

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

January 22, 2023

PRELUDE: *Humoresque "L'organo primitivo" by Pietro A. Yon*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, Matthew 4)

Leader: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

People: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God’s glorious presence has appeared.

Leader: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

People: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

Leader: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

People: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

***HYMN: #670 “Rise Up, O Saints of God!”**

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***OPENING PRAYER: (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, Matthew 4)** God of light and love, we have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. 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 9:1-4 (page 683) {A.B. page 761}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Come, Follow Me” (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (page 546) {A.B. page 620}

Sermon

“Leave Your Nets”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #547 “O for a Closer Walk with God”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

A TIME OF REMEMBERING: Sybil Amico, Brittany Broan, Virginia Dudley, Jack Ebersol, Ann Feltham, Suzanne Gill, Cyndy Harnett, Dorothy LaBrake, Jane LaPree, Nancy Purdy, Bill Schultze, Pamela Phipps Spencer, Shirley Wilcox

OFFERTORY: “Lafst uns alle” by Ronald Besemer

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #649 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: No. 21 Carillon from “24 Pièces en style libre” by Louis Vierne

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Elena Caroline Gardner on January 16th. Her parents are Megan and Kyle Gardner and her grandmother is Karen Gardner. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Ryan Marshall, whose aunt, Sandy Quinn, passed away on January 15th. Please keep the Marshall family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Randy Secrest (Helen's son, having surgery), 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 Schermond, 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), 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: Mary Jane Laird, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

Comfort and Peace: Kelly Fish (James Mergenthaler's sister),

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.*

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 Rochester Celebrity Organ Recital Series (RCORS) returns to the United Church after two years of cancellations. **Chelsea Chen**, well known American organist and composer, will perform on **Friday, February 10th at 7:30pm**. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



On behalf of myself and Charlie, I would like to thank our wonderful church family for the many acts of kindness shown to us over the past months. We will be forever grateful for your support, thoughtfulness and love. May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you.

Charlie and Patti Cagwin

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!

The Annual Meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the Dining Room, **TODAY, 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.



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.

Sunday happenings...

TODAY –

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

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

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Service at 8:45am

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Communicants Class at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, February 5, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Communicants Class begins at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

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. 25 – Cloutier, Vasello, Clark

Feb. 1 – Seeber, Hess, Buono

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

Jan. 25 – Soberon

Feb. 1 – Grube

Family Time Themes:

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

Feb. 1 –Armor of God Night

Baking for Youth Club!

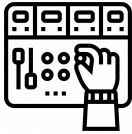
Calling all bakers! We serve dessert to our Youth Club kids and volunteers each week. Sometimes we like to enjoy homemade desserts. If you see something you'd be able to bake, please let Deb Marshall know. Desserts need to be delivered to church by Wednesday at 4:00pm. Often more than one baker helps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



For 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 **129** pledges of \$374,232.04 to the operating budget and \$100,246 to the missions budget.



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.

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 **TODAY**, after the 11:00 AM service. **Tickets** will be available for purchase after services and at the door. (**Adults** - \$5; **Children 4-10** - \$3; **Children under 4** - Free)

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



Called to Care, Canandaigua and its many volunteers are very focused on what we are accomplishing here as we welcome families to Canandaigua that we overlook what those families may be feeling as they wait with hope for our sponsorship offering a new life of safety and opportunity. The sponsor for the young Haitian couple, who may be arriving in February, shared this message with me this week. The sponsor was informing of how our organization will be helping once they arrive. His response... *"Oh my God! What a blessing to me! Thank you Lord for putting on my way those wonderful people like Doug, Judi, Linda and all of the others amazing I am going to meet very soon! I am happy for your help and sponsors guys, you have a special place in my heart...can't wait to meet all. Love you so much!"* When our families arrive from places like Ukraine and Haiti where living conditions are desperate they will have stories to share. Right now we are doing the work of welcome and resettlement and appreciate your support as active volunteers, donors, and as prayer partners. Our upcoming fundraiser "Called to Care is Chasin' the Blues...a night for laughs, love and luscious treats" on February 11th at 7pm at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church will offer an opportunity to meet our sponsored families. Tickets \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door will be available here next Sunday.



MISSIONS

Faith and Action



“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:17

As we follow Christ in 2023

- We prepared a Family Promise house in Canandaigua for a currently homeless family. Cleaning, painting, and furniture arranging were completed this week.
- Jan 19 we had a Nicaragua AMOS zoom meeting preparing for the February 7-19 mission trip to El Secorro. Mike, Lynn, and Don are part of this nine member team prepared to install home water filters, install a solar electric system in this very rural community clinic, and do health training. American Baptist missionary, Christine Lafferty, will direct this team.
- We received a report of Dr. Anita (MD) and Dr. Rick Glutierrez’s December service in Ukraine with American Baptist. Drs. Rick and Anita were at the United Church during the October 2022 gathering of Baptists.
- Creative card makers continue to place “for sale” the creative greeting cards on the Welcome Center table. All Contributions are donated to Missions.
- Linda and Ken continue preparing for the February 13-20 Living Waters for the World Mexico trip. The United Church has a covenant relationship with Cedralito and Limones. Community of Tabi, the location of 2022 water filter installation, will also be visited.
- January 30 a **DRIVE THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION** will be available at the Canandaigua Town Barn (site of the transfer station). Volunteers are needed. Contact Cathy Bush or Don Rensberger for information.
- All four of our supported missionaries are assisting refugees in Europe, Africa, and Central America.
- Food and coats donated in our Welcome Center are distributed by CCIA and the Canandaigua Salvation Army
- Each week Bible teaching occurs with Youth Club and Cause participants. Multiple small group Bible studies occur with church members each week.

Continue in Bible Study, Prayer, and Service.



Special request from the CCIA food pantry: We need personal care items like toothpaste and deodorant!

COME, FOLLOW ME

“Come follow me,” said the Lord.
Be at peace within my care.
Be as a child. Show me your needs.
Take my hand, and I will lead.

“Come follow me,” said the Lord.
Leave your worldly cares behind.
Free as a bird soaring above,
Filled with my forgiving love.

And share the love you feel this day
with all whose hurt you find.
If all do so, then love will flow through all mankind.

“Come follow me,” said the Lord.

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!



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For more visit www.begriddled.com

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