

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

September 11, 2022

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After Sunday morning, it will be found (along with all old recordings) here: <https://tinyurl.com/3jnkb46h>

PRELUDE: “*Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott*” by Gottfried August Homilius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

## OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: “Open My Eyes That I May See” (hymn #557)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: When we feel down-hearted,

People: Jesus says: “Rise!”

Leader: When we wonder if we can continue on our journey,

People: Jesus says: “I am with you. You have nothing to fear.”

Leader: When we hunger and thirst in our souls for relief,

People: Jesus says: “Come, follow me.”

Leader: Lord of hope and possibilities, be with us today.

All: Open our hearts and spirits to feed upon your healing word. AMEN.

\*HYMN: “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me” (on yellow insert)

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\*OPENING PRAYER: Lord of hope and light, shine into our darkness and bring hope to our souls.

Remind us again of the wonderful ways you have cared for us when we were lost. Open our hearts to receive your loving spirit. Refresh our minds with knowledge of your everlasting power and compassion. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray... Our Father...(using debts and debtors...) Amen.

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI: #807

DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 (page 718) {A.B. page 796}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Give Me Jesus”

Wendy Stoddard, acc. Jim Kerr

(11:00) “Good Good Father” (on yellow insert)

God's Group of Girls

(Emelia Beyrle, Amelia and Elise Cunningham,

Fiona and Norah James, Adele Marshall and Anna Zajac)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Job 36:15-23 (page 525) {A.B. page 596}

Sermon

“Difficulties”

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

\*HYMN: #642 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Meditation on Abide With Me*”

\*DOXOLOGY: #809

\*HYMN: #661 “Be Strong in the Lord”

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## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** "Allegro Vivace" by G. F. Handel arr. by Lani Smith

*The rosebuds today are to celebrate the recent birth of Sally Seeber's twin great-grandsons, Sawyer Thomas Seeber and Holden Wallace Seeber. The boys' parents are Austin and Ronica Seeber (big sister, Tavie, is 3.) Sawyer and Holden are in the NICU in Syracuse. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Jim Peck, Marilyn Frost, Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Garrett Nayar (Karen Gardner's nephew), Jim LaBrake (uncle of Karen Roaix), Brexton Bigos-Stocker (grandson of Ardelle Bigos), Dylan Smith (friend of Kat McFetridge), Ethan Eckert (friend of Scharr family), Shane Collins (staff at LeTourneau), Matthew Gullace

**Cancer:** Sybil Amico, Kelly Fish (James Mergenthaler's sister), Dawn Miller, Julie High, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou's step-daughter), Jay Peck (son of Jim and Ann), Paul Hennessy (brother-in-law of Eveleighs), David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Keith Laursen (Tim's brother), Jim and Betty Davis (Scott's Parents), 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:** Linda Gilbert, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Kathy Mills

**Comfort and Peace:** Dorothy LaBrake,

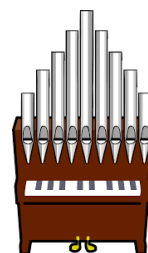
**MILITARY SERVICE:** Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, Sgt. Mitchell Cooper stationed in Africa for a year; ENS Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) training in VA, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy 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.*

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Former United Church organist, **Alden Wright**, has returned from his year in England and will be performing at a recital at Calvary Episcopal Church in Williamsville on Sept 25th at 4 pm. Wouldn't he be surprised to see some old UC friends come support him?!

Also, information is coming soon about **Kateri Andress'** organ concert right here on Oct 21st! Save the date!



Greetings.

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It is with great pleasure to announce that **Gleaners Community Kitchen will resume hot and nutritious sit-down meals beginning on Tuesday, September 6, 2022!** Doors will open to the public at 11AM for socialization, and meals will be served from 12 (Noon) until 1PM. We ask that guests arrive before the 12PM serving time. The last day for pantry items and bagged lunches will be September 2nd. We look forward to resuming our dining experience and to continue to serve our community. Welcome back!

Sincerely,  
J.T. Squires, Kitchen Manager

## Dad & Mom - are you looking for

-a relaxing weekend family getaway  
-an affordable break from cooking  
-a weekend with planned activities  
-a weekend free from cell phone coverage  
And most of all, a faith-based weekend at Beaver Camp during peak leaf season in the Adirondacks? **When:** October 7-9. **Who:** Families  
For more information, go to <https://beavercamp.org> or  
Talk to Bob and Brenda Cunningham.



## Group Workcamp 2023 Mission Trip

**Where:** Woonsocket, Rhode Island

**When:** July 16th – July 22nd, 2023

**Who:** United Church Youth & Adults are invited to sign up!

*More details to come...save the date!*

**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!**

**Children's Time** ~ There is Children's Time today. After the children's sermon, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited upstairs to the fellowship room for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

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**Nursery care** is available during all Sunday services. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during the 11am service. 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 or Deb Marshall.



