

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
September 24, 2023

PRELUDE: "Lied" by Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) "We Will Glorify" (Hymn #118)

Focus of the day: Pride is dangerous and comes with accountability. May we like David be led to true humility and repentance.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

People: Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

Leader: What joy we have in God's presence!

People: What peace is brought to us in God's house!

Leader: This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! AMEN.

*HYMN: #16 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" CCLI Song #1041012, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Open our hearts to hear your healing words this day, O God. Help us be the people that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever; to be humble rather than full of pride. Give us hearts of joy and love and humility. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI: #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 15:25–33 (page 640) {A.B. page 714}

ANTHEM: 11:00 "Lord, Have Mercy"

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: James 4:1-10 (page 1198) {A.B. page 1356}

Sermon

"The Perils of Pride"

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #451 "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (sing refrain for last verse only)
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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Improvisation on the Sixth Tone*

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #642 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" CCLI Song #5202719, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor" by J. S. Bach

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Francesca Mylla Occil, new daughter of Mirlande and Tico Occil. She was born on September 22, and joins big brother, Manoe. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Hiram Bailey, Sara Henderson, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Kainoa Coarsey (great-nephew of Kathie Meredith & David Crowe), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Jean Pollard (Ali Boseck's mom), Bob McDougal (MacKenzie Brown's uncle), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Galen Marty (Mary Holm's father), David Sanford, David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Denice Tautges (Hiram Bailey's daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermond

Cancer: Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccos), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sara 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)

Recovering: Steve Smythe, Arlene Willett, Wally Wake (Kathie Meredith's sister), Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) returned from deployment, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovanti – 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.



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 and October sign up sheets are 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.

If you'd like to send Anniversary greetings to **David and Arlene Willett (married 64 years, as of October 3rd!)** you can send cards to them at either of these addresses:

Mrs. Arlene Willett
C/o Quail Summit
Apartment 257
5102 Parrish St. Ext
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Mr. David Willett
P.O. Box 362
Canandaigua, NY 14424



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

Do you enjoy simple decorating and love a good theme? Youth Club needs your help! Each week, we have planned a fun theme. We need a volunteer to create and copy placemats, find fun napkins, and create simple table centerpieces that go along with each week's theme. There are many supplies available in church storage for these purposes. Interested? Please contact Deb Marshall.



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.

Highlights for This Week!

- An exploring membership class will be held **TODAY after the 11am service.**
 - **Corporate Prayer** - Every Sunday - Early session at 9:00 AM, and late session at 11:00 AM. Come and add this essential activity to your morning routine!
 - **Testimony Saturday!** September 30th @ 10:00 AM - Join us to hear Melissa Wormer's testimony!
 - **Registration for Youth Club** is available **online** and the **deadline to register** is this **Friday, September 29**.
 - **We need volunteers** *not* involved in Youth Club to help on our first night, **Wednesday, October 4th**. We need some to **serve pizza to parents** and others to help with **clean up in the downstairs kitchen**. Please sign up on Deb's door.
 - We need a “**decorator**” for **Youth Club**. This person’s main responsibilities are providing **placemats**, fun **napkins**, and **table centerpieces** for each week’s theme of Youth club. We have lots of materials right here at church, and it’s a fun role that can be done on your own time! **Please see Deb if you’re interested.**
 - **Workcamp / Camp Barnabas interest meeting-** Sunday, October 8 (after service) Come and learn about these service opportunities!
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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 10.

9:45 Sunday school Nursery ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. Claire Sheppard and Marcea Stave are our well-loved caretakers during this hour.

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!

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEAVER CAMP – Family Retreats

Fall Family Retreat – September 29 – October 1

Parenting with Purpose – October 13 – 15

Check out Beaver Camp's Facebook Page for more information.



WORKCAMP / CAMP BARNABAS INTEREST MEETING

Sunday, October 8 (after service)

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YOUTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY CONNECT – Middle School and High School Students Invited!

Canandaigua – Starts October 11 @ 6:45 AM. North Street Tim Horton's.

Second Wednesday of Month.

Marcus-Whitman - Starts October 16 @ 2:30 PM. Gorham Free Library. Third Monday of Month.

