

**THE UNITED CHURCH**  
**PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST**  
**August 13, 2023**

**PRELUDE:** “*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*” by Beethoven, arr. Pepper Choplin  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**GREETING**

**OUR PREPARATION**

**FOCUS FOR TODAY:** The story of Jonathan’s son gives us a beautiful image of serving the least among us.

**PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE:** selections from David’s Psalm 103

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We find it easy to say, “Yes, we will follow Christ.”

**People: But sometimes discipleship makes uncomfortable demands on us.**

Leader: Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.

**People: He is present with us at all times.**

Leader: Let us place our trust always in His guidance.

**All: Let us open our hearts to His will and His ways. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN: #578 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER: Faithful Father, we begin today by giving you thanks. Your love endures forever, it never fails. Though there are many ways in which we have failed, we have not exceeded the supply of your mercy and grace. We thank you for revealing yourself to us through your word. As we open the Bible today we pray that we would hear your voice. We ask that your Holy Spirit would be at work, opening our ears to hear and our hearts to receive your word. May we be transformed into your likeness. 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: Matthew 25:31-46 (page 984) {A.B. page 1085}**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Psalm 34 Taste and See” (words on insert)**

**Mike O’Brian**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 31:8-9 (page 657) {A.B. page 731}**

**Sermon**  
**“Carried to the Table”**  
**Pastor Wade Allen**

**OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH**

**\*HYMN: #653 “Make Me a Servant”**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” tune Dix, Conrad Kocher, arr. Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN: #656 “Make Me a Blessing”**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*” Tune Forest Green, Trad. English, arr. Pepper Choplin

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Arlene Willett, Wally Wake (Kathie Meredith’s sister), Galen Marty (Mary Holm’s father), David Sanford, David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

**Cancer:** Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccios), 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)

**Recovering:** Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

**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 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.*



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 August and September sign up sheets are 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.

### 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.



### 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!

#### LeTourneau Christian Center

Adele Marshall, Aug 14-17 (Baking Champions)\*

Jesse Cheney, Aug 14-17 (Wacky Water)\*

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)

\*indicates that child is not receiving a campership for this camp



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### THE UNITED CHURCH SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT

From **Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**, to **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**, **7-12 grade students** (and their friends!) are invited to our summer youth retreat! Enjoy food, fellowship, fun & games, devotions, and more! Sign up online or on the sign up sheet outside the youth office.

**Fall 2023 Program Year Begin:** September 10

## ***Highlights for This Week!***

- **SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT** - From Friday, August 18th at 3:00 PM, to Saturday, August 19th at 7:00 PM, 7-12 grade students (and their friends!) are invited to our summer youth retreat! Sign up online or on the sign up sheet outside the youth office.
- The back to school angel tree is up in the gathering area and loaded with tags to help local students and to help The Spot. More details are in the bulletin. Please take a tag, shop for the items listed, and return the items by Sunday, August 20th. Thank you!
- **Nursery needs:** We are looking for a nursery coordinator and we are also looking for more nursery volunteers. Please see details in your bulletin or contact Deb Marshall for more information.
- Save the date of Sunday, August 27 for a prayer of dedication for our newly renovated basement and a prayer walk. Details are in the bulletin.
- Please keep our summer campers in prayer this week! Summer campers are listed in the bulletin.

**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!

### **SunUp Saturday – Men's Breakfast Event**

On Saturday, **August 26, 2023**, from **8:00 AM to 9:30 AM**, men are invited to the annual SunUp Saturday men's breakfast! Like previous years, we will be hosting the event at the **Blue Heron Pavilion** in the town of Canandaigua. Interested in helping with food, transporting supplies, and/or facilitating the message? Please let Mark Slomski know!



Join the dinner with Tim Long, our Baja California (Mexico) missionary. September 12th, 6:00 PM.

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MISSIONS Faith and Action Canandaigua July 9 Flood response

*“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the household who fell into the hands of the July 9 Canandaigua flood?”* (paraphrase of Luke 10:36)

**Phase II:** Recovery and reconstruction continues. Emotional and financial recovery require both assistance and time.

Furnaces, water heaters, washers and dryers, and for many the electrical panel (circuit breaker box) require replacement. Water soaked and mud covered items have been removed. Reconstruction costs are being determined.

**We can assist:** Let us walk with our neighbors as they grieve their loss. Let them know we care for them and God cares for them. Emotional healing and financial healing will happen.

**FLACE Canandaigua Area Flooding Assistance Recovery Fund** has been created to aid in recovery efforts, and Canandaigua National Bank & Trust has matched the first \$10,000 raised by the community for recovery efforts. The community is encouraged to donate to the Fund online or at area CNB branches. Distribution of the fund will be made by the United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes, the Salvation Army, and Partnership for Ontario County.

**Donations can be made to FLACE at CNBank.com/FLACE, under the account *Canandaigua Area Flooding Assistance Fund* or at CNB branches in Canandaigua, Victor, Farmington, Shortsville, Bloomfield, and Geneva. Checks can be made payable to *FLACE Canandaigua Area Flooding Assistance Recovery Fund*.**

***Praise for gifts given. Every little bit helps. Together we make a difference. Our time and financial resources tell our neighbors they are not alone.***



(NY State relief funds were announced this past week. These funds will be of assistance only to households with income less than 80% of Canandaigua medium income.)

