

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

October 15, 2023

PRELUDE: "Symphonie No. 3, Op. 28, II. Cantilène" by Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) "He Is Lord" (Hymn #97)

Focus of the day: Using God-given gifts to glorify God and make us "fully alive".

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The depth, breadth and height of God's creation knows no bounds

People: We are called to be stewards of God's world.

Leader: Who is exempt from the love of God?

People: Even though we turn away from God, God's love is still poured out to us.

Leader: God, heal our wounded spirits, encourage and inspire us to do your will.

People: Be present with us as we grow and learn in our faith. AMEN.

*HYMN: #5 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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*OPENING PRAYER: Gracious Lord, we call upon you this day to open our hearts to your love, our ears to your words, our eyes to see the needs of those both near and far, and our spirits to do your will. Be with us and give us courage and inspiration for the future of your world, O Lord. 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: 1 Peter 4: 10-11 (page 1203) {A.B. page 1362}

ANTHEM: (11:00) "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 104:30-34 (page 596) {A.B. page 671}

Sermon

"Our Spiritual Gifts"

Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #568 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Kyrie" from Missa de Angelis

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #574 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "... and thanksgivings may follow." by Dan Locklair

Congratulations to Brooke and Dakota Hance, who were married on October 6th. Brooke's proud parents are Bruce and Christina Hartpence. Please keep the new family in your prayers during this joyful time.

Congratulations to Tori and Matthew Sullivan, who were married on October 6. Tori Wilson Sullivan grew up in our church family, attending Youth Club and The Cause. Please keep the newlyweds in your prayers during this joyful time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: 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: 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), 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)

Recovering: Sara Henderson, Steve Smythe, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

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

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



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 October 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

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.



Nursery needs

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.

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!**

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
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Care Net needs volunteers ~ these volunteer positions can be a one time or one event commitment or an ongoing commitment to help at **Care Net**. Please call (585) 393-0437 if you'd like to volunteer!

Highlights for This Week!

- The Fall Family campfire gathering at Paul and Beth Johnson's home, has been **RESCHEDULED** to next **Sunday, Oct 22 from 2-4:40pm**. Let's hope for drier weather!
 - **2023 ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY RETREAT** - Deadline for Registration is **October 19**. Please register online or on the hallway posting. Check the bulletin for more details in the bulletin, under "Event Registration".
 - Everyone is invited to our **Intergenerational Sunday school class and Stewardship Breakfast** on **October 29**. Please bring a **dish to pass** if you are able. We need a few people to help with set up and clean up. Sign up on Deb's door if you're able to help.
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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 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!

Sunday, October 29, 9:45-10:45 am: Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship Breakfast

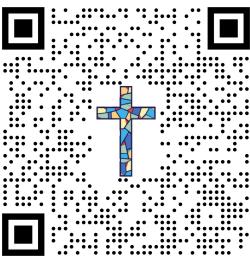


Please join us in the downstairs dining room for a **dish to pass breakfast**. We will combine our intergenerational Sunday school fun with our Stewardship breakfast. We hope to see you there!

The Tuesday evening **prayer shawl knitting group** will meet on **Tues., Oct. 17 at 7pm** in the Fellowship room. Please join the group for knitting and fellowship.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Is there a United Church event you are planning to attend that requires registration? Use this QR code to access the event registration landing page!



ADULT EDUCATION RETREAT - NOVEMBER 4 – High school through adults invited!

Saturday, November 4 - LeTourneau Christian Center

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum (President & Dean Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary).

Topic: Cultivating a Posture of Dialogue.

Details: During our retreat, we will be taking time to learn about a range of Christian perspectives on polarizing issues, understand our social context and the need for cultivating a posture of dialogue, and growing further into a missional posture in our ministry.

Please register online, using the QR code above, the church website, the hallway sign-up sheet, or call Mark Slomski!

Dietary Restrictions? Contact Mark Slomski of the church office to let us know!

NOTE: There is no cost for attendance! Do you have childcare needs? Contact Mark for assistance!

YOUTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY CONNECT – Middle School and High School Students Invited!

