promises and keep me ready for the day of Christ.”

Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias at **\$11.50 each**.
They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:



1. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____
2. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____
3. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____
4. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____
5. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____
6. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____
7. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Place this in the ofering plate WITH your cash in an envelope or check made payable to
“The United Church”.

List in the memo section “Poinsettias”. You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7.

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after church on Christmas Eve or on Dec 28th. Thank you!

Walk by Faith
by J. Paul Williams and Joel Raney

Chorus 1
Walk, walk by faith!
O walk, walk by faith! (x3)
Walk by faith!

Verse 1
By faith, Noah built an ark
In the midst of doubt and fear.
By faith, he waited patiently till
The plan of God was clear.
By faith, David slew Goliath
With a mighty blow.
By faith, Moses spoke for God,
Saying “Let my people go!”

Chorus 2
He walked by faith!
(Walk by faith!)
O walk, walk by faith,
Walk, walk by faith!

Verse 2
By faith, Esther told the king
Haman was an evil man.
By faith, the Israelites were saved,
According to God’s plan.
By faith, Deborah told Barak
That peace would be restored.
By faith, Hannah prayed to God
And a son was her reward!
She walked by faith!(Walk by faith!)

Verse 3
By faith, he obeyed the plan
That God in heaven made.
By faith, we will walk each day,
His spirit by our side;
By faith, we will find our way,
By faith and not by sight!