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 September 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](mailto:virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org)



The shopping cart for collecting **food donations** will be in the Gathering Area every Sunday due to increased needs in the community. We will alternate taking the donations to the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Thank you for your generosity!

*Join us!*

**Exploring Membership Class** ~ We have great news for those of you who have been considering joining our church! We will hold the next Exploring Membership Class on Sunday, **October 2nd** from 9:45-10:45 am. We are excited and welcome you to attend and learn more about our programs and "our two denominations sharing a common love in Christ". We hope you'll join us! Please contact the church office (585-394-0503 or email at [secretary@uccdga.org](mailto:secretary@uccdga.org)) if you are interested.

### **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.



**PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING** ~ The evening knitting group will resume meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our first meeting will be on **Tues, Sept 20 at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Room. Questions: please contact Jeannie Blance at 585-789-0448. We look forward to welcoming new knitters.



### Grace Payne's Outhouse Project

This project started as an idea for my Gold Award in Girl Scouts and now it is being fully put in action.

I built a 4ft tall, hollow outhouse. The point of the outhouse is to hold donations that the congregation buys. The donations will be taken to organizations such as The Salvation Army, CCIA, Care Net, etc.

The donations should consist of paper products such as:

- paper towels
- toilet paper
- wipes, etc.
- feminine hygiene (pads, tampons)
- baby items (diapers, wipes, lotion, baby powder, diaper cream)

The outhouse will be at our church for the month of September before I take the donations to an organization and move the outhouse to another church within the county.

Please consider donating throughout the month of September. Thank you ~ Grace Payne

**Youth Choir** ~ We have decided to formally put together a youth choir and open it up to both boys and girls from 4th- 8th grade.

We plan to practice the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month for 15-20 minutes after 11:00 service. We plan to have this group sing once at 11:00 church every 6 weeks or so. Our first practice will be on September 11th, 2022 after the late service.

Please let us know if your child/children would be interested in this opportunity to sing to God's glory in church. If your child hasn't sung with us in church before, we just need to meet with them for a few minutes.



God's Blessings,

Nancy Burt-Preece and June Pettit

### **Please make note of these important fall dates!**



**TODAY!** – return to two Sunday services; SS dedication during services

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School kick off breakfast for ALL AGES in downstairs dining room at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

**Sunday, September 18, 2022** – Bibles given to children during 11am service

Service at 8:45am

First day of Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am; nursery care provided for our littlest ones

Service at 11:00am

The Cause begins (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), 5-7:30pm



**Sunday, September 25, 2022** –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), 5-7:30pm

**Sunday, October 2, 2022** – LOGOS dedication during services

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), 5-7:30pm

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022** – Youth Club begins, 2:30-6:30pm!

## YOUTH CLUB

**Begins Wednesday, October 5!**

**Our Wednesday afterschool ministry**

**For children in grades 2 – 8**

**After school – 6:30 October through April**

**Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time**

If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, we hope you will consider signing your child up for YOUTH CLUB!!! Online registration information has been sent via email directly to families. Please let Deb Marshall know if you have any questions!

**Parents of Youth Club students** ~ Please plan to join us in the sanctuary at about 5:30pm on the first day of Youth Club (Oct. 5) for a pizza dinner and our YC opening at 6pm! J Our time should conclude at 6:30pm. We are all looking forward to a great year of Youth Club!

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### Volunteers Needed!!

The United Church will be hosting the **Biennial Conference for American Baptist Churches of New York State** on October 7th and 8th. We need your help (even if you're a Presbyterian or United Member!). Volunteers do not need to register as attendees on the state website, they are allowed to attend any of the activities for free when their volunteer service isn't needed and can enjoy the Friday night Ice Cream Social and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday for free. There are suggested areas on the sign-up page on the church website (or scan or follow the code/link below)



### A few examples of help still needed:

Setup (evening 10/6)

Registration (late afternoon/evening 10/7 and early morning 10/8)

Ushers for worship services (evening 10/7; morning and late afternoon 10/8)

Kitchen workers (10/8 split shifts - breakfast/morning snacks; lunch/afternoon snacks; dinner)

Welcoming/hospitality (10/7 and 10/8 - welcome guests & help them find their way around church)

Take down & cleanup (evening 10/8 - get church ready for Sun. morning Worship and Sun. School)

Wherever/whenever needed (we'll be happy to assign you to a spot)



Thank you so much - this event relies on all of us to volunteer in order to be successful!

