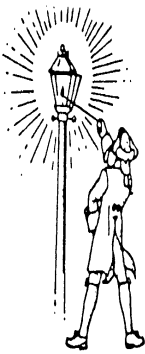


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Worship Service, 8:45 and 11:00 am

October 2023

Rev. Dr. Wade Allen



- Oct 1 – LOGOS worker dedication
- Oct 2 – Trustees, 7 pm
- Oct 3 – Stewards, 7 pm
- Oct 4 – Youth Club begins
- Oct 6 – Youth Game Night
- Oct 8 – Workcamp info meeting, noon
- Oct 14 – Church Family Campfire at Johnson’s
- Oct 16 – Official Board, 7 pm
- Oct 28 – Special Member Brunch
- Oct 29 – Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship kickoff



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**SPECIAL MEMBER CELEBRATIONS:**

Special Members are those in their 90s, and/or who are homebound, in nursing homes, or who need temporary special care.



**Barbara Scott: Barb is turning 90 on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>!!** Barbara joined the church in November 2000 with her late husband Odell. They were very active in adult Sunday School and Barb in the Women’s Circle groups. Barb currently resides at The Elderwood Senior Home in Hornell, where she enjoys activities with other residents and going outside to the courtyard to see the flowers and vegetable garden. She also appreciates receiving help to make cards for her family and friends, one of her favorite hobbies. Barb has two attentive children who live nearby, Bonnie and David, who themselves are parents and grandparents. Barb enjoys their visits and once in a while she gets out for a ride with them for ice cream! *Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Barb!*

**Anniversaries for Special Members:**

**Arlene and Dave Willett:** *Congratulations on 64 years of marriage! Enjoy celebrating your wedding day of October 3, 1959.* Arlene is one of our Special Members who resides at Quail Summit. If you don’t know Arlene, you DO know some of the work she’s done for the church: she made all the colorful banners that hang in the Sanctuary on Communion Sundays and during church holidays. *God bless you both!*

**SPECIAL MEMBER SERVICE & LUNCH: Saturday, October 28, 11am – 1pm**

Special Members: watch for your invitation from the Stewards to join us for a short communion worship service with Pastor Wade and Pastor Mark in the Sanctuary, to be followed by a table game, lunch, and song. A family member or caregiver may accompany you. We’re looking forward to this uplifting fellowship event!

**REMEMBERING:**

Our prayers and sympathy are with the Gullace family, as **Jan Gullace** passed away on September 7th. Jan’s husband, **Ralph**, also passed away recently. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Sandy Miller** for the loss of his wife, **Sherry**, ON September 7<sup>th</sup>. Sandy and Sherry were former members of the United Church, and friends of the Zajac family. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

**MEMBER CARE:** If you are aware of anyone in our church family who is ill, having surgery, who had a death in the family, is having troubles in some way? Are you missing your neighbor who sits in the pew next to yours? Or do you know someone who has a happy occasion to celebrate, please let us know!! The Staff works with the **Outreach and Congregation Care Committee** to connect with members of our church family who need encouragement and recognition. *We care about you!* Call the church office or Congregation Care Committee Chair: Sue Vadney, at (585) 739-8615



**THE STEWARDS ASSISTANCE FUND** supports families in our congregation who need a little temporary financial help. These funds are supported through member donations and they are given to help purchase groceries, pay for medicine & medical bills, utilities, car repairs, and other essential household expenses. The recipients of these funds are very, very appreciative!! Year to date, sixteen distributions have been made, totaling \$4,625.

➡ **We will take offerings to help replenish the Fund on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays in October, November and December** - the loose cash along with designated checks placed in the Offering Plates on those Sundays will go to the Fund. We also accept donations to the Fund at any time. Checks can be made payable to **The United Church Stewards** with a memo designating the Assistance Fund. *Thank you!*

If you, or someone you know in our church family needs assistance, please contact Virginia Holroyd at church or via email at: virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org. All requests remain completely confidential.