Canandaigua – Starts November 8 @ 6:45 AM. North Street Tim Horton's. Second Wednesday of the Month.

Marcus-Whitman - Starts October 16 @ 2:30 PM. Gorham Free Library. Third Monday of the Month.

Victor – Starts October 18 @ 6:45 AM. Main Street Dunkin Donuts. Third Wednesday of the Month.

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.

FLCC SOCCER SCHEDULE – HOME GAMES – Come and support Gabriel and his team! Use the QR code or go to the FLCC website to access their schedule!



ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

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

Theology of Sex (class 4 of 8) – We will be learning about the book of the Bible known as the Song of Songs. We will also learn on how Christ's resurrection leads to transformation in our lives in relation to the topic of the class.

Important Fall Dates!

Oct 22, 2023 – DATE CHANGE: All are invited to Paul and Beth Johnson's home from 2-4:30pm for a fall campfire and fun! Please bring a dessert to pass and lawn chairs.

Oct 29, 2023 - **Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship kick-off breakfast** at 9:45am.
~ Please bring a dish to pass if you're able~

YOUTH CLUB
Begins Wednesday, October 4!
Our Wednesday afterschool ministry
For children in grades 2 – 8
After school – 6:30 October through April
Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

Oct 18 – Kitchen Clean up: Cloutier, Falbo, _____, _____ (two more parents needed)

Oct 18 – Snack: Tew

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

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

Location: The United Church

Cost: Basic Class is \$30, +\$20 if you want a workbook to keep, +\$5 for First Aid certification (you'd stay another hour to complete this part). Cash, check or credit card.

Sign Up: On the sheet on the Adult Ed. bulletin board (minimum 6, maximum 14)

Questions? Contact Holger Stave





RESCHEDULED!!!
Fall Family Dessert Delight at
Paul & Beth Johnson's
4638 Kear Rd., Canandaigua
October 22nd, 2-4:30 PM For ALL Ages



👉 Bring your favorite fall dessert to pass
 & lawn chairs

🔥 Enjoy a campfire, games, crafts & s'mores of course!

🍁 Could you help with some supplies: fall colored material, small pumpkins, cinnamon sticks, fake leaves, etc..? Please see Brenda Cunningham if you'd like to help.

Called to Care, Canandaigua will host its final general information meeting for the year on Monday, October 16th from 4-6pm at St. Mary's Church. Please join us for refreshments, a thanksgiving to our volunteers for the support they have given to our families throughout the year, and a time to join in advocacy initiatives. All are welcome.



Live Fraser Fir Christmas Wreaths Fundraiser

for Called to Care Canandaigua

\$25 Order by October 25. Wreaths will be ready for pick up Nov. 20-21 at Spring Valley Greenhouse, County Rd 10
 If interested, please see Linda Werts or Cathy Bush.



CALLED TO CARE
 CANANDAIGUA
WELCOMING REFUGEES



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.

MISSIONS Faith and Action

"That all might come to....." Look at the front of the bulletin to complete the goal. Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather are one of 148 Global Servants – Mission Co-workers connected internationally as called missionaries. Living and serving in East Africa they resource church leaders in war torn South Sudan and also war torn Sudan. The focus is building bridges of reconciliation and sharing Christ's love in a location of intense and often violent conflict. Shelvis and Nancy are one of four mission families our congregation have identified for focus.



We pray with them and for them as they work with refugees longing for peace and seeking safety while waiting to return safely to their South Sudan or Sudan homeland. Daughter Nicole's birthday was October 13, Jordan's birthday is next Saturday. In 2023 The message from Isaiah 55:12 provides both hope and promise to the people of East Africa.

"You shall go out in joy,
 and be led back in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)"

The Christian minority in Israel (1.9% of population) and Christian minority in the Gaza Strip (0.05% of population) need our prayers as the horrendous current conflict continues.

Hear our prayers O God.



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.

