

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

April 16, 2023

**PRELUDE:** “*Jesus ist kommen, Op. 67, No. 51*” by Max Reger

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

## OUR PREPARATION

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “I know That My Redeemer Lives” (words on center of insert) Ladies Quartet  
(Nancy Burt-Preece, Wendy Stoddard, Nancy Tharp, Joy Van Riper, acc. Sperano/Andress)

**FOCUS FOR TODAY:** The heart of David. His desire was one of passion and purpose

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

**People: We are called to be God's people.**

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

**People: We are called to be the body of Christ.**

**All: Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.**

**\*HYMN: #336 “God Is My Great Desire”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your Word. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. 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:** Isaiah 55:1-9 (page 733) {A.B. page 811}

**ANTHEM: (11:00) “Search Me, O God”** (words on center of insert) The United Church Choir  
(acc. Kateri Andress-piano, Joy Van Riper-cello)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Paul Johnson

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** I Corinthians 1:26-29 (page 1128) {A.B. page 1259}

## **Sermon**

**“After God’s Heart”**

**Pastor Wade Allen**

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN: #460 “Search Me, O God”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** *Variations on an Easter Hymn*

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN: #542 “Near to the Heart of God”**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Toccata on “O Filii et Filiae”* by Lynnwood Farnam

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Yacoub (friend of Ardelle Bigos), 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:** Kathy Mills, Mary Jane Laird, Cindy Davies, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Jan Gullace, Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

**Comfort and Peace:** Phyllis Curtis (mother of Louise Van Iseghem)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment  
**MISSIONARIES:** 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.*

For adults that still love puzzles ... (Solution from last week was HAGAR)

Can you solve the puzzle this week? It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- Beaver Camp - A representative is with us this morning! Check out their display and brochures in the Welcome Center!
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry knitters meet this Tuesday at 7 pm.
- Volunteers are needed on April 19 to help with youth club clean up and on April 26 to help with dinner prep and clean up. Please sign up on Deb’s door.
- The memorial service for Bill Adams will be next Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 am.
- Workcampers - Next meeting is after service on April 23 (Next Week!)

**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 both Sunday services and the Sunday school hour. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during Sunday school and the 11am service. 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 or Deb Marshall.

**Children’s Time** ~ There is Children’s Time today. After the children’s sermon, children in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

**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](mailto:virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org)

1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!

0	3	1	9	0	9	0	3	5	9
3	1	7	1	3	0	1	2	8	6
7	6	2	3	2	1	0	7	1	0
4	8	7	4	7	0	9	1	3	7
5	3	0	9	3	7	3	9	0	1
6	2	5	6	1	0	9	0	2	9
4	5	6	8	7	8	7	8	9	5
0	3	4	6	1	3	2	3	5	0
4	0	8	0	3	6	4	6	4	5
7	6	9	6	4	5	3	4	3	6

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

# ADULT EDUCATION

## BOOK OF PSALMS

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – This week, we will be watching and discussing session 7: Anatomy of a Lament

## PARENTING COFFEE HOUR

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Fellowship Room** - This week, we will be discussing the importance of a cohesive approach to parenting.



## 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.



# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## WEEKLY CONNECT

**Saturdays**, from **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**, at **the church**, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job.



## YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Bell Tower Room** – Join us for food, fellowship, and study! We are beginning a series on biblically-based leadership.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## THE CAUSE

**Sundays**, from **5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**, at **the church**, High School students are welcome to join other youth for worship, faith discussions, food, and fun! This week, we will be reflecting on the question: **Where Do I Belong?**

## WORKCAMP MEETING - April 23 (after Sunday service)

**Workcampers are asked to attend this meeting.** We will be sharing updates on our fundraising efforts, giving updates on our trip details, and making other important preparations.

# FAMILY

## INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY – April 30

During the Sunday School hour, at **9:45 AM**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall**, all age groups are invited to participate in our **Intergenerational Sunday School Class!** Similar to previous intergenerational classes, we will be coming together to enjoy breakfast, games, Bible study, and prayer. During our time together, we will be studying **John 21:1-15**.

# 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**

Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn’t do it without your help!

## Parent Duties:

### Kitchen Clean Up – Wednesdays, 6pm til done

April 19 – Non-YC volunteers needed

April 26 – Non-YC Volunteers needed

### Snack for 50 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays

April 19 – Cheney

April 26 – Marshall

### Family Time Themes:

April 19 – The Big Fish Night!

April 26 – Carnival Night!

## Volunteers are needed to help with Youth Club clean up, Wednesday, April 19 (5:45-6:45pm)

April 19<sup>th</sup> is our first performance of The Big Fish, our Youth Club musical!!!! We would like to have all Youth Club parents able to join us at 6pm to watch the performance. Because we want our Youth Club parents to join us, we need people to help who are *not* parents of YC Students to help with clean up. If you fit this category and are able to help, please let Deb Marshall know or sign up on Deb’s office door. Thanks!

## Volunteers are needed to work at Youth Club Dinner, Wednesday, April 26 (4:30-7:00pm)

April 26<sup>th</sup> is our last day of Youth Club!!!! We like to have all Youth Club children, parents and workers join us for pizza dinner and a closing program followed by sundaes.

Because we want our regular kitchen crew to join us for dinner and not be working in the kitchen, we need people to help who do *not* work at Youth Club and are *not* parents of YC students. If you fit this category and are able to help set up, serve dinner, prepare lemonade, clean up, etc, please let Deb Marshall know or sign up on Deb’s office door. Thanks!