**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.

**Beaver Camp Family Opportunities**

Beaver Camp, located just east of Lowville at the foothills of the Adirondacks, has activities all year round, but Fall is one of the prettiest. Set aside family time now with two different fall opportunities at Beaver Camp!



***Fall Family Retreat - September 29-October 1***

It’s the perfect time of year to come experience Beaver Camp as a family! Families need time away from their busy routines. This weekend gives families quality time together while enjoying scenic wagon rides, hikes, games, Challenge Course activities, worship, and more. This retreat begins at 7:00 PM on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. More info about Fall Family Retreat: <https://beavercamp.org/camps-and-retreats/family-retreats>

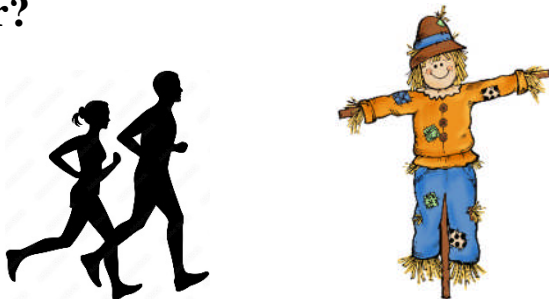
***Parenting With a Purpose - October 13-15***

Spend a weekend enjoying the fall beauty of the Adirondacks with your family while learning essential parenting skills that will help you connect with the heart of your child(ren). Families can take advantage of all that Beaver Camp has to offer from indoor and outdoor recreation spaces, to hiking and even boating if the weather is suitable. Activities will be provided for children ages two and up during sessions. Meals are provided so that mom and dad can focus on connecting with their child’s heart. More info about Parenting with Purpose: <https://beavercamp.org/cam.../parenting-with-purpose-weekend>

**What’s going on at Le Tourneau this October?**

- Blessed Hope Ladies Luncheon, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sportsman’s Dinner, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival and 5K Run, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Find info or register for any of the above at:  
<https://letcc.churchcenter.com/registrations>





Fellowship Events

(See the green insert for upcoming concerts!)

Stamp A Stack!



The next Stampin’ Up class is scheduled for October 21st from 9 -2.



If interested, contact Sharon Meyer to sign up by October 1st. We will be making the cards pictured (2 of some of them) plus gift tags! Please bring your own lunch and drink. It will be held in the dining room downstairs. There will be door prizes! Any questions, contact Sharon Meyer @585-924-8792.



GREETERS of ALL AGES needed for BOTH SERVICES:

Greeters play an important role in extending hospitality in our church on Sundays. Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building, they hand out Bulletins, and they collect the offerings at each Sunday Service. This is a role where kids can help too!



The **Sign-up Sheet** is on the **Church Office door**. Reminders and instructions are emailed the Friday before your scheduled Sunday. If you have any questions about being a Greeter, please contact Virginia Holroyd or any Steward.

*We really appreciate your service!*

**HELPING OUR SENIORS:** There are a few people from Horizon’s Sr. Living Center who would like to come worship with us on Sundays, but they don’t have means of transportation. Horizons is on Rte 21, just west of Route 20 and less than two miles from church.



Are YOU someone who could provide a ride on a Sunday? If so, we’d like to connect you with those seniors. Please call Virginia at the church office: (585) 394-0503 or email her at: virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org. THANKS!

Have you tried the new Church Center app?

You can find it wherever you usually get apps on your smartphone or tablet. It looks like this:

Or you can follow this link: <http://uccdga.churchcenter.com/>



Things you can do on the Church Center app:

- Look up contact info for church friends in the directory (opt in)
- Update your own info when it changes
- Watch livestreams when you’re unable to make it for Sunday worship
- Register for events or classes
- Check on the status of your giving/pledging or make online payments
- Check the church calendar for events
- Look at Sunday bulletins or Lamplighters (monthly newsletters)
- Track the various committees or groups you participate in
- And more!

If you need help getting this set up, stop by the office and Carolyn would be glad to help you!



Thank you to everyone who sent cards and prayed for us during our time of loss of Chuck’s brother-in-law in Tennessee and his sister in Florida.

