

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
November 5, 2023

PRELUDE: "Andante cantabile" in D Major by A. Alessio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (Hymn #555, vs 1)

Focus of the day: Paul urges us to desire and utilize our gifts as a response to God's grace in our lives.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

All: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

*HYMN: #532 "Be Thou My Vision"

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Holy One, giver of every good and perfect gift, reveal our spiritual gifts. Reveal our calling in this time and place so we may fulfill it together. Convince us of our value and purpose, assure us of our place in your plan. Use us for your glory, now and forever. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray... ...(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: Ephesians 4:1-7 (page 1158) {A.B. page 1298}

ANTHEM: (11:00) "Pick Up a Crown" by Heather Sorenson; Solo by Mark Sheppard
The United Church Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 4:10-11 (page 1203) {A.B. page 1362}

Sermon
"The Body of Christ"
(1 Corinthians 12:27-31)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #547 "O For a Closer Walk with God"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Andante mosso" in E Major by Ch. H. Rinck

*DOXOLOGY: #809

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) "Mercy Still" by Nicole Elsey (words on insert) Earl Pettit

COMMUNION

*HYMN: #543 "Christ Beside Me"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Capriccio, Op. 257" by Polibio Fumagalli

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

Looking for Prayer Requests? They've moved to the back page of the white insert (so we can spread out the bulletin and make it easier to read, and also for easier "fridge posting".)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Sharon Meyer (had a bad fall), Marion Sumpter, Carlos McGregor (Mexican Missionary), 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), 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: Jean Blake (former longtime member, friend of Mary Lou Havens), Bill Blance (Ed's brother), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccos), 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), 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, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

Comfort and Peace: Richard Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's father)

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 & Mayra Giovanti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

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



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.



Highlights for This Week!

- A Special **Congregational Meeting** of the United Church will be held after the 11:00 service, in the sanctuary, on **Sunday, November 12, 2023**. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to the Covenant of Union regarding the structure of the Official Board. Details of the proposed changes can be found in the November newsletter, and there also will be an **informational meeting TODAY at noon** in the dining room.
- **Stocking stuffer items** for the Youth Club stocking project are **due today**. Please put them in Deb's office.
- The church office is closed this Friday in observance of **Veteran's Day**.
- The "Pipedreams Live" **organ concert** is here next Saturday, Nov. 11. The free concert begins at 7:30pm, but come between 6-7pm for reception and Meet & Greet.
- We are in need of a **nursery coordinator**. This person makes the nursery schedule twice a year and also gathers a team of volunteers to deep clean the nurseries twice a year. Please let Deb Marshall know if you are interested in this vital role.

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 worshiping together as a family!

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!**

YOUTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY CONNECT – Middle School and High School Students Invited!

Canandaigua – November 8 @ 6:45 AM. (North Rd. Tim Horton's)

Victor – November 15@ 6:45 AM. (Main Street Tim Horton's)

Marcus-Whitman - November 20@ 2:30 PM. (Gorham Free Library)

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.

ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Young adults and adults invited! 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM – Downstairs Dining Hall

Today (Nov 5) Theology of Sex (class 6 of 8) The class is titled Free Love. We will be learning and discussing how Christianity cultivated the importance of consent, and the freedom found in healthy marriage.

Class reminder: American Heart Association CPR/AED for Adult, Child and Infant

Date/Time: Saturday, November 18 from 9 - 12

Location: The United Church

Registration is now closed

Questions? Contact Holger Stave



YOUTH CLUB

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in grades 2 – 8

After school – 6:30 October through April

Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

Nov 1 – Kitchen Clean up: Cook, Pasquarelli, Robbins, Vassello

Nov 1 – Snack: Vassello

Stocking Stuffers due today!

Youth Club Mission: Christmas Stocking Project

Christmas, already???? Well, it's almost time for our Youth Club mission project of making, filling and sending Christmas stockings to Metro Ministries in NYC in time for their special Christmas parties for inner-city children. Many inner-city children do not know what it's like to receive something handmade with love and care. These filled stockings show we care....because Christ cares for them, we care.



Would you be willing to provide stocking stuffers for this project? Items must be new, small and able to fit into a 5x12" stocking. Please bring your donations today to Deb's office. Thank you!!

