

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

September 8, 2024

**PRELUDE:** “*Communion*” by Alexandre Guilmant

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

## OUR PREPARATION

**Focus of the Day:** Like Joseph, we need to trust in God’s divine guidance and care amidst the personal challenges of life.

**INTROIT:** “I Love You, Lord” (Hymn #124)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, people of God, let us gather to worship the One who turns brokenness into beauty.

**People:** We come, seeking God's presence, trusting in His power to work through our lives.

Leader: Just as God was with Joseph in the trials and the triumphs, so too is He with us.

**People:** We come, aware of our flaws and failures, yet confident in God’s ability to bring about His purposes through us.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the God who takes the threads of our lives and weaves them into His story of redemption.

**All:** We come to worship the Lord, our faithful God, who works all things together for good. Amen.

**\*HYMN: #328 “God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious and loving God, we come before You with hearts open to receive Your Word and Your guidance. As we gather in Your presence, we ask that You calm our minds and focus our spirits, so we may fully embrace the lessons You have for us today. Fill us with Your peace, and lead us in Your truth. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, 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 8:28-39 (page 1119) {A.B. page 1247}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “My God is All I need ( My God is So Big)” by City Alight  
Youth Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 105:16-22 (page 597) {A.B. page 671}

Sermon

“Coat of Many Colors”

(Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28)

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN: #82 “What God Ordains is Always Right”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** “*Toccata in C Major*” by Johann Pachelbel

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN: #594 “Like a River Glorious”**

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**BENEDICTION**

**DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**POSTLUDE:** “*Allegro con moto*” by Théophile Stern

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

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Helen Secrest for the passing of her son, Randy, on August 29th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Bill Fortunato for the passing of his brother, Tom, on September 4th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn’s daughter), Bob White (Linda Bailey’s brother-in-law), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), 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), 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), Jack Schermond

**Cancer:** Ruth Krop (friend of MacKenzie Brown), Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), Regina Allen, Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh’s brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce’s brother-in-law), Jerriek Cesna & Sasha (friends of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd’s friend), Amy Jelensperger (Sheppard family), 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:** Sara Scharr, Arlene Willett

**Comfort and Peace:** Harriet Morgan (Megan French’s grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** JJ Callard (USN) at bootcamp, 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), 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!):**

- Sept 29 – Fiddlers Concert
- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar
- Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert



**Piano!!!** The church is getting rid of an extra upright piano (the one up in the chapel). So if you could use it and have a way to move it out, it’s all yours! Let the office know if you’re interested.

***Highlights for This Week!***

- **Bible Presentation for our 3rd graders! Sunday, September 15, during 11:00 worship** 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! Please join us after the 11:00 service for cake and punch in the fellowship room.
- **Next Sunday, Sept. 15** – Sunday school begins for all ages at 9:45am. Children’s classes (ages 3-years-old through High School) meet upstairs. Adults can choose from a Genesis Bible study in the downstairs dining room or Parenting Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Room.
- Online registration is open for **Youth Club**, our Wednesday afterschool ministry for **2nd - 8th grade students**. Youth Club begins **October 2**. See the bulletin for more details and please let Deb Marshall know if you have any questions!
- **Greeter Coordinator for the month of September: Sharyn Canham.** Please contact Sharyn if you have any questions about serving as Greeter or Offertory.

**Nursery care** is offered during both services (8:45 & 11:00) and during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45) for those too young to attend Sunday school so that parents may attend Adult classes or help in the children’s program.

**8:45 Service Nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 11.

**9:45 Sunday school Nursery** ~ meets in room 10, the infant nursery.

**11:00 Service Nurseries** ~ Both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

**Children’s Time** ~ There is Children’s Time today. After the children’s sermon, children in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

**Attention parents of 3rd graders!**  
All children entering 3rd grade are invited to receive a specially wrapped Bible on Sunday, September 15 during the 11am service. More information will be sent directly to parents of 3rd graders. Be sure to mark your calendar for this special day!



**YOUTH CLUB**  
**Begins Wednesday, October 2!**  
**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! Registration is online. 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. 2) for a pizza dinner and our YC opening at 6pm! ☺ Our time should conclude at 6:30pm. We are all looking forward to a great year of Youth Club!

**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!**

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.



**Beaver Camp fun!** Check out the website [Beavercamp.org](http://Beavercamp.org) or brochures for more info on:

Young Adult weekend, Sept 20-22  
Parenting with Purpose weekend, Sept 27-29  
Fall Family Retreat, Oct 4-6  
Scrapbook Retreats and Ministry Leader retreats are also coming up!

# MISSIONS      Faith and Action

CCIA and the Salvation Army food pantries thank the United Church for regular donations. Tins of meat (tuna, salmon, chicken, sausage, or stew), macaroni and cheese, soups, and cereal are needed. Travel size soap bars, shampoo, tooth paste, lotion and all personal care items are requested for distribution. (Essential personal care items cannot be purchased with government supplied SNAP benefit funds.)



A warm smile and a friend to listen are important to families and individuals displaced from their Canandaigua home. Family Promise of Ontario County and CareNet Canandaigua join with CCIA and Canandaigua Salvation Army to provide loving assistance.

Place donations in the grocery cart located in our Welcome Center.



*Called to Care, Canandaigua* invites you to enjoy the **"Fiddlers of the Genesee"** benefit concert to be hosted at the United Church on Sunday, September 29th at 3:00pm with reception to follow.

**A Pie Sale** to benefit *Called to Care, Canandaigua* will be running through September! Order your pies in the welcome center. Pick up will be on Oct 20th.



**A Chicken BBQ to benefit CareNet** will take place on Sept 28th in the Runnings parking lot. Cost is \$13, catered by Gale-Wyn



# Small Group Interest Survey

Thank you for expressing your interest  
We will review the replies and give you an update within a month

Your name \*

Email address \*

Which of the following are important factors? (select all that apply) \*

Your selection will help us connect you with others that have similar needs & requests.

Small group members...

- ☐ Live relatively close to one another
- ☐ Have specific days/times available
- ☐ Share a similar season of life (or similar life circumstances)
- ☐ Hope to study the same topic/theme
- ☐ Have common interests/hobbies
- ☐ Other

Do you need childcare? \*

This will help us pair others with similar childcare needs, and to focus our childcare support efforts.

- ☐ Yes
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You can expect support by personnel, training, help finding curriculum, budget support, etc.

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