

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
July 9, 2023

PRELUDE: Siciliano from Concerto in S Minor, Op. 3 No. 11 by Antonio Vivaldi arr. by J. S. Bach:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: As we learn from David’s life, comfort and security are breeding grounds for sin.

PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE: Selections from David’s Psalm 18

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance! All are part of the richness of God’s mercy and love for us!

People: God has blessed us in so many ways!

Leader: Welcome this day to a celebration of these blessings!

People: Thank you. We are glad to be here!

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to your love and guidance in our lives.

All: Bring us safely through the trials and tribulations of life, for we ask this in Jesus’ name.

AMEN

***HYMN: #43 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

***OPENING PRAYER:** God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. We pray this in Jesus name, who taught us to pray...

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 55

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Psalm 62” by Townend and Keyes

Sung by Dan Frye

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 5:27-32

Sermon
“The Danger of Comfort”
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #455 Kind and Merciful God**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Intermezzo by Willibald Richter

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #591 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

Workcamp Commissioning

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Fanfare by William Mathias

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Cynthia Chittenden (Larry Hood’s daughter), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), 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: Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Deb Marshall, Kathy Mills, Mary Jane Laird, Cindy Davies, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Jan Gullace, Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army 2LT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, 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 and Mayra Giovanti – 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.*



Did you know that our church has a softball team?!

Week	Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Field
1	6/6/2023	Away	Cheshire Community	Jefferson Park
2	6/13/2023	Away	Farmington Church	Farmington Town Park
3	6/20/2023	Home	Calvary Chapel	Sonnenberg Park
4	6/27/2023	Away	Seneca Falls/Willowbrook	Jefferson Park
5	7/4/2023	BYE WEEK		
6	7/11/2023	Home	Good Shepherd	Sonnenberg Park
7	7/18/2023	Home	Cheshire Community	Jefferson Park
8	7/25/2023	Home	Farmington Church	Farmington Town Park
Playoff 1	8/1/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
Playoff 2	8/8/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
Champ	8/15/2023	TBD	TBD	Farmington Town Park

Come cheer them on! All games are at **6:30 pm on Tuesday nights**. Contact Ryan Gardner, Sue Vadney or Sandi DiCicco if you have any questions.

DINING HALL RENOVATION

Our Downstairs Dining Hall & Restroom renovation is moving along nicely! With all the work done so far, the current estimated time for completion is by the end of July. As many have heard, we discovered a few additional items that needed addressing after the North wall paneling was removed! In response, **much work has been done in shoring up and sealing the North wall foundation**. This will set us up for many more years of a functional and welcoming Dining Hall!

SILENT AUCTION 2024

SAVE THE DATE! We will be having another Silent Auction June 2-9, 2024. Start thinking about items you might donate such as crafts, antiques, gift cards, new toys, cottage rentals, boat rides, baked goods, etc. Watch the bulletins and Lamplighters for updates.

CARD MINISTRY:

This is the month that the Stewards sponsor the summer Card Ministry for our Special Members. You’ll see stacks of greeting cards in the Welcome Center along with copies of the list of Special Members. We encourage you to take a few cards and mail them to Special Members with a note about your own summer activities or what’s happening at church. It’s such a bright spot in their day to receive mail from their church family! Thanks!

Highlights for This Week!

The **kick-off** for **VBS** is **TONIGHT** at **6:30pm**. Come with a plain, pre-washed (fabric softener free) t-shirt and get a **STELLAR iron on decal!** We can’t wait to blast off with you on an out-of-this-world adventure!

We need **help after service TODAY** for **last minute VBS set up**. Please stick around and lend a hand if you are willing and able. We especially need a few strong young men to help with the stage extensions.

VBS prayer cards available!

We would love for **YOU** to pray for VBS this week. There are prayer cards available for this purpose in the Welcome Center. Please take a set of prayer cards home today. We appreciate you joining us in asking God to bless our VBS in ways that exceed all we can ask or imagine!