Nancy Lamberson and Mary Lou Havens, Co-Chairs

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0548a9af29a2fd0-abcnys>



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**Called to Care, Canandaigua** is hosting "**Night for Ukraine**" this **Thursday, September 15th** from 5-8pm at The Central on Main, 111 South Main Street, with food, live music, raffles, items for purchase, and a free will offering to benefit our first Ukrainian family. All are invited. We encourage you to order food ahead from your favorite downtown restaurant and plan to pick it up and bring your meal to the event. Enjoy music from the Dixieland Band kicking off the event at 5pm, Ukrainian singers throughout the evening, and Dos Locos closing out around 7pm. In case of rain the music, raffles, items for purchase and free will offering opportunity will move to the First United Methodist Church, 100 North Main Street and run from 6-8pm. Speak with Ulana Fuller or Linda Werts for more details.

*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers,*

*for by sodding some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2*

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### **Bible Presentation for our 3rd graders!**

**Sunday, September 18, during 11:00 service**

This is one of our favorite Sundays ~ when we present our 3rd graders with their very own Bibles. The Bible we present is the NIV Adventure Bible. May this be the beginning of a life-long discipline of reading and studying God's Word! An amazing gift to us all! Please join us after the 11:00 service for a cake and punch reception.





## MISSIONS

**“Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven”**



**Christ’s love moves the world to reconciliation and unity** was the theme for the 11th assembly of the World Council of Churches (August 31 to September 8 in the city of Karlsruhe in Baden in south-west Germany). Ryan and Alethia White, missionaries in Germany whom we support, are actively involved with Presbyterian US delegates to the assembly.

“The assembly gathers amidst perplexities, anxieties, ....., and accept responsibility for future generations. In this fragmented and fractured world, the assembly theme is an affirmation of faith that Christ’s love transforms the world in the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.”

**Pray** this gathering of women and men returning to their home countries will be able to listen as the Spirit of God speaks. The World Council of Churches originated in 1948 following WWII. 2022 is the 11<sup>th</sup> global assembly of the WCC, a fellowship of 352 member churches who together represent **more than half a billion Christians around the world.** (Quotes from 11<sup>th</sup> assembly of WCC document.)

**“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”**

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### Young Adults

Play like a grown-up! **Join us September 23-25, 2022** for a weekend filled with classic camp games, outdoor adventures, breakout sessions about faith, late-night talks around the bonfire, and a refreshing escape to the Adirondacks. **Champ Camp is for young adults, ages 18-30.** We need camp more than ever. Turn off your phone, escape from the stresses of adult life, and have the best weekend of 2022. **The all-inclusive registration fee of \$120 covers everything throughout the weekend:** games and activities on the Challenge Course, meals, use of the canoes, trails, and other amenities at Beaver Camp, and lodging in dormitory-style cabins! Check-in for Champ Camp is 6:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday. The retreat ends at 11:00 AM on Sunday. **The United Church is offering a “campership” to pay half the cost of this camp for any Young Adult from our congregation who wants to attend!**



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### Adults

Get ready for our Sunday morning sessions this fall! Come and be fed by our Lord, the One who knows what you need.

**TODAY at 9:45am: Intergenerational Sunday School Kickoff ---- Dining Room**

- All ages together for breakfast, fellowship and information
- Learn about Children’s, Youth and Adult programs for this fall
- Dish-to-pass, along with some food and drink items provided



**Sept 18 at 9:45am:** Adult Sunday morning groups begin, choose among three:

1) **Parenting Coffee Hour** will meet in the *Fellowship Room*

- Do you have to put on your “happy face” walking into church after a crazy car ride?
- Join with other parents for conversation, faith-filled discussion and refreshments

2) **Book of John** will meet in the *Downstairs Dining Room*

- We will use the Warren Wiersbe study of this New Testament book
- Study guides books are available to you at no cost

3) **The Feasts of Leviticus 23** will meet in the *Downstairs Dining Room*

- Why did our Lord spell out 7 feasts in peculiar detail?
- Learn how these less-familiar passages point to Christ



Questions/Info: Paul Johnson, Director of Adult Education, 585-794-2746

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Can you solve the puzzle this week?  
It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!



5	6	1	4	0	4	7	8	9	5
2	5	0	6	7	6	3	7	2	9
5	4	7	4	6	9	0	1	0	4
2	5	3	7	0	5	2	7	3	9
8	3	4	8	5	4	9	3	9	8
9	5	3	4	2	7	2	5	0	5
2	9	4	6	9	4	0	8	6	3
3	5	3	7	5	9	3	7	3	7
0	1	0	4	7	6	9	1	4	3
2	0	2	9	5	4	0	9	3	2

For more visit [www.begriddled.com](http://www.begriddled.com)

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

## **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (first hymn)**

### **Verse 1**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 2**

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 3**

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 4**

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Ending**

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me



**Good Good Father** (Special Music for 11:00 service)

**Verse 1**

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

**Chorus**

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

**Verse 2**

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

**Bridge**

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

**Verse 3**

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

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