Victor – Starts October 18 @ 6:45 AM. Main Street Dunkin Donuts. Third Wednesday of Month.

THE CAUSE – High School students invited!

Sundays, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, at the church

GAME NIGHT – Chess, Checkers, and More!

Friday, October 6, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, at the church

Special Guest: National Chess Master Matt Slomski

Bring your favorite board game! If you plan to play chess, bring a chess set!

For Middle School and High School students

Dinner/Snacks Provided

PRAY AT THE POLE – Canandaigua Academy – September 27! Keep an ear out for more details, coming shortly!



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT – For college students through 20-somethings!

Sundays, 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM, young adults are invited to lunch, friends, and faith!

- Interested in hosting our young adults for lunch after church? Contact Mark Slomski.

FLCC SOCCER SCHEDULE – HOME GAMES – Come and support Gabriel and his team! Use the QR code or go to the FLCC website to access their schedule!



ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Young adults and adults invited! 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM – Downstairs Dining Hall

September 24– Theology of Sex (8 week course)

TESTIMONY SATURDAY – September 30th @ 10:00 AM - Come and enjoy refreshments, worship, and to hear Melissa Wormer's testimony!

CORPORATE PRAYER



WEEKLY PRAYER – All are invited to join us in prayer!

Two Choices: Before or after Sunday School!

- 1) **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** – Fellowship Room
- 2) **11:00 AM – 11:30 AM** – Fellowship Room

Important Fall Dates!

TODAY - Exploring Membership class after the 11:00 service

October 4, 2023 - Youth Club begins

October 29, 2023 - Intergenerational Sunday School & Stewardship kick-off breakfast, 9:45am.
~ Please bring a dish to pass if you're able~

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!**



Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. (**CCIA has made an urgent request for: Cereal, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (spaghetti or elbow), Can Corn, Can Soups, Can Pork and Beans**) Thank you for your generous contributions.

YOUTH CLUB

Begins Wednesday, October 4!

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 2nd - 8th grade student, we hope you will consider signing your child up for YOUTH CLUB!!! **The deadline for registration is September 29**. Please let Deb Marshall know if you have any questions!

Parents of Youth Club students ~ Please plan to join us at about 5:30pm on the first day of Youth Club (Oct. 4) for a pizza dinner and our YC opening in the sanctuary at 6pm! 😊 Our time should conclude at 6:30pm. We are all looking forward to a great year of Youth Club!

Needed: Pizza Servers and Kitchen “Cleaner Uppers”

For the first Youth Club, October 4, from 5:15-6:30ish, 2 *pizza servers* are needed in the fellowship room to serve parents stopping by for a quick bite before our opening program. AND 5 to work clean up in the dining room kitchen after our pizza dinner (we'll use paper products this night), so YC students, workers and parents can all be part of our opening program in the sanctuary. Please sign up on Deb's door. Thank you!



Nursery needs

Are you organized? Do you enjoy helping the church in “behind the scenes” ways? Please consider being the nursery coordinator. This person sets the schedule for the nursery, a simple training on how to make the 4 month schedule is provided. This person also ensures that nursery toys are cleaned every 6 months by engaging a team of volunteers to help. If you are interested, please see Deb Marshall.

Care Net needs volunteers ~ these volunteer positions can be a one time or one event commitment or an ongoing commitment to help at **Care Net**. Please call (585) 393-0437 if you'd like to volunteer!

Care Net is looking for a **part time Center Manager** (20 hours per week). This is a shared position and includes administrative tasks, client services, and helping with fundraising/PR. The job requires coverage for open Center hours to meet the needs of clients. Some work will be off-site and limited remote opportunities are possible. Pay is \$20 per hour. Interested candidates should send an email to centermanager@carenetcan.org



Fall Family Dessert Delight at

Paul & Beth Johnson's

4638 Kear Rd., Canandaigua

October 14th, 2-4:30 PM For ALL Ages



👉 Bring your favorite fall dessert to pass & lawn chairs

🔥 Enjoy a campfire, games, crafts & s'mores of course!

