

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

February 26, 2023

PRELUDE: *“Be Thou My Vision”* by Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: Jesus’ Trials in the Wilderness. His strength provides the power in our own temptations.

READING

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 32)

Leader: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

People: Happy are those whose sins are cast away.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!

People: Sing out! Shout for joy!

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord!

All: Rejoice! Amen!

***HYMN: #612 “How Firm a Foundation”**

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***OPENING PRAYER: (Genesis 2, 3; Psalm 32; Matthew 4)**

Holy One, we are constantly bombarded with temptations and enticements. When we yield, when we fail, help us. You, Lord, have come to our aid. You teach us, counsel us, and guide us in the ways we should go. We rejoice in your unfailing love. 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (page 2) {A.B. page 4}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “He Leadeth Me” arr. Heather Sorenson

Joy Van Riper (piano)

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Thank You for the Valleys” (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:12-19 (page 1116) {A.B. page 1244}

Sermon

“Trials in the Wilderness”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #367 “Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein”* by Johann Pachelbel

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #200 “Lord, Who Throughout”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 156”* by Dieterich Buxtehude (part 2)

Our prayers and sympathy are with Bob Vit, whose father, Raymond Vit, passed away on February 20th. Please keep the Vit-Haymes family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Joe Laursen (Tim's nephew), Karl (Rob Stackhouse's relative), Mary Jane Laird, Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Karen Roaix, David Sanford, Kathy Mills, Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

Cancer: 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), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccios)

Recovering: Randy Secrest (Helen's son), Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

Comfort and Peace: Bill Adams

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.*

Are you interested in joining the United Church?

An Exploring Membership class is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, at noon. The purpose of the class is to help you learn more about The United Church and encourage you to consider membership.

During the class, you'll learn about the church's history and how the church is connected to two denominations. You might be wondering what this means and how this works? We will talk about how the church is organized/governed and what it means to become a member. We will discuss the various boards and committees in the congregation. You will learn more about the staff and worship services.

There will be plenty of time for you to ask questions about the church or Pastor Wade Allen personally. We'd love to have you join us, and please understand there's no commitment to join just by attending the class. We'd love to get to know you better and spend this time with you. If you can attend the class register at this link or contact the church office and we'll get you registered. A light lunch will be served.



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

LOCAL Service Opportunity!

We are gathering a team of youth and adults to help at LeTourneau Christian Center. LeTourneau needs some people who can help with deep cleaning and kitchen prep. They also need some who can help with specific projects that require skills, such as mudding/sanding walls, painting, laying flooring, and even roofing. Please let Deb Marshall know if you have interest in being on this team.



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 March 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.

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!

UC Moms!

UC Moms is a group of mothers with kids of all ages that meet together to pray, fellowship, study God's word, and encourage and support one another. Our next meeting will be in the fellowship room on Monday, March 6, from 9:30-11.

Childcare is provided; however, this group is for ALL moms. Our group includes moms of college kids, moms of babies, and moms of "in-between" kids! We look forward to seeing you! You may join us as your schedule allows. Feel free to bring a friend! Questions? Please see Deb Marshall.



Join us for church family Bowling Night!!

Friday, March 31, 6-8pm at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua. Fun for ALL ages, no experience required! We invite you to join us for a fun-filled evening of bowling, pizza, soda, cake, and fellowship!!

\$10pp covers bowling, shoes, and refreshments. Discounts and scholarships available.

Contact Deb for more information. Mark your calendar and sign up online:



What Is Supply A Smile? ~ *Supply a Smile* is a local organization associated with *Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA)*, serving uninsured residents of Ontario County with free dental services for adults age 18 and older, and is limited to cleanings, fillings, and extractions. Services are provided by area dental offices.



To start the process, please attend a dental screening the 1st Saturday of March, April or May, 9-10am to have your needs evaluated at the Canandaigua Elementary School Cafeteria.

Questions: Please call 585-376-2242 or email supplyasmile@gmail.com.

Sunday happenings...

TODAY –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Communicants Class at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, March 5, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Communicants Class at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, March 12, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am
Communicants Class at 9:45 am
Service at 11:00am
Exploring Membership Class at noon
The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, March 19, 2023 –
Service at 8:45am
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am
Communicants Class at 9:45 am
Service at 11:00am
EROI Organ concert at 3pm
The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Scrap, Craft & Quilt at LeTourneau! **March 23-26, 2023**



Join us for this inaugural spring retreat! Work on your crafting hobbies, as well as enjoying fellowship, delicious meals and comfortable lodging. For more details, itinerary, and registration, see the poster in the hallway or check the LeTourneau website. Sarah Gross is also happy to answer questions!

ADULT EDUCATION

BOOK OF PSALMS

Starting **TODAY**, from **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – Join us for a new series on the Book of Psalms! This is an 8-week series that will walk us through major themes of these Scriptures!



PARENTING CLASS

Returning TODAY, from **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Fellowship Room** - Coffee, snacks, and conversation with other parents! This week, we will be discussing the importance of building in time for yourself and spiritual growth.



