

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: Exploring the pouring out of God’s Spirit for Moses and us.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

People: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Leader: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

People: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt!

Leader: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

All: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

***HYMN: #290 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:**

Emblazon us with your Spirit, O God. Give us hearts and lives ready to serve you in this world. Be with us today as we gather to hear your word for us. 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: Acts 2:1-21 (page 1078) {A.B. page 1199}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “It is Well/Then Sings My Soul”

Jen Petracchi (clarinet), Emily Lillie (flute), & June Pettit (piano)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 104:24-34 (page 596) {A.B. page 671}

Sermon

“Come Holy Spirit”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #297 “Spirit of the Living God”** CCLI Song #1187, ©1982 Hope Publishing Co., CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #577 “Channels Only”**

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TESTIMONY: Adam Thorman

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our prayers and sympathy are with Louis and Carolyn Verspoor, who lost both Louis’ brother, George, and their granddaughter, Rachel, this week. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Yayoue Mathias, Cynthia Chittenden (Larry Hood’s daughter), Jenn Newton (friend of the Whitcombs), 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: Bill Eagley (friend of Mark Slomski), Ralph Gullace (Jan’s husband), 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, Eadie Robbins, 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, Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, 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.***

Called to Care, Canandaigua is bringing another fun event to The Central on Main in downtown Canandaigua. Join us on **Thursday, June 8th from 5-8pm for an "International Gala"** featuring food, live music, dancing and an international marketplace offering SERRV crafts, raffles and more. A free will offering will be appreciated with proceeds benefiting the volunteer organization's mission to welcome and resettle refugees by providing a support network to help them start a new life.



As many know Cathy and her "housing" team have been preparing a new rental duplex for two families we've been anticipating coming through World Relief Western NY. Exciting news came for us this week! We are now expecting to welcome an **extended family of seven from Guatemala**. So...Spanish speakers with children 8, 11 and 13 years old. Are you "called to care?" Will you become one of our welcomers and join us on a Good Neighbor Team? Please speak with Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard, or Linda Werts.



MISSIONS

Let's Blanket the World With Love!

It's not too late to donate to Blanket Sunday! Each \$10.00 you give will provide a warm blanket to someone who needs to know that we care.

Church World Service shares blankets and love to those who have been affected by disaster both nationally and internationally. Please give as generously as you are able.

You will find envelopes in the pews or simply mark your gift for blankets or give through the church's online giving: (scan QR code to the right)



Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. (CCIA has **specifically requested: diced tomatoes, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned meat meals (like stew or beefaroni) and pasta.**) Thank you for your generous contributions.

SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MINISTRY

Over the years, our church has been blessed with a variety of safety initiatives, commitments, and activities! Moving forward, we aim to continue the same level of support that we have always enjoyed, along with incorporating new and updated ideas for our church ministry setting. **Interested in participating in safety ministry here at the United Church?** Please contact Mark Slomski (contact information below) so that we can discern together about your involvement.!

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.



Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- THIS WEEK, May 28, we switch to the summer schedule with one Sunday worship service at 9:30 am and we need Greeters for each Sunday! The June signup sheet is on the office door. THANKS!
- Today is **Pentecost Sunday!**
- THIS EVENING, May 28 - No Cause for youth. We return to normal programming, June 4!
- THIS SATURDAY, June 3 - Young Adults take a trip to Watkins Glen for the races! Contact Mark if interested.
- NEXT SUNDAY, June 4th is our Family Picnic! We could use volunteers!

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 no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the yellow sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family!



Sign up to help in Summer Nursery! ~ Please sign up 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!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT



Saturdays, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at the church, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study!

- **Memorial Day Weekend (5/27/2023)** – NO Young Adult Connect
- **June 3** – Day trip to Watkins Glen to see the races! 7:15 am church arrival.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THE CAUSE

Sundays, from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, at the church. High School students are welcome to join other youth for worship, faith discussions, food, and fun!

- **Memorial Day Weekend (5/28/2023)** – NO Cause
- **June 4** – Cause Night returns!

WORKCAMP MEETING

JUNE 11, After Service, Workcampers to attend this important meeting. A light lunch will be provided.

Graduates and families: be sure to save the date of June 11 for Graduate Sunday! We will recognize high school and college graduates during our 9:30am service. We will also have a cake and punch reception following the service. We hope you can join us for this special celebration!



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 June 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

It's that time of year again ~ we have received **Summer Camp** brochures! Please take time to pray about and consider sending your child to Christian camp this summer. This experience can have a positive impact on your child's faith development! *Our church family believes that the Christian camp experience is so important that for any child from our church, we will pay half the tuition for one week at Christian camp ~ called a "campership."* This is not a need based scholarship. It is available to all families who have kids in our Sunday school, Youth Club, and/or Cause programs. Campership requests are being received now until June 4. **We encourage you to register for camp soon – camps tend to fill up quickly and take advantage of early bird discounts!!** Please look for the camp display in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact Mark Slomski.

Here are our campers so far...

Beaver Camp

Elise Cunningham, July 2-7 (Gymnastics)

Adele Marshall, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Lily Munson, July 2-7 (Bears)

Paige Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Sophie Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)

Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)*



LeTourneau Christian Center

Joy Cheney, June 26-30 (Treasure Hunters)* and July 10-14 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)

Jesse Cheney, June 26-30 (LEGO Builders) and 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)*

Early VBS Donations Needed by June 4:

Dollar Tree gift cards - six \$5 gift cards

Amazon gift cards - five \$10 gift cards



If you're able to donate, please leave in the main office or place in the collection plate by June 4. More VBS donation opportunities will be posted in early June. Thank you for helping as you are able!



From the Marshall Family:

We are grateful for the overwhelming support we've received from you, our church family, as Deb continues to heal from her surgery. Thank you for the delicious meals, generous gift cards, thoughtful get well cards, gestures of kindness; and most especially, prayer, during this time.

Church Family Picnic

June 4 around 11:30

Baker Park, Canandaigua



Hot dogs and drinks provided

Please bring a dish to pass

Volunteers needed:

Love to grill?

AVAILABLE TO HELP SET UP OR CLEAN UP?

Enjoy leading games for all ages?

Have a cornhole game?

****Please see Jason Long, Mary Beth Fortunato, or Brenda Cunningham.****

Sunday happenings...

TODAY Sunday, May 28, 2023

Service at 9:30am

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Service at 9:30am

Church Picnic at Baker Park after service

The Cause (Youth Group for 9-12th grade), 5-7:30pm