

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

June 23, 2024

**PRELUDE:** *Humoresque "L'organo primitivo"* by Pietro A. Yon

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

### OUR PREPARATION

**Focus of the Day:** As was at the time of Adam and Eve, the forces of evil are present in our culture today.

**INTROIT:** “Be Still and Know” (Hymn #516)

Be still and know that I am God.  
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### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather today, mindful of our need for God's grace.

**Congregation:** We remember the story of Adam and Eve, and the Fall.

Leader: Let us acknowledge our struggles with temptation.

**Congregation:** We seek God's forgiveness and guidance.

Leader: As we reflect on the presence of evil in our world,

**Congregation:** We turn to God, our source of hope and redemption.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who is full of compassion.

**Congregation:** We come to worship and trust in God's unfailing love. Amen.

\*HYMN: #756 “Soldiers of Christ Arise”

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, as we gather today to reflect on the story of the Fall, open our hearts to Your truth. Help us to see our own struggles with temptation and disobedience, and lead us to Your grace and forgiveness. May Your Word guide us and renew our trust in Your unfailing love. 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:** Romans 8:19-21 (page 1118) {A.B. page 1247}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Jesus Loves Me” by Marianne Kim Susan Gates (acc. June Pettit)

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (page 1139) {A.B. page 1271}

Sermon  
“The Fall”  
(Genesis 3:1-24)  
Pastor Wade Allen

### OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

\*HYMN: #460 “Search Me, O God”

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY:** Verse by Anon. Spanish (17th/18th cent.)

\*DOXOLOGY: #809

\*HYMN: #455 “Kind and Merciful God”

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**RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS:** Wes and Blair Posson, Nathan and Margaret Ripoli

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** “Processional in E-flat” by David N. Johnson

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Bob White (Linda Bailey's brother-in-law), Jim Brown (MacKenzie's father-in-law), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Phyllis Gerhard (Karen Gardner's mother), Maverick, Carly, and Jenson Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown's cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), 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), David Crowe, Jack Schermon

**Cancer:** Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Jerrick Cesna & Sasha (friends of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), Amy Jelensperber (Sheppard family), Dylan Smith (CA senior, friend of many), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve & Beth Smythe's friend), Tom & Monica Yurik (Bruce & Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

**Recovering:** Bill Blance (Ed's brother), Gabbi Seeber, Joan Danaher, Sara Scharr, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett

**Comfort and Peace:** Tom Fortunato (Bill's brother), Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) deployed to Japan, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

**MISSIONARIES:** Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

**Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):**

June 25 – Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm

June 29 – Red Wings Game (Our Youth Choir singing National Anthem!)

June 30 – Farewell Brunch and Organ Hymn Sing for Kateri

July 7 – Youth BBQ fundraiser

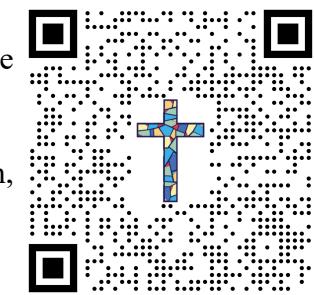
Aug 9 – Fred Magley's Memorial Service, 3 pm

Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend

Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

## **Highlights for This Week!**

- **Ice Cream Social - Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 PM, at The United Church**
  - All are invited for an Ice Cream Social Kick Off Event for all summer activities!
  - During Ice Cream, everyone can connect and talk about plans for their groups (groups with those already signed up will be there for reference)
  - After Ice Cream, the groups can head out to the location of their groups (video /board games in the Dining Room, basketball pick up walk to Sonnenberg, etc).
- **VBS is in 2 weeks!**
- **VBS Prayer cards** are available in the Welcome Center. We invite you to take them home and pray for our week of VBS.
- **VBS music is for sale!** We will soon kick-off SCUBA VBS! If you and your family would like a **music CD** or a **digital download card** with both videos and music, you can purchase one for \$7 each (cash or check to The United Church). Learn the songs for VBS a little early, and enjoy them all summer long!
- **We need lots of blue (any shade), rectangular plastic table cloths for VBS.** If you are at Walmart and could grab a 3 pack, or are at the dollar store and could grab a couple, that would be so helpful! You can leave them in Deb's office. Thank you!
- We have just two more Sundays left in June, which means two more opportunities to pick up several cards to send to our Special Members. Visit the special table set up in the Welcome Center, where you'll find a selection of cards and a list of Special Member addresses. Thank you for reaching out to our Special Members—it means so much to them!
- On **June 29**, The United Church **Youth Choir** will be **singing the National Anthem** at the **Rochester Redwings** game at 6:35pm.
- **Registration for Summer Events** - Sign up on Planning Center now to help us prepare! We have sign ups for the Retreats (Youth, Young Adult, Adult) and Summer Youth Mission Experiences! For those who need tech help to sign up, June 30 we will have tech support in the Welcome Center, after service. (QR code →)