**Chuck and Sharon Meyer**



## Spiritual Gifts

We will wrap up our series on the life of David on the first Sunday in October. On October 8, we will begin an eight-week 1 Corinthians 12-13 series. During October, we will be primarily in the 12th chapter.

Paul is writing to the church in Corinth in the first century. The church has challenges. A vital issue for the church is pride and disunity. Some people in the church consider themselves essential because they have particular gifts. They are prideful about how their spirituality manifests itself in remarkable ways. In addition, they are looking down on others who have different skills. What is Paul going to do? How is he going to handle this matter of church dysfunction?

This letter to the church in Corinth teaches us how the church works. God has structured the church with many parts but still functions as one. As we live out God's calling as The United Church in Canandaigua, we struggle in similar ways. We often celebrate those who operate in visible ways and sometimes forget others who serve behind the scenes.

I am looking forward to this study. Please take the time to read the passages below as you prepare for worship each week.

Wade

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## Worship Schedule and Readings

- October 01 - The End of an Era (1 Chronicles 28-29)  
Additional Readings: Psalm 78:1-8, 2 Timothy 2:1-10
- October 08 - From Mute Idols to Jesus as Lord (1 Corinthians 12:1-3)  
Additional Readings: Philippians 2:9-11, Proverbs 4:20-27
- October 15 – Our Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)  
Additional Readings: 1 Peter 4: 10-11, Psalm 104:30-34
- October 22 - Unity in Diversity (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)  
Additional Readings: Romans 12:3-8, Psalm 133
- October 29 - Working Together for a Healthy Body (1 Corinthians 12:15-26)  
Additional Readings: Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 2:46-47



The QR code to the right will also take you to the streaming page

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## You can now listen to sermons (old and new!) as podcasts!

You can reach them through our website here: <http://uccdga.org/podcast>  
Or wherever you usually listen (Spotify, Apple Podcasts, etc.) just search for the United Church of Canandaigua channel.

These podcasts are audio only of just the sermon portion of the service, perfect to listen to on your commute (most are 15-20 minutes long). We are still working on getting all of the older ones loaded, they go back to 2012!

October Calendar page copied here...



# NOTES ON MINISTRY LIFE...

I have a novice understanding of how strength and fitness development works. If I’m not mistaken, to get stronger - to get more fit - you need to do *difficult* things. Do I want stronger legs? Then I need to lift heavy things, using my legs. Do I want to run farther? Then I need to run far – or at least work up to it in a way that challenges my current level of fitness.

Perhaps that is oversimplified. To scratch at the surface a tad more, strength and fitness improvement demands regular *consistency*, *rest*, and *good form*. For one, working out once every 6 months will do little to improve your fitness. Rather, we need to be regularly *consistent* in our fitness activities to make change. In addition, we need sufficient *rest*, which is when growth occurs (may I add here the importance of refueling with healthy food and hydration). Of course, good *form* is expected, as almost nothing is worse for your strength and fitness goals than an inconvenient and painful injury!

By now, you may know where I’m going with this (it is a short pastoral essay, after all). There is a faith fitness that we are challenged to undertake. To achieve this fitness, we need to do *difficult* things. Further, we need to do those difficult things in a manner that includes *consistency*, *rest*, and *form*.

Let us use the example of Apostle Paul. When he wrote Ephesians, he was in the middle of something *difficult* – notably in prison because of his faith. In reference to Ephesians 4:1, Paul challenges his readers to *live a life worthy of the calling you have received*. To *live a life worthy* is our faith fitness goal. The next verse is the evidence (our faith muscles and fitness), such as humility, gentleness, patience, love, etc.

Parsing out those words: *consistency*, *rest*, and *form*, require their own essays. Nevertheless. we can get pretty far along just by thinking about it for a bit. How do we/ can we commit to regular, *consistent* challenges that bring us closer towards living a life worthy of the calling we have received? Obviously, conducting an activity through the paradigm of faith only once in a great while will not lead toward growth. Our faith in Christ is active, not passive.

