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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
OCTOBER 26, 2025



THE
**UNITED
CHURCH**
CANADA



Order of Worship for
OCTOBER 26, 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: “Adagio” by John Stanley

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day - Let us remember the true freedom we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

INTROIT: (11:00) “I Love You Lord” Susan Gates (flute), June Pettit (piano)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (the Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

***HYMN #493:** “I Know Whom I Have Believed” CCLI Song #31762, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Holy and righteous God, You are the fountain of living water in a dry and empty world. Keep us from springs without water, and from words that promise freedom but bring bondage. Strengthen us to walk in the way of righteousness and fill us with the freedom found only in Christ, that our worship may flow from hearts made new by Your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and in whose name we pray by saying:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 1 (page 532) {A.B. page 605}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Where He Leads Me/He Leadeth Me”
Susan Gates (flute), June Pettit (piano)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Deb Marshall

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 7:15-20 (page 961) {A.B. page 1060}

Sermon
“Christian Freedom in a Changing World”
(2 Peter 2:17-22)
Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #496:** “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Pièce en Sol Majeur” by César Franck

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #500:** “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Introduction and Allegro” by John Stanley

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Marty Becker (friend of the UC softball team), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), unborn daughter of Laura & Conner Fry (heart issues, relatives of VanIseghems), Lori McMillen, Wendy Stoddard, Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Martha Ashley, Ernie McKenzie, Karen Sanford, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jack Bigos, Everest & Carly Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Deanna and Brexten Stocker (friends 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), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Mallory Long (friend of Sharon Erb), Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), 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), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), 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: Earl Pettit (appendectomy)

Military Service: Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany and deployed to Qatar, 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).

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.

Highlights for This Week

- **Sunday School Small Groups Bible Study** - This week!
 - Young Adults Small Group** - Bell Tower Room
 - Parenting Small Group** - Fellowship Room
 - Choir Small Group** - Upstairs in Room 26
 - United Small Group** - Downstairs Dining Room
- Reminder **today is the youth Fall Event** from noon to 6 pm!
- **This month we are taking the World Mission Offering.** Please see details in this bulletin.
- **Youth Club Mission Project: Christmas Stockings for NYC.** Please look inside the bulletin for more details. **Donations must be new, small and able to fit into a 5x9" stocking;** items are needed **by November 2.** Thank you!!
- We have several kids attending **Youth Club using a scholarship.** If you would like to **anonymously "sponsor"** a child using a scholarship by **paying for their Youth Club year,** please see Deb Marshall.
- Mark your calendar...**Sunday, November 30** - Intergenerational Sunday school at 9:45am in the downstairs dining room. We will not be having a regular breakfast, but we need a few people to bring baked goods - please let Deb or Mark know if you plan to bring something.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for October: Dan F.** Please contact Dan if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the remainder of 2025!



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 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!**

Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during both services. We use Room 11 during the 8:45 am service and we use Room 10 and Room 11 during the 11:00 am service.

Children's Time

Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon. **Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service.



Youth Club Mission Project

Christmas Stockings for NYC

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 5x9" stocking.** Please bring your donations anytime to Deb's office. Items need to be donated **by November 2.** Thank you!!

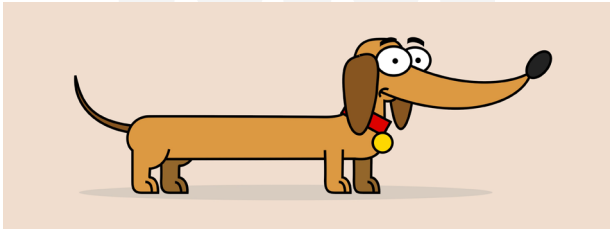
Items needed: toy cars, yo-yos, small games, bouncy balls, gum, socks, hard candy, hair accessories, jump ropes, coin purses, jewelry, watches, trading cards, pencils/pencil sharpeners, gloves, hats, small stuffed animals or dolls, etc!!! Note: Coloring books are too large for these stockings. Please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



Stewardship and Pledging

Today is the official beginning of the **stewardship season**. The new pledge forms for 2026 were mailed out in early October and there are extras on the Welcome Center desk. They can be returned over the next few weeks to the offering plate or the box in the Welcome Center or you can mail them into the office. You can also submit a pledge form digitally by following this link: <http://bit.ly/48BcbNw> or scan the code to the right.

