

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

October 8, 2023

PRELUDE: “*Trio Sonata 2 in C Minor, Mvt. II Largo, BWV 526*” by J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (8:45) “I Just Came to Praise the Lord” (words in bulletin) Gates/Pettit (flute/piano)
(11:00) “He Is Lord” (Hymn #97)

Focus of the day: Paul urges us to move away from idol worship and make Jesus as Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Let’s gather together in the presence of our God.

People: Let’s bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving.

Leader: Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.

People: Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary,

Leader: Clothe us in faithfulness, and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.

All: Let’s worship God together!

***HYMN: #9 “Sing Praise to the Father”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Blessed are You, Lord our God! Glorious is Your name in all the earth! We celebrate who You are, and all that You have done for us. So we come together today, led by Your Holy Spirit, to worship You. Be present among us as we worship You, and as we open ourselves to Your Word. To You be all glory, now and forever. 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: Philippians 2:9-11 (page 1162) {A.B. page 1304}

ANTHEM: (11:00) "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord” (words in bulletin center)

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 4:20-27 (page 628) {A.B. page 703}

Sermon

“From Mute Idols to Jesus as Lord”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #107 “Christ Be My Leader”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Melody in A-flat Major*”

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #557 “Open My Eyes That I May See”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Trio Sonata 2 in C Minor, Mvt. III Allegro, BWV 526*” by J. S. Bach

Our prayers and sympathy are with Robin Sheppard, whose mother, Jeannette Cooney, passed away on September 29th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Dean Williamson, whose brother, Larry, passed away on September 30th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Congratulations to Brooke and Jared Merenuk, who celebrated their wedding on September 30th. Mary Beth and Bill Fortunato are the bride’s parents. Please keep the family in your prayers during this joyful time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Betsy (Kathy Eagan’s cousin), Diane Molenaar (Kathy Mills’ sister), Carolyn Verspoor, Hiram Bailey, 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), 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: Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccoss), 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: Sara Henderson, Steve Smythe, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, 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), 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 & Mayra Giovanti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & 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 October 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

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.



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 and 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.



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!**

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



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!

Highlights for This Week!

- **Workcamp / Camp Barnabas interest meeting- today** (after 11am service) - Come for lunch and learn more about these wonderful opportunities! Please register online for this event.
- **THIS SATURDAY** our whole church family is invited to Paul and Beth Johnson’s home from 2-4:30pm for some fall fellowship! Come, bring a fall dessert to pass, and some lawn chairs!
- We need a **nursery coordinator**. This person schedules nursery volunteers and helps to keep the nursery clean and stocked. Please see **Deb Marshall** if you’re interested.
- **2024 ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY RETREAT** - Registration is open! Please register online or on the hallway posting. November 4, 9AM-3PM, at LeTourneau Christian Center. There is NO COST for the event. Have childcare needs? Contact Mark for assistance!

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!

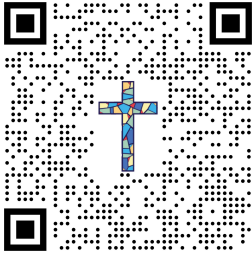
Sunday, October 29, 9:45-10:45 am: Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship Breakfast



Please join us in the downstairs dining room for a **dish to pass breakfast**. We will combine our intergenerational Sunday school fun with our Stewardship breakfast. We hope to see you there!

EVENT REGISTRATION

Is there a United Church event you are planning to attend that requires registration? Use this QR code to access the event registration landing page!



WORKCAMP / CAMP BARNABAS INTEREST MEETING
Sunday, October 8 (after 11am service) - Come and learn about these service opportunities!
Please register online, using the QR code above or the church website!

ADULT EDUCATION RETREAT - NOVEMBER 4
Saturday, November 4 - LeTourneau Christian Center
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum (President & Dean Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary).
Please register online, using the QR code above, the church website, the hallway sign-up sheet, or call Mark Slomski!
Dietary Restrictions? Contact Mark Slomski of the church office to let us know!
NOTE: There is no cost for attendance! Do you have childcare needs? Contact Mark for assistance!

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 the Month.

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

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

THE CAUSE – High School students invited!



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

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

Class - Theology of Sex (class # 3 of 8) - We will be discussing how sin has impacted human sexuality. We will learn about first century Christians and how their new lifestyle differed from the society around them.

Important Fall Dates!

TODAY - **Mission Trip/Work Camp** interest meeting after 11am service

Oct 29, 2023 - **Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship kick-off breakfast** at 9:45am.
~ Please bring a dish to pass if you’re able~

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

Oct 11 – Kitchen Clean up: James, Vassello, Beyrle, _____ (one more parent needed)

Oct 11 – Snack: James

Class offered : American Heart Association CPR/AED for Adult, Child and Infant
Date/Time: Saturday, November 18 from 9 - 12
Location: The United Church
Cost: Basic Class is \$30, +\$20 if you want a workbook to keep, +\$5 for First Aid certification (you’d stay another hour to complete this part). Cash, check or credit card.
Sign Up: On the sheet on the Adult Ed. bulletin board (minimum 6, maximum 14)
Questions? Holger Stave 585-469-8470



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).



***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.



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 Rochester 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 them in a marked envelope in the collection plate **by Sunday, October 8.**



Thank you for your support of these families in need!



Through the World Mission Offering, you and our church can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing globally to bring God’s kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.”

A heartfelt thanks to each of you who contributed to WMO last Sunday. We continue receiving our annual World Mission Offering in October.

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.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we can make a difference in our world by our gifts. Envelopes are in the pews and the October Lamplighter. You can also simply mark your gift for the World Mission Offering or give electronically to the World Mission Offering on the church’s website.

Called to Care, Canandaigua will host its final general information meeting for the year on Monday, October 16th from 4-6pm at St. Mary's Church. Please join us for refreshments, a thanksgiving to our volunteers for the support they have given to our families throughout the year, and a time to join in advocacy initiatives. All are welcome.



Live Fraser Fir Christmas Wreaths Fundraiser

for Called to Care Canandaigua
\$25 **Order by October 25.** Wreaths will be ready for pick up Nov. 20-21 at Spring Valley Greenhouse, County Rd 10
If interested, please see Linda Werts or Cathy Bush.



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.

I Just Came to Praise the Lord (words for the 8:45 introit)

I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise His holy Name
I just came to praise the Lord

I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise His lovely Name
I just came to praise the Lord

He came into my life
One very special day
He came into my heart
To show me a better way
He said He'd never depart
This is why I say
I just came to praise the Lord

I just came to thank the Lord
I just came to thank the Lord
I just came to praise His holy Name
I just came to thank the Lord

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I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise His Holy Name
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ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD (anthem at 11:00 service)

Chorus:

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, Who is in you all. **(to Chorus)**

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. **(to Chorus)**