IRON SHARPENS IRON – MEN’S CONFERENCE

On **March 18th, 2023** in Buffalo NY, all men (ages 13 and up) are invited to join our church in attending this annual conference. Interested in attending? **Sign up is in the hallway!**

LENT DEVOTIONALS

Join the rest of our congregation as we read through our **2023 Lenten devotional, titled: “Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A (A Daily Devotional)”** by NT Wright. Free copies are available inside the sanctuary. We **also have daily devotional handouts from previous years**. Are they new to you, or do you know someone who may enjoy them? All are invited to take them!

ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE!

We have a date reserved for our annual adult retreat! Please reserve **November 4, 2023** on your calendar. We will be enjoying our event at the beautiful **Letourneau Christian Center**, once again! **We are pleased to share this year’s speaker: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum (Dean Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary).**

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT

Saturdays, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, at the church, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job.



MEAL DONATIONS

Would you like to support our hungry young adults? Volunteer to provide a meal on the signup sheet in the hallway!

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - *NEW*

Based on feedback from young adults, we are starting a **Young Adult Sunday School Class!** Starting **March 5, 2023** in the **Bell Tower Room** (adjacent to the sanctuary balcony). Come and enjoy some coffee, fellowship, and study! Class content to be determined.

YOUTH MINISTRY

M&M FUNDRAISER – Reminder!

Our annual M&M fundraiser is off to a great start! **If you missed a chance to retrieve your family's container, more can be found just outside the main entrances of the sanctuary!** Grab a container, enjoy those delicious M&M treats, and return the container with your donations inside during the month of February! The containers can be placed in the offering plate during the service. **Donations go toward supporting our workcampers on their trip to Woonsocket, Rhode Island in July, 2023.**



CONCERT ~ Is your student interested in joining our group to see **For King & Country** on **April 20**? If so, sign up outside the youth office!

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

March 1 – Cloutier, Hildebrandt, Nearpass

March 8 – Beyrle, James, Hildebrandt

Snack for 50 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays

March 1 – Nearpass

March 8 – Buono

Family Time Themes:

March 1 – God Loves You Night!

March 8 – Science Night!

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.



MISSIONS

Faith and Action

Both of our denominations are being actively involved in providing emergency relief to the thousands of people affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The American Baptist International Ministries has sent funds from the One Great Hour of Sharing program for emergency relief. Our special Easter offering will go entirely to the One Great Hour of

Sharing. The Presbyterian USA is using funds from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program for emergency relief and short term recovery, while determining long-term program needs. Our World Mission offering, taken in October, includes the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

If you don't want to wait for these special offerings to be taken you can make donations at any time through our church mission giving including on-line giving. Please indicate on your check that it is for Earthquake relief. And, please continue to include all of those affected and all of those helping in your prayers.

Don Rensberger, Lynn Bernard and Mike Walker have returned from Nicaragua. Working with the AMOS program the remote El Secorro clinic now has solar electric lighting, thirty-nine community homes have new water filtration buckets, and health providers have received additional training.



Isaac Fley, community leader and health promoter, skillfully sutured a local man's lacerated hand while the team there. The community expressed gratitude for the United Church and Elmira Baptist participation with AMOS.



Linda Werts and Ken Allen have returned from working with the Living Waters for the World program in Mexico. The communities of Cedralito and Limones send kind greetings for the continued support from the United Church.

Pray for the Nicaragua AMOS leadership ministering to 22 rural clinics and the "home base" clinic that is staffed by Dr. Woo, MD. Pray for the Mexico Living Waters for the World leadership. Prayers of thanksgiving for your prayers for the team and the safe return for the United Church and Elmira Baptist volunteers.

Thanks be to God !

Can you assist with the February 27 FoodLink PopUp Food Pantry? Help distribute food beginning from 9:30 at the Canandaigua Town Barn on 5 & 20 west of town. Distribution will be inside a heated building, For information see Cathy Bush or Don Rensberger

Items we need to borrow for the Youth Club Musical Big Fish!

- 1 black hat (like an "old fashioned" reporter would wear)
- 2 sailor hats
- 2 metal sand pails



If you are able to loan any of these items to us, please mark them with your name and leave them in Deb's office by March 15. Thank you!



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 March 29th – 6 dozen Easter cut out cookies (cross shaped cookie cutters available to borrow)

Youth Club is going Ice Skating!

Wednesday, March 15th – Students will ride/walk to Youth Club as usual. After snack, we will carpool to the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center (GCCC). We will enjoy ice skating and a pizza dinner there. Cost is \$5 per person. Please send kids with a helmet for safety; they will not be allowed to skate without one. **Parents, don't forget, early pick up at 5:30pm at GCCC.**

Questions? Please see Deb Marshall



Thank You for the Valleys (choir)

Sometimes I'm lifted to the mountaintop, where I soar on eagle's wings.
Joy overflows and I give You praise as You make my spirit sing.
But there are times when the road ahead leads through the valley of despair.
Then You take my hand, saying, "Follow me, my child. You are in my care."

(Chorus)

So I thank You for the valleys; in the valleys my faith can grow.
In the darkest times, I can trust in You, and more of Your love I can know.
In the valleys, You will carry me, and give me strength anew.
So I thank You for the valleys, Lord; they draw me closer to You.

Even though I walk through the valley, I know that Your way is best.
And, as You lead me through the darkness in Your arms I can safely rest.

(to chorus)

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!

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

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

For more visit www.begriddled.com