

**THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
January 15, 2023**

PRELUDE: “*Chaconne*” by Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*” (hymn #629)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Isaiah 49, The Message)

Leader: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

People: God has called each of us before we were even born.

Leader: It was God who named us.

People: It is God who claims us.

Leader: The light of God’s love shines in us.

All: Let’s shine God’s love into all the world!

***HYMN:** #539 “*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*”

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***OPENING PRAYER:** (Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1)

God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. Empower our worship today by the power of your Holy Spirit. We pray this in Jesus' name, 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: Isaiah 49:1-7 (page 726) {A.B. page 804}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “*Until I Found the Lord*” (words on insert) The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 40:1-11 (page 555) {A.B. page 630}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*” Jen Petracchi (clarinet), acc Kateri Andress

Sermon

“Discovering Jesus”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #524 “*I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, No. 14 from 24 Interludes on Communion Hymns*” by Henry Coleman

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN:** #576 “*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major*” by J. S. Bach

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Calilynn Marie Cooley on January 10th. Her parents are Holly and Dave Cooley and her grandparents are Wendy and Randy Bacon. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Nancy Gerstner, whose mother, Flora Spangenberg, passed away on January 7th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Karen Roaix, Louis and Carolyn Verspoor, David Sanford, Kathy Mills, Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermon, 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: Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Donna Schoenacker (aunt of Aldrich family), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), Kelly Fish (James Mergenthaler's sister), 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), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccos)

Recovering: Mary Jane Laird, Barbara Scott, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

MILITARY SERVICE: Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, 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.**

The Annual Meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the Dining Room, on **Sunday, January 22, 2023**. Immediately after the 11:00 service the youth will host a baked potato and salad lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2023 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2022, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.



Have you been on our church website recently? We've got a nice new look,
and hopefully it will be easier for everyone to find what they're looking for.

<https://www.unitedchurchcanandaigua.com/>



Some of the links on the website will take you to updated versions of things like the calendar, livestreams, bulletins and Lamplighters, online giving, and registration for events. Check it out!

If you use a smartphone or tablet, download the free Church Center app to have easy access to everything church related!

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.



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!



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 January 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

The Prayer Shawl knitters will be having our monthly meeting this Tuesday, January 17th at 7 pm. Please join us!



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 both Sunday services and the Sunday school hour. 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 Sunday school and 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.

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Parenting Class ~ Sundays, from **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Fellowship Room** - coffee, snacks, and conversation with other parents! We will be discussing influencers of our kid's spiritual health. What activities, events, and habits will help our children develop a strong faith and keep them coming back to church once they're adults?

Book of John ~ Sundays, from **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – Join us as we finish up our series on the Book of John! We are currently using commentary from Warren Wiersbe. Come for conversation, reflection, and Scriptural study!

5th Sunday Intergenerational Sunday School class: January 29, 9:45am

Please join us in the downstairs dining room for an Intergenerational Sunday School class on Jan 29 at 9:45am. Light breakfast refreshments will be provided. If you would like to make something to share, please sign up on Deb's office door. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Did you know our young adults have begun meeting weekly for lunch and fellowship? Our get-together occurs every Saturday at 11:00 AM, at the church! Young Adults invited!

Interested in hosting the young adults at your home for lunch once and a while? Contact Mark Slomski.

YOUTH MINISTRY ~ **Upcoming Concerts!** Your student interested in joining our group for the following events? If so, sign up outside the youth office!

Winter Jam – February 24

For King & Country – April 20

CANS AND BOTTLES FUNDRAISER

Did you know you can help support The United Church Youth by donating cans and bottles? We have an account with the redemption center on 5&20, next to Big Lots. When donating, let them know they are for The United Church of Canandaigua. Any questions? Contact Mark Slomski.

We are looking for people interested in helping with the audio support of the 8:45 am Sunday worship service and both audio and video support for the 11:00 service. People interested can contact Dale Zajac at 585-924-8564 or mrz@rochester.rr.com.

Sunday happenings...

TODAY –

Sunday, January 15, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, January 22, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Communicants Class begins at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

Annual Meeting at 12:00 noon

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YOUTH CLUB

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in grades 2 – 8

After school – 6:30 October through April

Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn't do it without your help!

Parent Duties:

Kitchen Clean Up – Wednesdays, 6pm til done

Jan. 18 – Hess, Pasquarelli, Sheppard

Jan. 25 – TBD

Snack for 42 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays

Jan. 18 – Cloutier

Jan. 25 – Soberon

Family Time Themes:

Jan. 18 – Emoji Night!

Jan. 25 – Friends Stick Together - Bring a friend night! (MS Night Out)

Baking for Youth Club!

Calling all bakers! We serve dessert to our Youth Club kids and volunteers each week. Sometimes we like to enjoy homemade desserts. If you see something you'd be able to bake, please let Deb Marshall know. Desserts need to be delivered to church by Wednesday at 4:00pm. Often more than one baker helps to make the quantity needed.