We have a goal of getting **125 families** to return pledge forms, and we're already up to **29** right out of the gate! Watch the main office and the Sunday bulletins for our progress towards this goal!



(meet Oscar, the dog, and our mascot for this season)

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

World Mission Offering

For the month of **October**, we will continue to receive our annual special offering for the **World Mission Offering** which will be shared equally with the **American Baptist World Mission Offering** and the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program**. This offering provides an opportunity for churches like ours to participate in God's life-changing mission around the globe. American Baptist Global servants share the gospel in ways that are understandable in their unique places of service. For instance in places like Ukraine, International Mission's Global Consultant Kristy Engel has served internally displaced persons who are suffering the impact of war by helping to create sustainable medical systems. And, International Mission's Mike Mann's ministry uses coffee, a common commodity, to help hill tribe communities in northern Thailand build a sustainable life. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. There are many circumstances outside our control: wars, natural disasters, disease, accidents, and other people's actions and decisions. Our gifts enable sharing the healing love of Christ through communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. By sharing our resources we can respond to the needs around the world, tending to those who are suffering.

You will find **envelopes in the pews** or you can write WMO in the memo line of a check or choose the WMO fund through our **online giving**.



Food Cart & Card Ministry Location

The black collection wagon is in the Missions Collection Center in the south side of the newly remodeled Fellowship Room. We continue to collect needed food staples for **CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action)** and the **Salvation Army food pantry**. Our donations continue to be needed. Thank you for so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in before or after church to select some. Questions? Please see Mary Lou Havens or Cathy Bush.



Wreaths

Called to Care Canandaigua is having a **wreath sale** through November 10th (pick up on December 4th). See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more info or ask Sarah G, Cathy B, Regina A, or Linda W.

Family Promise of Ontario County

The Family Promise new Static Site is **under construction** on N. Main Street in Canandaigua! Meanwhile their ongoing work of helping current families facing homelessness continues. Our church is assisting by collecting **grocery and gas gift cards** to help their guests during the **first half of October**. 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 in a marked envelope in the collection plate **by Sunday, October 26**. If you would find it easier, you can write a check to **Family Promise, mark it FP Gift Cards on the memo line**. Thank you for your support of these families in need. – The Mission Collections Team



Winter Wear Drive

As the air gets frosty, people in our community need your help staying warm! The United Church is partnering with CCIA in collecting **new or gently used coats and warm socks and gloves of all sizes**. Items must be clean and easily washed. Please leave your donations in the collection bin in the Mission Center. Thank you! ~ Missions Collection Team

Christmas Angel Tree

Interested in helping with the set up and collection for Christmas Angel Tree? Please see Cathy Bush or Mary Lou Havens. The tags will be on the trees starting November 16th.



Small Group Bible Study Bulletin Insert

October 26 - SOAP Bulletin Insert (2 Peter 2:17-22)

S - Scripture

What verse stood out to you?

O - Observation

What do the metaphors of waterless springs and mist mean? Why is it connected to false teachers?

Where do I see “false freedom” disguised as good in my world?

What is true freedom?

A - Application

How might I live out freedom that reflects Christ’s love and truth this week?

How might obedience, humility, or accountability actually *increase* your freedom?

How can you help the next generation understand freedom as life in Christ?

P - Prayer

“Lord Jesus, free me from the lies of false freedom. Teach me to live joyfully under Your good and loving rule.”

Small Group Bible Study Bulletin Insert

November 2 - SOAP Bulletin Insert (2 Peter 3:1-7)

S - Scripture

What verse stood out to you?

O - Observation

How does Peter use creation, Noah, and fire to point to God’s judgement?

What truths are we called to *recall* from prophets and apostles?

A - Application

Where am I tempted to doubt God’s timing or promises?

How can I guard my mind with “wholesome thinking”?

How can we live with readiness while waiting for Christ’s return?

P - Prayer

“Lord, strengthen my faith in your promises and keep me ready for the day of Christ.”

Notes and Doodles:

