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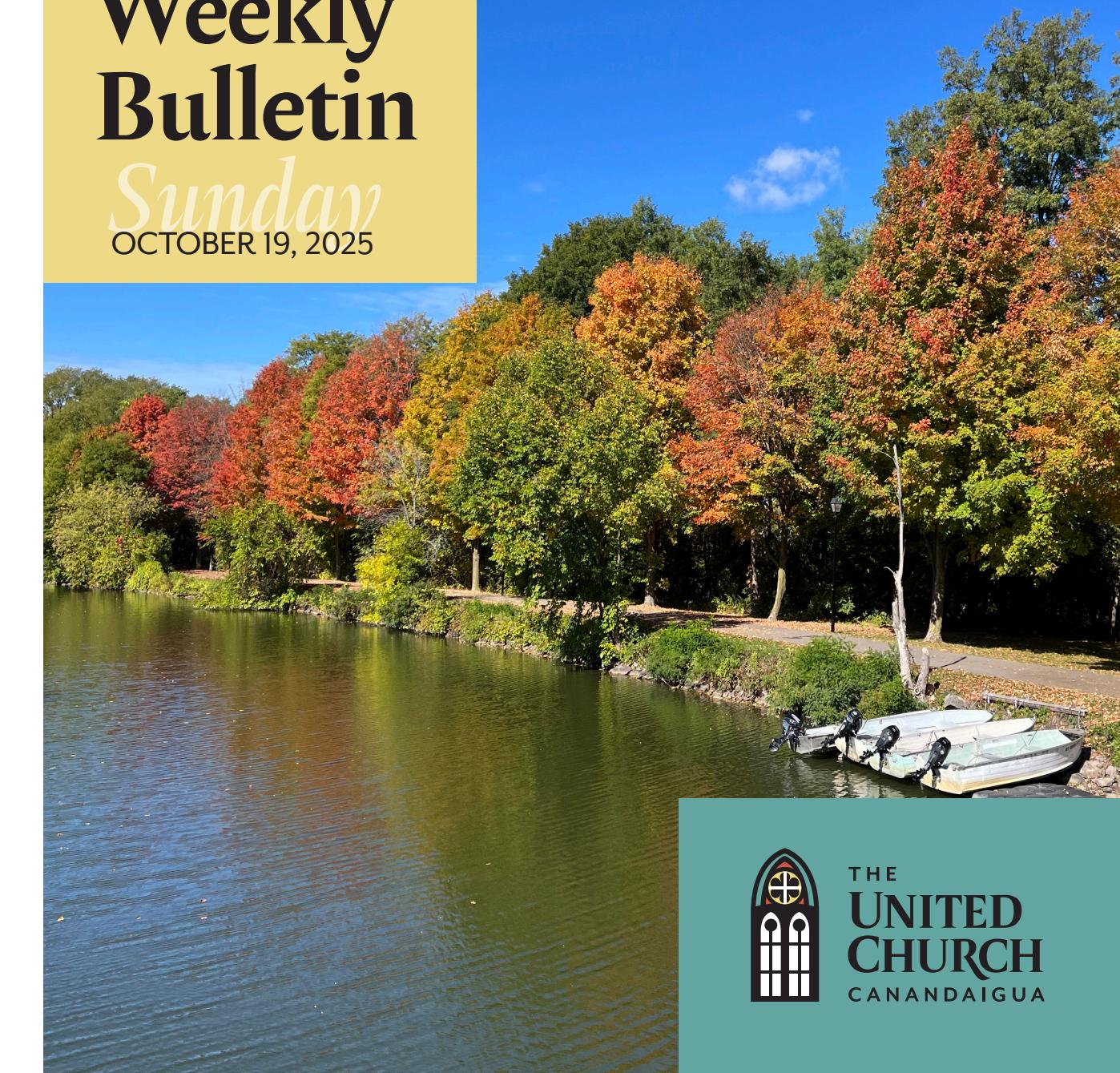
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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

# Weekly Bulletin

## Sunday

OCTOBER 19, 2025



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Order of Worship for  
OCTOBER 19, 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:** "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720" by Johann Sebastian Bach

#### WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

#### OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: We must learn to recognize false teachers by their arrogant pride and greedy motives, while guarding our own hearts and staying grounded in God's Word.