Also, how do we *rest*? Hopefully, the Sabbath comes to mind. God placed sabbath into his creative rhythm since the very beginning. As those that imitate the characteristics of God, we are to do the same. It is in these days we rest. And it is the day of rest that God blessed and made holy. When we rest, we grow into the life we are called to live, and that life is holy (by God’s grace).

And finally, for *form*, what is the correct way to challenge ourselves, to gain growth in our faith fitness and avoid injury? We can point toward Scripture, prayer, and discerning the Spirit’s direction of our lives. Without the Bible, we don’t have God’s story and how God invites us to play a role in that story. Without prayer, we have no relationship with the one true God that invites us into relationship with him. Without listening for the Holy Spirit’s movement in our lives (which happens in a variety of ways, including amongst the church body), we risk getting lost in the various paths the world around us gives to us.

Join me in striving for faith fitness through *consistency*, *rest*, and *form*, so that we can *live a life worthy*.

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:1-2

## Financial Items

Treasurer's Financial Summary for Aug 2023		
Description	Jan-Aug 2023 Actual	8 month Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Total Giving	297,724.47	270,000.00
Other Income	19,831.72	36,955.77
Total Income	317,556.19	306,955.77
<b>Spending</b>		
Education and Ministry	20,077.02	24,000.00
Operating	47,814.02	41,033.33
Personnel & Related	236,297.15	241,922.44
Total Expenses	304,188.19	306,955.77
<b>Net Income Year to Date</b>	13,368.00	0.00

From January through July, we have taken in \$13,368.00 more than we have spent. We are still doing much better than anticipated. We have spent \$203820.70 on capital projects including the downstairs renovation, drinking fountains, concrete repair, gutter replacement and new exit doors. This funding comes from a separate account and is not included above.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Nancy Lamberson  
Treasurer

## Online Giving

Our new church management program makes online giving very easy! Access it through our website, app, or scan this QR code. You can give one-time gifts, or set up recurring giving to happen on whatever schedule you choose.



The United Church received a **significant memorial gift** in August with no restrictions. We are grateful for the generosity and support. The funds have been received and deposited into a Money Market account. A team of Official Board members and Trustees will be formed to discern the use of these funds. The team will be working through a four-stage process of discernment (Explore, Listen, Examine, and Communicate) that Wade developed through his doctoral work. The congregation will have an opportunity to offer input during this process. Please be in prayer as this team begins their work in early 2024.



On **Sunday October 1** we have an opportunity to support our annual **World Mission Offering**. As a United Church we use one- half of this special offering to support the American Baptist World Mission and one-half in support of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



By helping to fund the World Mission the American Baptist Church supports global workers around the world, giving financial support to ministries that God is using to transform the world. We recently heard from Tim Long, one of the International missionaries that our church helps support, about his important work in Latin America. He shared information about how global workers are able to serve together with, and learn from, our many local partners in ministry around the globe.

Just within the past few weeks Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the massive wildfire outbreak in Maui, those affected by hurricane Idalia in the south, and so many other locations where people need help. PDA provides resources for the reconstruction and furnishing help as needed, while sharing the love of God.

As the body of Christ, we respond to the needs around the world- when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. Giving to the World Mission Offering is a good way to be sure our global servants can continue to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Please help us celebrate and give your financial support to ministries that God is using to transform the world.

### ~~~~~ Family Promise of Ontario County News

Family Promise's (FP) mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Family Promise of Ontario County will be celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month!!



Last year, the United Church 'adopted' the emergency shelter apartment on Saltonstall St. This involves cleaning the apartment when it turns over and welcoming the new family. In July, a new family moved in after their Geneva home was flooded and the basement walls were damaged. They are working with the City of Geneva to get their foundation and walls repaired and hope to return to their home soon. A second family, victims of the recent flooding in Canandaigua, moved into another FP apartment.

