

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

July 7, 2024

PRELUDE: “Trumpet Tune in A” by David N. Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: To Emulate Noah’s Faithfulness and Obedience.

INTROIT: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (Hymn #452)

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus,
Look Full in His Wonderful Face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Today, we gather to remember God’s promise and faithfulness.

People: Just as God guided Noah through the storm and the flood, He guides us through our challenges and trials.

Leader: Let us trust in God’s covenant, His protection, and His enduring love.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to worship, give thanks, and be renewed by His grace.

*HYMN: #517 “The Solid Rock”

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Dear Father, we gather today in awe of Your faithfulness and enduring love, as exemplified in the story of Noah. Guide our hearts as we worship, helping us to trust in Your promises and seek Your guidance through every storm. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may find renewal and strength in Your presence. We pray this in Jesus name who taught us to pray (as we sing together)...

*HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI: #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 11:6-10 (page 1192) {A.B. page 1348}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Noah” arr. Dilworth. (words on insert)
Women’s Small Ensemble (acc. June Pettit)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Peter 2:4-9 (page 1205) {A.B. page 1366}

Sermon
“Noah”
(Genesis 6:9-9:17)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #523 “Trust and Obey”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Meditation on “Fairest Lord Jesus”*

*DOXOLOGY: #809

COMMUNION

*HYMN: #612 “How Firm A Foundation”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Allegro-Moderato from Variations on "America" by Charles Ives*

* 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: Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), 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), 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) home from deployment, 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!):

July 20 – Game Night

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

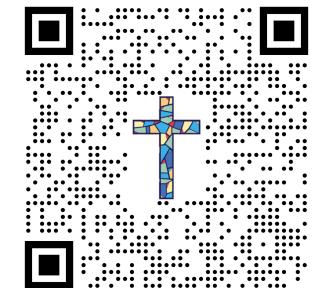
Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend

Aug 31 – Game Night

Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

Highlights for This Week!

- **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). Enjoy the VBS music all summer long!
- **Tech Help** - For those who need tech help with the church app or help signing up for events, we will have our very own Dan Frye available after service TODAY in the Welcome Center.
- **Chicken BBQ Fundraiser - TODAY**, in the Runnings Parking Lot, after church service - Thank you for your support of our youth missions experiences.
- **Greeter Coordinator for the month of July:** Rachel Rensberger. Please contact Rachel if you have any questions about serving as a Greeter.
- **Summer Event Registration** - 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! (QR code →)
- Thank you to everyone who participated in our June Care Ministry Outreach by writing cards to our special members. This initiative aimed to show our appreciation and let them know they are valued. Many recipients have expressed their gratitude for the thoughtful messages. We want to continually reach out and remind our special members that we care about them.



VBS kick-off is today, Sunday, July 7 at 6:30pm. All VBS participants are invited to attend this optional kick-off. We will sing songs, recognize volunteers, and begin our underwater adventure! Any VBS participant who attends the VBS kick off and brings a plain, washed t-shirt (with no fabric softener or dryer sheets) can get a **special SCUBA iron on decal, available Sunday night only.**

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 no Children's Time today. There are worship bags available for children to use during the service. Little ones through preschool age are welcome to use the nursery if desired. We hope you enjoy worshiping together as a family. Please return the worship bags at the end of service. Thank you!

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

NTS Camp at Houghton College

Walter Marshall, July 7-11

LeTourneau Christian Center

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)



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!**

Noah

Based on Two African American Spirituals

Who built the ark? Noah built it. Cut his timber down.

God said build the ark good and strong, 'cause it's gonna rain for forty days long.

Fasten every window and each door. When the rain begins it's sure goin' to pour.

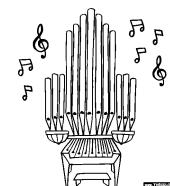
Who built the ark? Noah built it. Cut his timber down.

There was lots of water all around. Nothing left to live on top of the ground.

Bringing back God's olive branch of love, was a beautiful and heavenly dove.

Who built the ark? Noah built it. Cut his timber down.

Hoist the window, Noah. Hoist the window Noah, Hoist the window Noah, Hoist the window let the dove come in.



Cards for Kateri ~ A heartfelt "Thank You" to Kateri for the wonderful Organ Concert she performed last Sunday. As you know, Kateri's last Sunday with us will be July 14th. A basket is on the table in the Welcome Center for any cards, notes or gifts you would like to give Kateri before she leaves. The basket will be available through today, July 7th, and we will be presenting them to Kateri next Sunday. 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.