**INTROIT:** (11:00) "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" (Hymn #585)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of truth and light

People: We gather to hear His Word and walk in His ways

Leader: God calls us to discernment and wisdom

People: He protects us from those who would lead us astray

Leader: Let us seek His face with humble hearts

People: And find our strength in His unchanging Word

All: Come, let us worship the Lord together

**\*HYMN #43: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we come before You seeking wisdom and discernment in a world filled with confusing voices. Help us to recognize truth from falsehood and to guard our hearts against pride and greed. Grant us humble spirits as we study Your Word today. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray: 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}

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) "Remember to Remember" by Pepper Choplin (words on insert)  
The United Church Choir

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Numbers 22:21-34 (page 154) {A.B. page 177}

**Sermon**  
"Blots and Blemishes"  
(2 Peter 2:10b-16)  
Pastor Wade Allen

#### OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #651: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**

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#### PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY:** "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major" by John Stanley

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN #349: "I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock"**

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" by Max Reger

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

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of John Milo Emmal, born on October 11th to Chelsea and Brandon Emmal. He joins big brothers, Fletcher and Thomas. His grandparents are John and Jen Eveleigh, and his great-grandparents are Ernie and Mac McKenzie. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** 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 this summer, 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), Leodegaro 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@uccdg.org](mailto:feedback@uccdg.org).

## Highlights for This Week

- **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!!
- 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.

## Financial Check-in

As our ministry and programs have started back up for the fall, your continued financial support is essential so that we don't have to draw funds from our savings. Please use the link below to check to see how you are doing on your 2025 pledged giving. If you are behind, please do your best to catch up. If you can give some extra, that would be a great help. Thank you!

<https://uccdg.a.churchcenter.com/giving/profile/pledges>

The new pledge forms for 2026 were mailed out recently. Those can be returned any time to the offering plate or the box in the Welcome Center.

## 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!!**

## Youth Fall Event

**Sunday, October 26** - MS & HS students are invited for lunch (bring your own) after the 11 AM service, a trip to the **Pick'n Patch corn maze**, and pumpkin carving back at church with prizes, snacks/dinner and a devotion. Cost is \$14-17 (depending on group rates). Parent pick-up at 6 PM. (Note: there will be no high school youth group that same evening).



## Knitters

The Prayer Shawl knitting group will meet on **Tuesday, Oct 21 at 7:00** in the Fellowship room.



## Check Our Bulletin Boards

The bulletin boards between the Gibson Street door and the nursery contain flyers for many events and meetings that, though not directly church related, are near and dear to church members! Thanks for checking them occasionally. (Please check with the church office before posting anything here.) A sampling of upcoming events:

**FLSO concert here on Oct 19 (this afternoon!)**

**FLCB concert middle school on Oct 26**

## 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**.

### Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry"

requests volunteers for the **Monday, October 20th** food distribution from **9:00am - 11:00am** at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5&20.

### "Fall into Canandaigua"

**Saturday, October 25th**...The United Church will join other organizations at this year's event which features costumed children and their parents visiting booths for an activity and to receive information about the organization. We have much to share with the community! I am **looking for volunteers** to be present at the United Church booth from **noon-1:00pm, 1:00-2:00pm, and 2:00-3:00pm**. Could this be YOU? Please let me know...Linda Werts, lwerts@aol.com.

### 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.



## 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.

### Notes and Doodles:



## Small Group Bible Study Bulletin Insert

### October 19 - SOAP Bulletin Insert (2 Peter 2:10b-16)

#### S - Scripture

What verse stood out to you?

#### O - Observation

What traits mark these teachers?

#### A - Application

Where do I see arrogance or greed trying to shape my choices?

How can I protect the "beauty" of the church's fellowship this week?

How does Balaam's story warn us about using "spirituality" for gain?

#### P - Prayer

"Lord, keep me humble, pure, and alert. Guard our church from stains and help us walk the straight way."

## 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.”

## Remember to Remember by Pepper Choplin

### Chorus

Lord, still our souls ‘til we let go  
All that crowds the mind, all that’s  
Drawing our hearts away from You.  
Break our routine, help us see the  
Great power of this thing we do,  
Make our motives true.  
Help us remember to remember You.

### Verse

We come to worship on this day,  
Our minds may wander, so far away.  
Sometimes in worship, we go through  
The motions without any notion  
Of why we gather here.  
So when we enter this holy place,  
Lead us to worship through prayer  
And praise as we remember  
Your great salvation and bring  
Celebration of all the life You give.

### Chorus

