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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday

MAY 25, 2025



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Order of Worship for
MAY 25, 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: "O Lux Beata Trinitas" by Johann Friedrich Alberti

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Psalm 67 challenges us to be reflections of God's light.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us

Congregation: And make His face shine upon us

Leader: May Your ways be known on earth

Congregation: Your salvation among all nations

Leader: May the peoples praise You, O God

Congregation: May all the peoples praise You

Leader: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us

Congregation: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

All: For He rules the peoples with equity and guides the nations of the earth!

***HYMN #721:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we come before you today asking that your face would shine upon us, illuminating our hearts and minds with your truth. May we reflect your light in all the places we go this week, so that all peoples might come to know and praise you. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray ...
Our Father, who art in Heaven ...

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI:** #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 5:1-9 (page 1054) {A.B. page 1170}

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Morning Has Broken" arr. Larson
Organ (David Kraft) with Piano duet (June Pettit and Georgia Sperano)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16:9-15 (page 1096) {A.B. page 1220}

Sermon

"Shining His Light: God's Face and Our Mission"

(Psalm 67)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #336:** "God Is My Great Desire"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Dir, dir, Jehova, will ich singen" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN #656:** "Make Me a Blessing"

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BABY DEDICATION: Francesca Mylla Occil

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Postlude in E" by Charles Vincent

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with the Callard family, as Jamie's grandmother, Cathy DeMallie, passed away on May 14th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Luca Masi (Verspoor's g-grandson), Lou Verspoor, Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Arlene Willett, Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Dave and Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Jennie (friend of Nancy Bowllan), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Deanna Stocker and Everest Ferrante (family 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), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Jack Schermond

Cancer: 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), Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, 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), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Recovering at home: Alice Smith-Mather (missionaries' daughter)

Comfort and Peace: Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany and deploying to Qatar this summer, 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) and prayers for a smooth transition as Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather and Ryan & Althia White as they end their time as PCUSA missionaries.

Highlights for This Week

- **The Church office is closed Monday for Memorial Day.**
- **NEW!** "Pop-up" playdates - Thursdays in May (May 29) at the "Pirate Playground" on Outhouse Road, **9:30-11:30am**. All moms, grandmas, caregivers and their children are invited! Come when you can; bring a lunch and stay longer if you choose.
- **2025 Graduates** - Is your child graduating high school or college? Let Pastor Mark know the details, and plan to participate in the June 8 celebration during the 9:30 summer service on **Sunday, June 8!** Please provide the following information: Graduate Name, School Graduating From, Degree/Program to be enrolled in (or has completed), and future plans!
- **Summer Fellowship Opportunities:** There are a few upcoming special get-togethers we want to make you aware of! Several people from our church attend these events every year. Let Pastor Mark know if you are interested!
 - NBA Finals Watch Party** - June 5-19 (*Let Mark know which date(s) you are available*)
 - IMSA Racing @ Watkins Glen** - June 19-22 (*most will attend during the weekend*)
- Parents, don't forget that we offer **camperships!!** Our church believes that the Christian Summer Camp experience is so valuable that **we will pay ½ the week's tuition to one week at any summer Christian camp**. It's simple: Pick a summer Christian camp, register your child, and then **send the registration confirmation to Deb**....and our church will pay half the cost. If your family needs a full campership, please let Deb know. **The deadline for campership requests is Sunday, June 1.**
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for June: Steward Marion Sumpter.** Please contact Marion if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the entire summer!
- **VBS prayer cards** are available in the welcome center. Please grab a stack, take them home, and join us in prayer for our True North VBS, July 14-18. Thank you!
- Join us for a **VBS scenery work day!** Come for as long as you can. We have a lot of different ways you can help.

Tuesday May 27, 9am-12noon

Monday June 2, 9am-12noon



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 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!

Children's Time

There is no **Children's Time** today. Kids are invited to grab a worship aide (bag or binder) at any time during the service. They are found at the Main entrance. **Please return the bag or binder after the service.** Thank you!

Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during summer services in Room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery).



Softball anyone?