Items needed: bouncy balls, puzzles, gum, socks, hard candy, hair accessories, jump ropes, coin purses, jewelry, watches, trading cards, pencils, gloves, hats, toy cars, yo-yos, small games, small stuffed animals or small dolls, etc!!! Note: Coloring books are too large for these stockings. Please no toy weapons or "GI Joe" type figures. **Thank you!!**



Baking for Youth Club!

Calling all bakers! We serve dessert to our Youth Club kids and volunteers each week. Sometimes we like to enjoy homemade desserts. If you see something you'd be able to bake, please let Deb Marshall know. Desserts need to be delivered to church by Wednesday at 4:00pm. Often more than one baker helps to make the quantity needed.

For November 15th – 6 dozen turkey cut out cookies (turkey cookie cutter available to borrow)

For December 13th – 6 dozen Christmas cut out cookies

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 November 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.

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

MISSION NEWS

With thanksgiving and awareness



We are collecting diapers for CareNet Canandaigua November 12 and 19. Sizes 5, 6, and 7 diapers (toddler size) and baby wipes are in demand. Donations of any size diapers are welcome. Please place diapers and wipes next to the food cart in the Gathering Area.

CareNet is a Christian pregnancy center located in The Thompson Building across from Wood Library. CareNet provides diapers, wipes, hygiene products, clothing and more to infants and young toddlers. They offer both in-person and online parenting classes and can offer other family resources to parents. CareNet receives no state funding, relying instead on donations, fundraising, and volunteers.



We lament the violence in our world, in our country, and even in Canandaigua. May communication bridge builders and the medical personnel serving in multiple locations observe glimpses of success. We pray for and we walk with God's people searching for safety, food, and water.

We celebrate our relationship with Jesus Christ, listen carefully, and live our lives so THAT ALL MIGHT COME TO KNOW, LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS-CHRIST AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR.

Stewardship Note: Prayers and volunteering are key for effective programs. Financial contributions are also needed to support our programs.

As you complete your pledge, prayerfully designate **separate** contributions for Operating and for Mission. The Mission budget supports our local programs and our denomination programs.



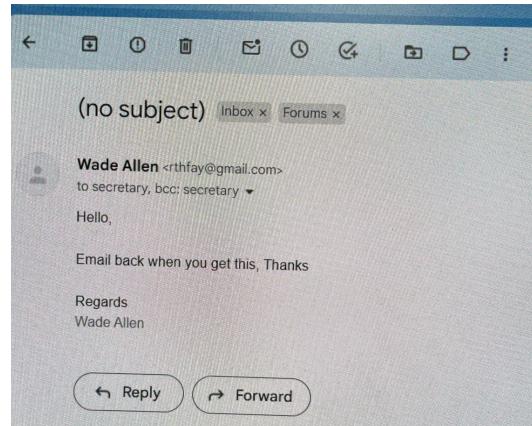
Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. (**CCIA has made an urgent request for: Cereal, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (spaghetti or elbow), Can Corn, Can Soups, Can Pork and Beans**) Thank you for your generous contributions.

CCIA and Salvation Army Food Pantries wish to express their **deep appreciation** for the congregation's support through the Food Cart donations. Many Families are being served by your generous contributions. As we approach the Holiday seasons (Thanksgiving and Christmas), the food pantries are asking for **INSTANT MASHED POTATOES** to be added to the previous list of needs. Thank You and God Bless!

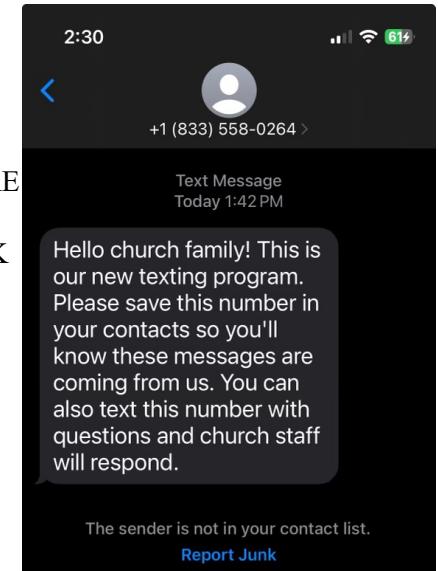


Scammers are targeting church members, usually pretending to be Pastor Wade and asking you to go buy gift cards. **Please don't fall for this.** If in doubt, do not respond in any way. Call or email the church office or Wade's own number in the directory.