Please continue to keep our summer campers in prayer. For those who took a note from the “camp tree,” please make sure you mail your letter in time for the camper to receive it. Thank you!

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!**

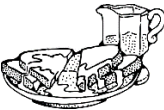
Nursery care is available during our Worship service. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. During the summer, Room 11 is used for nursery care. If your child is not potty trained, please **take a pager** in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long.

Children’s Time

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


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.



Sign up to help in Summer Nursery!

We still need a few more people to help in the nursery this summer. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the nurseries. Each Sunday, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we need 2 people to help in the nursery.

 *All volunteers 18-years-old and older need to be background checked before helping.*
This is a quick and easy process! If you'd like to begin volunteering in the nursery, please see our nursery coordinators, Jason and Melissa Long or contact the church office. Thank you!

Summer Campers

Please pray for our summer campers! We have kids attending camp all summer long. We appreciate your prayers for them as they learn more about following Jesus through their experiences. Prayers for campers' safety and good weather are also appreciated!



Beaver Camp

Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)
Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)*

LeTourneau Christian Center

Joy Cheney, July 10-14 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)
Jesse Cheney, Aug 14-17 (Wacky Water)*
Carter Slomski, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)
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)*
Liam Hildebrandt, July 24-28 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)
Jackson Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)
Juliana Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)
Aria Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)
Mason Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Wacky Water Week)

NTS Camp (at Houghton University)

Walter Marshall, July 9-13 (Theme: Discover where God is working)

YOUTH MINISTRY

ATTENTION PRAYER PARTNERS & CHURCH FAMILY! Our group leaves Sunday morning, July 16, for our workcamp trip! If you are interested and available, please join us at the United Church at 7:00 AM as we pray for our trip.

FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

Our last workcamp fundraiser has been completed! Thank you all for your time, efforts, and donations towards our upcoming trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare our heads, hearts, and hands to do God's work in Woonsocket, Rhode Island (July 16-23)

See below for upcoming special youth events:

Workcamp: July 16-23
Youth Retreat: August 18-19 (7-12 grade students)
Fall 2023 Program Year Begin: September 10

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



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 July 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.

Fred Magley has moved again. His new address is:

The Springs of Wilsonville
7600 SW Vlahos Dr. #411
Wilsonville, OR 97070

The summer Lamplighter has his OLD address on the Special Member list, so please update it before sharing summer greetings! Thank you!



“Stay on your side of the bed”



Children traveling with families on vacation may need to share a bed. Remaining on one half of the bed is a challenge when “Stay on your side of the bed” is the expectation. At home each has his/her own bed. Parents lovingly provide wisdom for the family vacation experiences to continue. Leadership is required.

Christ’s call is to be aware of shared spaces. The needs of others **and** personal needs are important. 108,400,000 individuals (equal to 1/3 of total US population) are refugees/displaced persons currently in the world. Pastors and Christian leaders work in partnership with European, African, and American host country governments in Christ like ministry to the refugees. Many beds are being shared. PRAY for our missionaries, Rev. Ryan and Rev. Alethia White and daughters, currently living in Berlin, work with refugees. News from Ryan this week: “Our new role as European Regional Liaisons is a lot of listening and connecting. The geographical area includes partner churches and organizations in the UK, Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic and Hungary, along with developing partnerships in Switzerland. Alethia has also been supporting connections in Southern Europe through the Southern European Partnership Network in Portugal, Spain, Italy and Greece. Much of the work over the past couple of years as we have transitioned into this role, is having conversations with partners and listening to what is happening in their churches and communities. We listen to local church leadership looking for possibilities of mutual ministry engagement. Much of this is online, but we have also visited some partners, and through these connections.” July 12 is daughter Ariella’s birthday. July 14 is mother Alethia’s birthday.

Christian camp’s goal is “THAT ALL MIGHT COME TO KNOW, LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR”.