**UC Moms!** ~ UC Moms is a group of mothers with kids of all ages that meet together to pray, fellowship, study God’s word, and encourage and support one another. Our next meeting will be in the fellowship room on Monday, April 24, from 9:30-11. **Childcare is provided;** however, this group is for ALL moms. Our group includes moms of college kids, moms of babies, and moms of “in-between” kids! We look forward to seeing you! You may join us as your schedule allows. Feel free to bring a friend! Questions? Please see Deb Marshall.

It's that time of year again ~ we have received **Summer Camp** brochures! Please take time to pray about and consider sending your child to Christian camp this summer. This experience can have a positive impact on your child's faith development! *Our church family believes that the Christian camp experience is so important that for any child from our church, we will pay half the tuition for one week at Christian camp ~ called a "campership."* Applications for camperships are being received now until the first Sunday of June. **We encourage you to register for camp soon – camps tend to fill up quickly and take advantage of early bird discounts!!** Please look for the camp display in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact Deb Marshall.

Here are our campers so far...

Beaver Camp

- Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)
- Elise Cunningham, July 2-7 (Gymnastics)
- Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)\*
- Adele Marshall, July 2-7 (Beavers)
- Lily Munson, July 2-7 (Bears)
- Paige Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)
- Sophie Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

LeTourneau Christian Center

- 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)\*
- Carter Slomski, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)



**Register now for VBS!** Blast off with us at Stellar VBS this summer!! Join us on a cosmic adventure where kids will learn how to shine Jesus' light everywhere they go! Register by using the QR code below or the link sent to parents via email.

Our VBS will be held **July 10-14, 9am-12noon**; kids ages 4-years-old through those entering 6th grade can attend....we ask that kids who register are able to attend all 5 days of VBS. We have



VERY FEW spots left so register soon! Questions? Contact Deb Marshall at [deb.marshall@uccdga.org](mailto:deb.marshall@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 April 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.

**MISSIONS**

**Family Promise's** guests are experiencing a greater need for assistance with grocery and gas gift cards. This is due to SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits being reduced as well as the increased cost of groceries. The current guest families consist of 6 single moms, 1 single dad and 24 children and more of the graduate families will also be experiencing food insecurity. The need for gift card assistance will be greater than ever.

**Our church has been asked to collect grocery and gas gift cards to help their guests during the second half of April.** Walmart, Tops, and Aldi are the most appreciated grocery cards, in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Kwik Fill, Exxon/Mobil, and Speedway gas cards are also very helpful and at Speedway they can be labeled "Fuel Purchases Only." If you can help these struggling families, please leave the gift cards in the church office or place them in a marked envelope in the collection plate by Sunday, April 30. Thank you for your support of these families in need.

**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** will be recognizing its first year of welcoming and resettling refugees here in Canandaigua. The organization plans a cake reception at its monthly informational meeting on Monday, April 17th from 4-6pm in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 95 North Main Street. Information will be shared by committee chairs and a short business meeting will be held to approve the nominating committee's slate of board members. Interested individuals are invited to the meeting to learn more or get involved. For more information speak with Cathy Bush or Linda Werts.



**CALLED TO CARE  
CANANDAIGUA**  
WELCOMING REFUGEES





A memorial service for **Bill Adams** will be held here at the United Church on **Saturday, April 22 at 11 am**. The family invites you to join them for a luncheon in the dining room following the service.

There will also be an informal remembrance service for **Al Johnson** at **2 pm on Saturday, April 22 at Ferris Hills**.

Just a reminder that our **evening Prayer Shawl knitters** will be meeting on **Tuesday night, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.** We would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie Blance – (585) 789-0448



**Scam alert....**

Just a reminder that no one from church would ever send you an urgent email or text asking you to go purchase gift cards! These scammers target churches! A lot of times they spoof the phone numbers or email addresses of the church or pastor. If you get a request and are in doubt, **do not reply**. Call the person directly to check validity.



**Sunday happenings...**

**TODAY –**

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause (Youth Group for 9-12 grade), 5-7:30 pm

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

Service at 8:45am

Youth Club Musical, “The Big Fish”, at 9:45 am in the sanctuary

Service at 11:00am

The Cause (Youth Group for 9-12 grade), 5-7:30 pm

Workcamper meeting, noon

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives-** arr Dan Forrest

(Ladies Quartet)

I know that my Redeemer lives. Glory, Hallelujah!  
What a comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, Hallelujah!

**Chorus:**

Shout on, press on, we’re gaining ground. Glory, Hallelujah!  
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found. Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with His love; Glory, Hallelujah!  
He lives to plead my cause above; Glory, Hallelujah!

**Chorus**

He lives to crush the fiends of hell: Glory, Hallelujah!  
He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory, Hallelujah!

**Chorus**

**Search Me, O God**

(Anthem)

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Search me, O God, and know my heart, Search me, O God, and know my heart.

See if there be any wickedness in me.  
Is there strife?  
Is there pride?  
A transgression that is hidden from my eyes?

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Search me, O God, and know my heart, Search me, O God, and know my heart.

And lead me, lead me in the path eternal. And lead me, lead to life that’s everlasting,  
everlasting, everlasting, eternal.

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Try me.  
Know me.  
Search my heart.

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