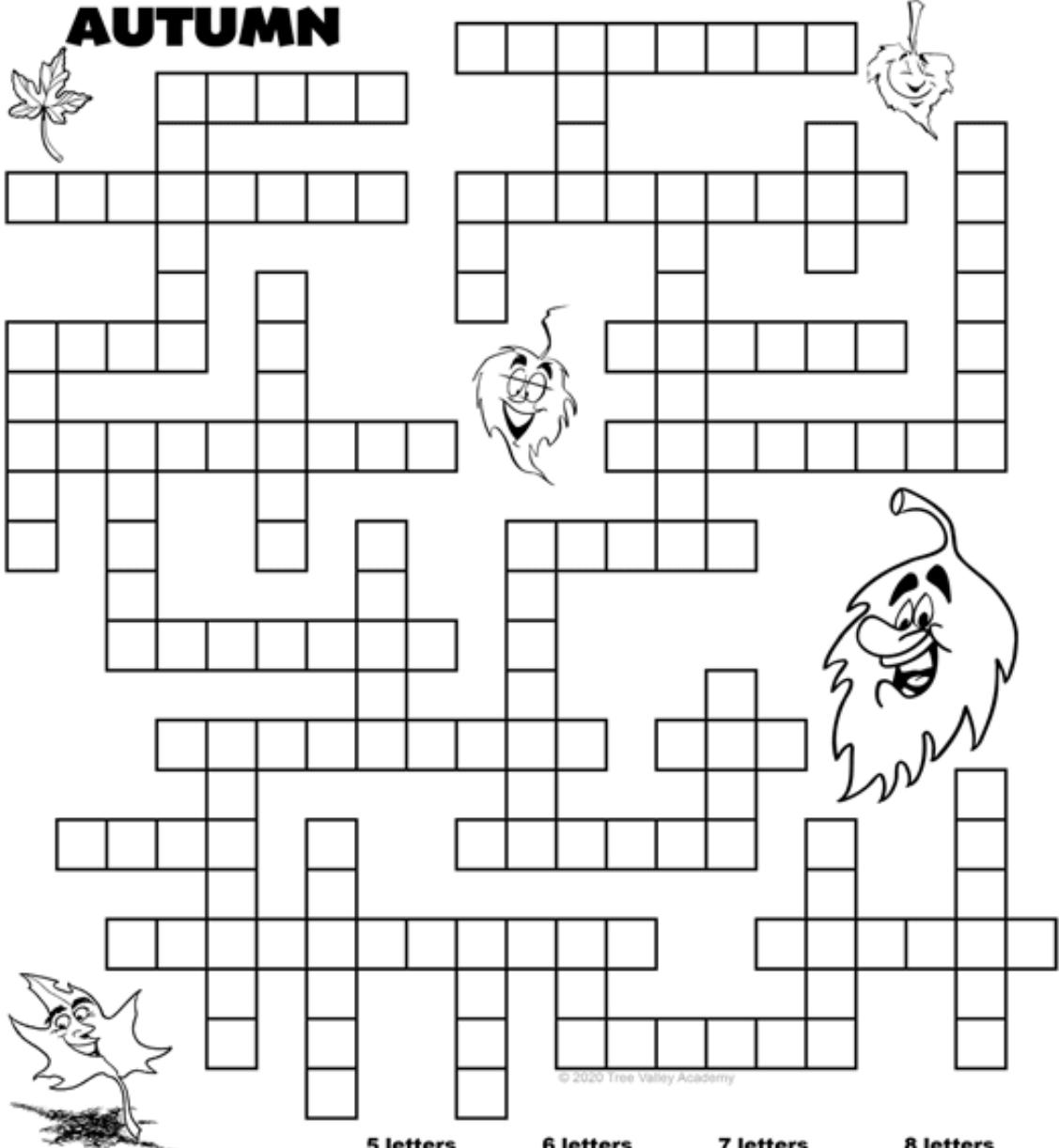
Even outside of church ... if anyone claiming to be **anyone** asks you to go buy gift cards as a form of payment, or asks you to wire money, or pays you with a "too big" check and asks for a refund of the excess ... it is likely they are trying to steal from you. **Please ask a trusted friend or the 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.



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Notes and Doodles:

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5 letters

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6 letters

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