The **United Church softball team** will be playing **this Tuesday, May 27th at Farmington Town Park, field #3**. The team plays **every Tuesday night** on one of the local fields. Come to cheer us on!

Tables: In With the New and Out With the Old!

The United Church has purchased **new folding tables** that provide easier portability for our dining area. As a result, we have an abundance of sturdy, **wooden 8-foot rectangular and 5-foot round folding tables** that we can no longer store. If you are interested in bringing home one or more of these tables, we are asking for a **minimum donation of \$10 per table**. Please contact the Staff Relations Committee by email at src@uccdga.org.

If you are in need of assistance transporting the table(s) home, we have kind volunteers who are willing to help.

Save the dates!

June 1 - Church Picnic

August 16-17 - Retreats and worship at Onanda Park

Aug 23 - Red Wings Game

Sept 11-13 - Pictorial Directory photos taken

Church Picnic

Join us for the Annual **Church Picnic on Sunday, June 1**.

Plan to arrive by 11:45am, and we'll eat at noon. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign up on the office door to bring a main dish (no hot dogs this year!). Drinks and table service provided. Please label dishes and serving utensils. Feel free to bring outdoor games. Baker Park Pavilion, 185 Buffalo St, Canandaigua. Questions? Contact Mary Beth Fortunato at mbweber@hotmail.com or 585-451-1758.



Volunteers Needed

If you'd like to help out **later this summer** with preparations for our **new Pictorial Directory**, please let Becky Boseck or the church office know! We could use a few folks to help get families scheduled for their appointments and make phone calls to those we miss on Sunday mornings. The photo dates will be September 11-13 (and maybe the 10th if we run out of slots.)

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.

Thank You from Kory Massey

Stephen and I thank God for the gracious help, encouragement, and prayers that you continue to share with us. You are helping to shoulder our burdens, yet again, and we are incredibly grateful for all the love you've shared with us.



**"If the Lord does not build the house,
it is useless for the builders to work on it.**

**"If the Lord does not protect a city,
it is useless for the guard to stay alert."**

Psalms 127:1

The **United Church Safety Team** is dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for all to develop a relationship with Jesus our Lord. Through collaboration with surrounding churches, team members are trained to welcome and secure our congregants, and to be a safety resource for those in need. Please connect with Mark Slomski if you feel called to serve in this unique way.

Summer Campers

Below find a list of our summer campers. Each child attending camp gets a campership for ONE week of camp. Some children/families choose to attend other weeks as well. Please pray that the campers below have a safe week that is an impactful part of their faith journey.

LeTourneau campers...

Jesse Cheney: Lego Masters Camp (June 23-27), Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1), Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Sam Quimby: Galactic Adventure Camp (June 23-27)

David Quimby: Galactic Adventure Camp (June 23-27)

Carter Slomski: Lego Masters Camp (June 23-27), Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Wyatt Posson: Creative Arts Camp (June 30-July 3), Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Adele Marshall: Creative Arts Camp (June 30-July 3)

Joy Cheney: Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wild, Wild West Camp (overnight, July 21-25)

Olivia Gruschow: Top Chef Camp (July 14-18)

Wes Gruschow: Battlezone Camp (July 14-18)

Dorothy Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)

Violet Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)

Billy Clark: Kingdom Conquest (July 28-Aug 1), Frontier Fun Camp (Aug 4-8), Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)

Eva Clark: Frontier Fun Camp (Aug 4-8), Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)

Sydney Cloutier: Wave Riders Camp (Aug 4-8)

Kailynn Stewart: Wave Riders Camp (overnight, Aug 4-8)

Asher Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Elizabeth Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Levi Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Graham Beyrle: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Miracle Mountain Ranch campers....

Hannah Aldrich (July 6-11)

Paige Munson (July 6-11)

Sophie Munson (July 6-11)

Beaver Camp campers...