For Jan 18th – 4 dozen smiley face cupcakes

For Feb 8th – 6 dozen frosted cupcakes with sprinkles



If you haven't made a financial pledge for 2023 yet, feel free to take one of the pledge forms in the welcome center. We have a goal of **150 families** sending in a pledge! Help us get closer to our goal! Pledge forms may be placed in the offering plate, in the gold box, mailed to the office or submitted online. To do it online just scan this code! As of this week, we've received **128** pledges of \$373,712.04 to the operating budget and \$99,726 to the missions budget.



Sledding Day at Mertensia Park! January 21, 2023, from 1pm - 3pm. Join us for some winter fun! Remember to dress warm, bring a sled (there will be some available to borrow), and bring your friends and family. This event is weather permitting and will not be rescheduled.

February is Birthday Bag month at Youth Club! Youth Club students will decorate and fill Birthday Bags for the Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA) Food Pantry. These birthday bags will be available at the food pantry for families celebrating birthdays! This project has been well received!

Donations needed are:

- box cake mix
- can frosting
- birthday candles
- birthday napkins
- colorful balloons



Please bring donations to Deb's office by Sunday, Feb 12th. Thank you!



POTATO BAR AND CHILI FUNDRAISER - Support our youth when attending the annual meeting on **January 22, 2023**, after the 11:00 AM service. **Tickets** will be available for purchase after services January 8, 15 and 22. (**Adults - \$5; Children 4-10 - \$3; Children under 4 - Free**)

DONATIONS NEEDED: Attention Chili Makers and Cupcake Bakers! We need your help in making chili and cupcakes to serve for the fundraiser. Interested in contributing your amazing chili or cupcakes? Sign up is outside the youth office!

HELP WANTED - Students & Adults - We are in need of helpers before, during and after the fundraiser. We need helpers to wash potatoes, bake potatoes, set up food/drinks/dishware, keep the bar full during the event, and clean up afterwards. Can you help? Sign up outside the youth office!

MISSIONS

What will Missions 2023 look like here at the United Church? With your generous pledging already received we know we will be ably supporting organizations doing God's work of caring for those in need, both locally and around the world. We know we can count on the many of you who routinely bring food to the grocery cart serving families at CCIA and Salvation Army. We know that we will be supporting mission trips to Mexico, Nicaragua and a summer teen Work Camp. We know we will keep in contact with and financially support our four missionaries. And we will continue to offer you ways to become "hands on" support for local needs like Family Promise, Care Net, Foodlink/CIA Food Distributions, Called to Care and others. Thank you for your generous hearts of love and service! The Mission Committee invites your presence at any of our meetings, no personal invite needed...new members will be warmly welcomed.

Called to Care, Canandaigua has welcomed a second family into our community. After a five day journey, this family of mother, father and three month old daughter has been warmly welcomed by family already here in Canandaigua and by our volunteers. They are rested now and beginning the several appointments that are a part of their resettlement tasks to obtain health insurance, work authorization, English classes and employment. Our two sponsored Ukrainian families are adjusting well thanks to so many who are helping. And now with the recent change in U.S. immigration policies we find we are able to help the young Haitian couple who has been asking some of us to help get them out of Haiti for over a year. We are hoping to welcome them in early February. All of this is made possible by our many volunteers and the great support of the community. Many of us will be gathering for a fun night and fundraiser on **February 11th** at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. "**Called to Care is Chasin' the Blues**" will feature family friendly comedians Dan Kulp and Greg Van Alstine, Ukrainian singer Yuliya Pavlyuk, and jazz group The Sound from the Academy. The event begins at 7:00pm with desserts, other items, and beverages served throughout the evening. **Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door** and are available at CNB, Mobile Music, or by calling 315-447-0276. The United Church is helping to support the event. Please speak with Cathy Bush, Ulana Fuller or Linda Werts for more information.

BEAVER CAMP'S WINTER FAMILY CAMP: JANUARY 27-29



Enjoy this all-inclusive winter adventure in the Adirondacks. We'll cook the meals, provide the skis, tubes, and games, and make sure there's plenty of hot chocolate to enjoy in Beaver Lodge. Sign up at Beavercamp.org. If you have questions, you can reach us at office@beaver.camp or 315-376-2640



Until I Found the Lord

I cried and I cried, I cried all night long.
I cried and I cried, Lord, until I found the Lord.

I prayed and I prayed, I prayed all night long.
I prayed and I prayed, Lord, until I found the Lord.

My soul just couldn't be contented,
Just couldn't be contented, Just couldn't be contented,
Until I found the Lord.

I moaned, I moaned, I moaned, I moaned,
I moaned, I moaned all night long.

My soul just couldn't be contented, just couldn't be contented,
Just couldn't be contented until I found the Lord.

I walked and I walked, I walked all night long,
I walked and I walked, until I found the Lord,

I talked and I talked, I talked all night long,
I talked and I talked, until I found the Lord.

I cried and I cried, I prayed and I prayed, Lord,
Until I, 'til I, 'til I, 'til I found the...

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

I FOUND THE LORD!

For adults that still love puzzles ... (Solution from last week was JEHORAM)

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!

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

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