🍁 Could you help with some supplies: fall colored material, small pumpkins, cinnamon sticks, fake leaves, etc..? Please see Brenda Cunningham if you'd like to help.



Are you a golfer? Have some fun and help Family Promise! The FPOC Golf Tournament at The Winged Pheasant Golf Links is **Saturday, September 30**. Recruit a foursome or sign up individually, and join other Family Promise friends and supporters for a beautiful day of golf! The cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per team for a round of golf, a cart, lunch, and dinner! Please share this opportunity widely, to those who might like to play (or just come for dinner). For information, visit

<https://birdease.com/familypromise>

Family Promise's guests are experiencing a greater need for assistance with grocery and gas gift cards. This is due to SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits being reduced as well as the increased cost of groceries. The family in the apartment that the United Church has ‘adopted’ has had their house structurally damaged by June flooding in Geneva. Gas cards are especially important to them as the father has to commute to Geneva for his job and their 3 yr old goes to Rochester for medical care.



Our church is collecting grocery and gas gift cards to help their guests.

Walmart, Tops, and Aldi are the most appreciated grocery cards, in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Kwik Fill, Exxon/Mobil, and Speedway gas cards are also very helpful and at Speedway they can be labeled “Fuel Purchases Only.” If you can help these struggling families, please leave the gift cards in the church office or place in a marked envelope in the collection plate by Sunday, October 8. **Thank you for your support of these families in need!**



Next Sunday, **October 1st**, we will be receiving our annual **World Mission Offering**. This special offering provides us, as members of the body of Christ, several ways to engage in God's mission around the world. 50% of what is given will be used by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which

enables immediate response to National and International disasters. 50% will go towards supporting American Baptist International Ministries global servants, missionaries serving around the globe.

We, as disciples of Jesus Christ, can make a difference in our world by our gifts. Envelopes will be in the October Lamplighter and in the pews, or simply mark your gift for the World Mission Offering.

Called to Care, Canandaigua shares this news and asks for your prayers on all of the moving parts this month.

- The Cruz-Maldonado family achieved independence much more quickly than any would have hoped for. They are now settled in Chicago and children will be starting school there next week.
- Wendy Stoddard's Good Neighbor Team has settled the Banakh family of three from Ukraine into their apartment with help from Kory Massey and Cathy Bush.
- The Sylla family of five have moved from "sponsor" Doug and Judi's home into their own apartment this weekend with great help from Dean and Aleta Williamson, Deb Marshall, Cathy Bush and others on their Good Neighbor Team.
- A Good Neighbor Team has just formed which will co-sponsor a family through World Relief Western NY in early 2024.

Other Teams are forming for families arriving this fall, volunteers are always needed for tasks big and small, and we are beginning in earnest some work of advocacy on behalf of humanitarian parole families. Our last general informational meeting of the year will be held on **Monday, October 16th**. Speak with Linda Werts if you have interest in this ministry of "welcome."



CALLED TO CARE
CANANDAIGUA
WELCOMING REFUGEES

Live Nativity – Church Wide Mission Opportunity

For several years the First United Methodist Church has been providing the community with a Live Nativity in December. They have found that they are no longer able to undertake this project by themselves and are asking other churches to assist. **This is a great opportunity for our church to be part of this community outreach event and all ages are encouraged to participate!** This year, the Live Nativity will be Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17, 6-8 pm but there are volunteer needs at other times as well! Below is a list of volunteer opportunities. Please call (937-602-1215) or email (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) Sonya Brooks by Oct. 8 if you are interested or have any questions.



- Casting Call – Be part of the Live Nativity! You can wear winter clothes under your costume if it is cold and/or grab a bowl of hot soup!
- Manage costume distribution – Before event organize and label costumes.
- Animals – Persons who can bring and manage small animals each night (sheep, goats, miniature horses etc.)
- Set Up – The sets are stored locally but need to be moved to their church parking lot, set in place and secured. You would be helping others experienced with the process.
- Accessorize – the first morning of the event the props need to be put in place.
- Costume collection – after the event (the next few days) costumes need to be inventoried, cleaned, and repaired as needed and returned to storage.
- Tear down – the set needs to be returned to storage (typically Sunday afternoon).