

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

August 8, 2023

PRELUDE: “Ave Maria” by Bach/Gounod, arr. Christopher Morris

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: We are challenged to submit to God’s leading no matter how disappointing it may be.

PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE: selections from David’s Psalm 86

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Look around. What wonders we behold!

People: We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.

Leader: Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.

People: Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.

All: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits. AMEN.

*HYMN: #99 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” CCLI Song #69033, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER: Lord, from the very beginning of your creation, you breathed your life into all that you made. You gave us the breath of life. You placed your trust and love in us. Help us to turn again with joyful hearts to you, placing our trust in all that you have done for us. Let us be a blessing for you. We pray this in Jesus name who taught us to pray..... (as we sing the Lord's Prayer)**

*HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI: #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 132:1-12 (page 615) {A.B. page 689}

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 22:39-46 (page 1044) {A.B. page 1158}

Sermon

“When God Says No”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #463 “Heal Me Hands of Jesus” CCLI Song #3479496, ©1982 Hope Pub Co, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Minuet” by G. F. Handel, arr. Patrick Williams

*DOXOLOGY: #809

SPECIAL MUSIC: “And Can It Be?”

Men’s Ensemble

(Bill Fortunato, Dan Frye, Chuck Meyer, Mark Sheppard, Jim Boseck, Paul Johnson)

COMMUNION

*HYMN: #561 “Just A Closer Walk with Thee” CCLI Song #28263, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Trumpet Tune” by Andrew Carter

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: 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 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.

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!

Beaver Camp

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

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 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! 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!

- 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 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!



Praising Paddlers!

Come join us **today** with your kayak, canoe, or paddleboard at **1:00 pm**. The group will be meeting at **Canadice Lake, (the east side launch ~ about a 30 minute drive from church)** and expects to be out for about 2 hours.

If you can't make it today, join us for the last outing of the summer on Labor Day, Sept 4th, at 1pm on Canandaigua Lake's West River Woodville state boat launch.

Save the date – dinner September 12 with our missionary Tim Long.

MISSIONS Faith and Action Canandaigua July 9 Flood response

Phase I: Safety of occupants, removal of mud and water soaked items from homes, mold control, and preparing spaces for drying is completed.

2764 Meals were served by Cdga Salvation Army (many meals served in disposable containers)

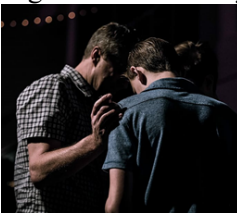
237 volunteers

135 showers provided

1393 volunteer hours

\$5640 in gift cards given

96 prayed with



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

Multiple homes had seven feet of water in the basements. Furnaces, water heaters, washers and dryers, and for many the electrical panel (circuit breaker box) needed to be replaced. Phase I also removed all first floor wet carpeting, removed wet plaster and insulation from walls, and completed mold abatement. Reconstruction is beginning.

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](https://www.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.



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 20th

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 20th 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!



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 11:30am.



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



Did you know that our church has a softball team?!

Come cheer them on! The playoff game **this Tuesday** is at **6:30 pm** at **Farmington Town Park**. Contact Ryan Gardner, Sue Vadney or Sandi DiCicco if you have any questions.



Notes, Doodles, To-Do Lists, Lunch orders ... arguments and counter-arguments for
the Theseus Paradox