Even outside of church ... if anyone claiming to be **anyone** asks you to go buy gift cards as a form of payment, or asks you to wire money, or pays you with a "too big" check and asks for a refund of the excess ... it is likely they are trying to steal from you. **Please ask a trusted friend or the authorities if they think the situation stinks!** Microsoft tech help will NEVER contact you to tell you that you have a problem. Do not give them access to your computer or any passwords or pins. They are thieves and will remotely steal from you while telling you they are helping you. The more urgent they seem, the more likely they are bad.



SOME EXAMPLES
OF SCAM EMAILS
AND TEXTS
RECEIVED
RECENTLY. IGNORE
THEM, DELETE
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THEM IF YOU
WANT. DON'T
RESPOND OR
ENGAGE.



BOTH FAKE!!!



Nursery Coordinator Needed

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.

Pick Up a Crown (choir's anthem)

Chorus

O Lord, gonna lay them down
 Lay my burdens down, gonna pick up a crown.
 Pick up a crown, make sure it's straight!
 Ain't nothin' crooked at those pearly gates. (**repeat**)

Well, Satan is a fraud, he will fill you with doubt.

Take those doubts and kick them out!

If he tries to say you're a cryin' shame,

Walk on by, that's not your name!

If he tries to give you a scarlet letter,

Say, "No thanks! My crown looks better!"

And if he tries to tell you that your crown is too small,

He's lyin' again, he's lyin' again, he's lyin' again!

My crown's One Size Fits All.

(**to Chorus**)

Mercy Still by Nicole Elsey (special music before communion)

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?

Can my God His wrath for-bear, me, the chief of sinners spare?

I have long with-stood His grace; long provoked Him to His face,

Would not listen to His calls. I have grieved Him by a thousand falls.

Is there mercy still? Is there mercy still? Is there mercy still for me?

I my Master have denied. I again have crucified,

And profamed His hallowed name; put Him to an open shame.

There, for me, the Savior stands; shows His wounds and spreads His hands.

God is love! I know, I feel.

Oh, Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Now incline me to repent.

Let me now my sins lament.

Live in grace and be restored; weep, believe, and sin no more.

Depth of mercy, can there be mercy still reserved for me?

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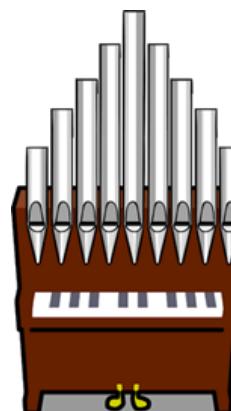
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Veteran's Day – In addition to expressing our appreciation to those who serve and have served, **November 11th** is also your opportunity to participate in **Pipedreams Live! Rochester**. This is a free event that is open to the public. There will be a "Meet and Greet" from 6:00-7:00 before the program begins at 7:30pm. Nationally syndicated radio host Michael Barone will host Pipedreams from the Canandaigua United Church. Students and faculty from our own Eastman School of Music will demonstrate the instrument. Michael provides verbal program notes regarding the mechanism and sound-palette, converses with players and composers and invites audience questions. Formality is replaced by friendly good nature, flavorful repartee, and exciting musical revelations. Other instruments will be featured Friday and Sunday; details about the 3-day event can be found at www.wxxiclassical.org/wxxi-events.

If you or someone you know are interested in a temporary position cleaning the Church and performing custodial duties while we hire a replacement for Doug VanNorman, please contact someone on the Staff Relations Committee (Jeannie Blance, MacKenzie Brown, Jen Eveleigh, Paul Johnson, Ray McMillen, Sandi Munson, Steve Simpson). The time commitment is 10-15 hours per week and the pay is \$15.00/hour.



If you are following along with the progress of our **Stewardship campaign** (and watching the scarecrow outside the office fill in!), here are the numbers as of Friday, November 3rd:

We have received pledges from **43** families, for a total of **\$154,953** to the Operating budget and **\$30,467** to the Missions budget.

Our goal is to have 150 families pledging!

Personal note from the scarecrow:

His name is Gary-so-Scary, and he's outstanding in his field!