Adele Marshall (July 6-11)

Eva Clark (July 20-25)

Elise Cunningham (July 20-25)

Lily Munson (Aug 3-8)

Paige Munson (Aug 3-8)

Sophie Munson (Aug 3-8)

Amelia Cunningham (Aug 10-15)

Anna Zajac (Aug 10-15)



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



A “Framing Frenzy” coordinated between Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity, the United Church, and Zion Fellowship is planned for **Saturday, August 23rd** in the Zion Fellowship parking lot! 50-100 community volunteers, age 16 and up, will work together to frame the walls which will become a Canandaigua home for another Habitat family. If you, your family, or friends have interest in a meaningful day of “hands on” service please speak with Linda Werts asap and come to an **informational meeting on Thursday, May 29th** at 7:00pm in the fellowship room. There is need for “construction” workers as well as volunteers to prepare lunch and snacks, handle registration details, and perhaps other tasks.

Care Net is looking for volunteers to work in their center on Tuesdays from noon until 2pm and in other ways. Training is provided. Interested? Please contact Kathi Nacca.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) and The United Church have been partners in missions for many years. (Over 30 years)

Is there anyone interested in training to be a Living Waters for the World (LWW) trainer?

There is a section of the organization called Clean Water U.

There are two training sessions scheduled: Ready to lead a water mission team? Reserve your preferred Clean Water U session date early; workshops often fill quickly. A deposit (half of session rate; \$725 for new student; \$400 for alumni) is required to reserve a class slot. Tuition assistance is available from the Mission Committee.

2025 training dates:

June 17-21 (in person at Camp Johnsonburg, NJ)

September 23-27 (in person at Camp Hopewell, MS)

Three areas of training: 101- partnership & Project planning; 102 Health & Safety education; and 103 The system Builders & operation trainers.

Questions? speak to Ken Allen, or Linda Werts.



Revisioning our Church Entry and Fellowship Spaces

~Creating spaces that will facilitate opportunities to make connections with our church family while enhancing the engagement of those new to our church~

Our Church Teams, Boards and Leadership have been working diligently to create fellowship spaces that are welcoming and embrace our traditions, that also encompass the needs of all, while utilizing the spaces in the most efficient way. We are excited to announce that throughout the course of the next few months you will notice a transformation occurring to the entry of our church and Fellowship areas!

Welcome Center

An inviting Welcome Center for all to enjoy fellowship before and after our services, located in the current Gathering Area.

What to Expect:

- Relocation of folding tables and coat racks
- Improved traffic flow
- Improved opportunity to greet, welcome and connect with others
- Will utilize elements and character of our Sanctuary and complement its Gothic Revival design
- Wall art and new paint colors on the walls, bringing in colors from the Sanctuary
- Improved space for coffee, water, juice and snacks
- Seating and tables for all ages and sizes (easily cleanable, durable and moveable)
- Continued space provided for Giving Tree tags for Christmas and the Back to School Angel Tree
- 65" monitor to advise members of the current calendar of upcoming events within the church

Fellowship Room

Provide a comfortable space for Circles, Small Groups and Sunday School classes with a new space for families for funerals and weddings.

What to expect:

- Meaningful and scriptural artwork
- Fresh paint that coordinates with our furnishings and rug
- New seating (cleanable, durable and moveable)
- Credenza for coffee and snacks
- Storage for class materials
- New folding door to replace the broken one, that separates the two rooms

Conference Room / Library

- Conference table and chairs, seating for 20
- Connects to Fellowship room
- Library wall will incorporate our existing library memorial plaque

Mission Outreach Center

- Located in what was previously known as Mark's Slomski's office/Youth Office
- Provide space to display and store Card Ministry, Food items and host our approved sales
- Widened entry to this space

Please note, Mark will continue to have work space located with Wade in the Pastor's Office. Our pastors eagerly work together and easily coordinate their shared space.

Coat Closet

- To be installed along a portion of the education wing wall (across from the new Missions Outreach Center and pastors office)

Special notes:

- Continue to display all existing artwork that has a plaque, dedication or special sentiment
- Pictorial history of The United Church placed on the education wing walls and the Gibson Street side entry to the Sanctuary.

We are very blessed to have the resources and talent required to create and enhance these spaces within our church. Thank you for your patience and support with the process. These well thought out goals and plans take time and we will not see the completed vision immediately. If you have feedback or questions please contact us at feedback@uccdga.org or you can share your thoughts on the Feedback Pew Cards that are available. Please place your pew card in the offering plate.