*Called to Care, Canandaigua* will hold its monthly general meeting on Monday, August 21st from 4-6pm at the United Church. Eric Lintala, Community Engagement Manager at World Relief Western NY, will offer another information and training session. This is a wonderful opportunity for those considering serving on a United Church "Good Neighbor Team" to learn more about refugees, World Relief, and how a local church is empowered to serve the most vulnerable. Called to Care, Canandaigua was formed in April of 2022 with its first meeting right here in the Fellowship Room. Our first Ukrainian family arrived in late December. Since then we have welcomed and resettled 20 individuals from Ukraine, Haiti, and Guatemala and assisted each of them in establishing new and safe lives here in Canandaigua. We invite YOU to join us in this rewarding and important work of "welcome and resettlement."

*Forming a United Church Good Neighbor Team to resettle a refugee family*

As we explore forming a GNT at our church to partner with the Christian immigration agency, World Relief of Western NY, some questions come to mind...

*What is required of a Good Neighbor Team?*

GNT members register with World Relief as a volunteer and complete a background check (~\$40). Each member of a GNT must complete 4 trainings by online videos individually or as a group. In person training is also available. This can take place over a 3 month period. Once needed tasks are identified and shared among the group (welcome, housing, rides for medical, Soc Sec, SNAP benefits, Medicaid, groceries, English lessons, employment etc.) and a Green Light Form is checked off, the GNT lets World Relief know when they are ready to receive a refugee family. This relationship with the family is a 6 month commitment according to WR. The aim is to humbly walk alongside, not to do for, as the family adjusts to living in a new country.

*Considering being on this GNT?* Please join us **Wed, August 16 at 7pm** in the fellowship room for some **introductory training** from World Relief of Western NY. **6 from our congregation have expressed interest. 8-10 trained volunteers are needed to successfully share the tasks of resettlement.**

Please google World Relief of Western New York for more information. Or ask Linda, Cathy, Wendy about their experiences with welcoming and resettling refugee families through Called to Care Canandaigua.



**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.

## Important Fall Dates!

September 10, 2023

- return to **2 services** at 8:45am and 11:00am
- **Sunday School kick off** for ALL ages in *newly renovated* downstairs dining room at 9:45am; please bring a dish to pass (fruit, muffins, hot casserole, quick breads, etc.)
- **The Cause** kick-off at 5pm

September 17, 2023

- **Sunday school begins** for all ages at 9:45am
- **Third graders** receive their own **Bible** at 11:00am service

## 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, a simple training on how to make the 4 month schedule is provided. This person also 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.
- Do you enjoy spending time holding and playing with babies? Or do you enjoy playing with and reading to toddlers and preschoolers? Another need in the nursery is more volunteers! We plan to return to our “pre-COVID” model of one nursery during the 8:45am service and having an infant nursery AND a walker/preschool nursery during the 11:00am service. This means we need more of you to step up and help out caring for the youngest in our church family. If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Deb Marshall.



## Back to School Angel Tree – items due Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

The Back to School Angel Tree is up in the gathering area and loaded with tags. Some of these tags are for specific students who need help getting ready for back to school. Some tags are to support The Spot, which is a local non-profit that gives hundreds of local kids everything they need to start the school year. Please take a tag, shop for the item(s), and return the item(s) by next Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> so that they can be sorted and delivered to families in time for school orientation/meet the teacher days; or given the The Spot. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Marshall. Thank you!

## Praising Paddlers!

Come join us with your kayak, canoe, or paddleboard at **1:00 pm on Labor Day, Sept 4th**, for our last outing! The group will be meeting at **Canandaigua Lake's West River Woodville state boat launch** and expects to be out for about 2 hours.



# DEDICATION

## Prayer Dedication and Prayer Walk

Join us on **Sunday, August 27** after the 9:30 service as we head to the basement and pray together to dedicate the space for the many ministries that will take place there. After we pray as a large group, those who are willing and able are invited to break into small groups of 3-5 people and walk around our community to pray for Canandaigua. Each group will be given specific places to walk to and particular items to pray for at those locations. This walk will last approximately 30 minutes, so those who participate in the prayer of dedication and the walk will likely be back at church around 11:30 am.



**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)



After a hard-fought play-off game on Tuesday night, the **United Church softball team** lost by ONE run so their season is complete. **Big congratulations** on a well-played and fun season!



Notes, Doodles, To-Do Lists, Lunch orders ...

... and a Riddle: What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 1/2 goat?

## **Psalm 34 Taste and See**

1. I sought the Lord, and He answered me,  
And delivered me from every fear.  
Those who look on Him are radiant.  
They'll never be ashamed; they'll never be ashamed.

2. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me  
And saved me from my enemies.  
The Son of God surrounds His saints.  
He will deliver them; He will deliver them.

### **(Chorus)**

Magnify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name together.  
Glorify the Lord with me,  
Magnify the Lord with me, come exalt His name forever.

3. O taste and see that the Lord is good.  
O blessed is he who hides in Him.  
O fear the Lord, O all you saints  
He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything. **(chorus)**

### **Bridge:**

Let us bless the Lord every day and night, never ending praise.  
May our incense rise.

### **(Chorus)**