## **There are 2 ways YOU can donate to VBS**

1. Take a tag of the supply board in the Welcome Center at church, purchase the item, and return it to church ASAP, or by the date indicated on the tag.
2. Purchase a plastic, rectangular blue tablecloth (any shade of blue), and leave it in Deb's office. We need LOTS of them.

**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 offered during service ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. Nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers.

**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!

### Celebrating Kateri

As you know, Kateri Andress will be leaving us on July 14th to accept her new position in Nashville, TN. Kateri has blessed us with her musical and vocal talents for the past three years.

If you would like to express your appreciation to Kateri, there is a basket in the Gathering Area for any cards, notes or gifts you would like to give to her. The basket will be in the Gathering Area through July 7<sup>th</sup>. It will also be available at Kateri's brunch in the Dining Room.

Please plan to attend the **brunch in honor of Kateri** immediately following the morning service on **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** in the church Dining Room.

Following the brunch, Kateri will be performing an organ concert for us including some of her favorite pieces as well as a few of our favorite hymns. If you would like to request a favorite hymn, please submit your request in the Organ Pipe Suggestion Box outside the office **TODAY!**

**Sign-ups for food for our brunch** may also be made on the list on the office door. Thank you!

The Staff Relations Committee is happy to announce that we have hired a new organist. **David Kraft**, a student at Eastman School of Music, will begin on August 4th.

**Parking** reminders for summer: only **2 cars** may park between the Main Street driveways, otherwise the shuttle bus cannot make it through. Also, if you are able-bodied, consider parking in one of the further lots or the courthouse and saving the closer spots for our friends that need them. Thank you!

Here's an easy way to find the Church Center app and get set up! You can use this link:

<https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/setup> or use this QR code and follow the step by step instructions. Please let any staff member know if you need help.



**We invite our church family to be praying for our many summer campers - that their experience at camp would deepen and strengthen their relationship with Jesus.**

### Beaver Camp

Elise Cunningham, July 7-12 (Bears)

Eva Clark, July 21-26 (Beavers)

Lily Munson, July 21-26 (Bears)

Amelia Cunningham, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)

Anna Zajac, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)

The following young adults are working at Beaver Camp this summer:

Natalie Cunningham, Summer Cunningham, Grace Payne, and Jen Petracchi



### LeTourneau Christian Center

Violet Thorman, June 30-July 5 (Baking Champions)

Jesse Cheney, July 15-19 (Wood Working)

Joy Cheney, July 15-19 (Wood Working)

Isabella Harris-Chwiecko, July 15-19 (Arts and Crafts Camp)

Jackson Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Juliana Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Billy Clark, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)

Aria Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Mason Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Liam Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Josiah Seeber, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Elijah Seeber, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Kailynn Stewart, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

David Quimby, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)

Sam Quimby, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)

Graham Beyrle, Aug 12-15 (Wacky Water 2)

Carter Slomski, Aug 12-15 (Lego Builders)



### Miracle Mountain Ranch

Hannah Aldrich, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)

Adele Marshall, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)

Paige Munson, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)

Sophie Munson, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)



### NTS Camp at Houghton College

Walter Marshall, July 7-11



Thank you to everyone who donated items, purchased items, and worked on the Missions Team silent auction to help make it a success. We made over \$2,500 for our trip fund to help our church members go on mission trips. Watch the bulletin for our grand total numbers in the next few weeks