Exploring Refugee Resettlement in our Community

What can we at the United Church do to help care for those forced to leave their homeland?

Do you have a heart for the refugee?
Would you be willing to help resettle a refugee family in our community?
Are you called to be part of a Good Neighbor Team?
Come, find out what that means!

Several Good Neighbor Team informational sessions will be held this summer:

- (in the fellowship room)
- Sunday, July 16 10:45am after 9:30 worship
 - Wednesday, July 19, 7pm
 - Thursday, July 20, 4pm
 - Tuesday, July 25, 7pm
- Come hear what church members have experienced resettling refugees through Called to Care Canandaigua.
- Explore ways we average folk at the United Church can help make a difference.

For more information, please see Linda Werts, Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard.

*“Do not mistreat a stranger or oppress him,
for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”*
Exodus 22:21



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.

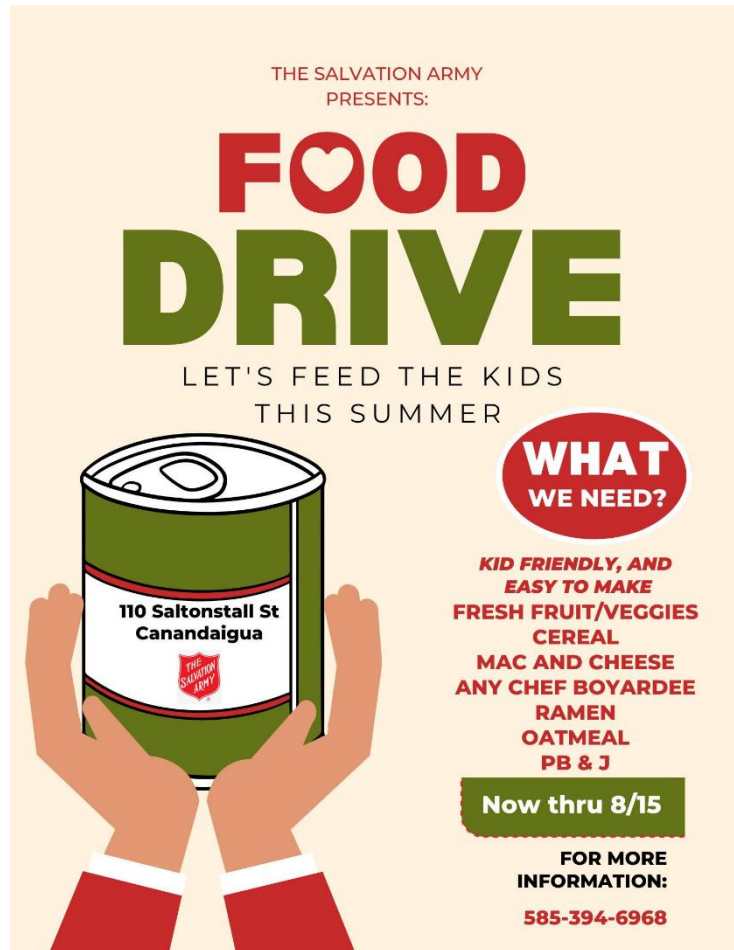


Thank you to my Church family, with more thanks than I can express. Thank you for prayers, visits, caring words and thoughtful messages on the many cards that I have received.
“Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.”
I hope to be with you again soon. **Shirley Kem**

Help “Feed the Kids this Summer”

Requests for easy for kid to prepare meals come from moms and dads visiting the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries.

Notes, Doodles, To-do list, lunch order... 😊



We are collecting nonperishable items in the welcome center for transport to the pantries.

Some kids eat school lunches September to June are home and are now alone at mealtime during the summer. While the parents are working they need to make lunch at home this summer.

The shopping cart in the Welcome Center will receive **easy to prepare PB and J, any Chef Boyardee meals, cereal, Mac and Cheese, and/or Ramen.** (Fresh fruit and veggies should be taken directly to the Salvation Army.)