**Another way the United Church supports Family Promise is by collecting much needed grocery and gas gift cards. These gift cards help the families make ends meet, especially in light of the increasing food prices!! Please consider purchasing a gift card and either put it in the collection plate or drop it by the church office by Sunday Oct. 8.**



Family Promise's first live Bed Race since the pandemic was a rousing success! Nine teams representing five congregations and four civic organizations competed for glory on July 25 at The Land of Legends Speedway, on opening night of the Ontario County Fair. **The event raised over \$25,000 to support FPOC's mission, almost evenly split between local business sponsors and bed race team fundraisers.**



#### Golf to End Family Homelessness Tournament

The first annual Golf to End Family Homeless tournament will take place on Saturday, September 30 at the Winged Pheasant Golf Links in Shortsville! You can register or sign up to be a sponsor by visiting <https://birdease.com/familypromise>.

# ADULT ED MINISTRY

## Reflections & Learnings

The **Adult Education Sunday School Hour** is underway! This year, the program set up is a bit unique. After the Sunday School Kick-Off event on September 10, we enjoyed our special speaker Wally Fleming on September 17. Wally presented a timely lecture titled: *Christian Community in a Polarized World "Less Shouting...More Talking ...Even More Listening"*. Starting September 24, we began an extended series titled Theology of Sex. Presented by Dr. Beth Felker Jones, we are watching her online video series, using the provided group handouts, and reading the corresponding book. We believe this is an important discussion and education for our congregation – so much so, that we've joined all the young adult and adult groups through the entirety of the class (until about mid-November).

For this program year, we have shifted the weekly **Young Adult** lunch to Sundays, 12:00 PM – 12:50 PM, after service (and before football!). Our kick-off lunch included *15 young adults*! If you have an interest in providing (and/or hosting) a meal for this special group, please contact Mark Slomski.

Our **Corporate Prayer Initiative** is underway! This important Sunday morning activity was carefully discerned by a group of people during the summer months. With the aim in providing an opportunity for everyone to attend without missing Sunday service, we are offering two sessions: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. The activity is quite simple: *come, pray, and leave*! It is a wonderful time for us to pray to God, praise God and asking for guidance (and other things!)

With the **Adult Education Retreat**, it is important to place November 4 on your calendar! We are blessed to have President Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary, Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum, as our facilitator for the day. We will be venturing through a lecture about *cultivating a posture of dialogue* in our community today.

A small group of young adults are preparing for their trip to the **2024 Passion Conference** in Atlanta, Georgia. Please pray for this group as they seek to keep their schedules available to attend this trip!

## Regular & Upcoming Events

**Sunday School Hour** – Weekly 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

**Young Adult Lunch** – Weekly 12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

**Men's Breakfast** – Wednesday's @ 7:00 AM

**Adult Education Retreat** – November 4 (Letourneau Christian Center)

**Young Adult Conference Trip** – January 3-5



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# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Reflections

Our weekly youth group known as **The Cause** has started up and is underway! It is great to be reconnected with the students. We miss our last year's seniors, and are grateful for our 9<sup>th</sup> graders joining our group!

Our **Youth Ministry Team** have begun their monthly connects for the program year! Please pray for this group as they seek to minister to our youth. This year's members: *Kayleigh Sheppard, Julie Zajac, Dale Zajac, Lauren Slomski, and Ray McMillen.*

Our **Youth Sunday School** teachers are once again doing faithful work for our youth! For high school students, our teachers are: *Jen Eveleigh, John Eveleigh, Ray McMillen, and Lauren Slomski.* For Middle School, our teachers are *Sandi DiCicco and Christy Allen.* Thank you to our diligent teachers!

We'd like to extend a special thank you to **Robin Payne** for her many years of involvement in the youth ministry team! Robin has served on this team for about **20 years!!!** Thank you, Robin!!!

## Learnings

**The Cause** group will be using a Fuller Youth Institute curriculum titled *Can I Ask That? Hard Questions about God and Faith.* This material is designed to lead teenagers in critical conversations about their faith. It raises hard questions that don't have easy answers, and helps students think about them from a biblical perspective.

The **Middle School and High School Sunday School Classes** are using a new curriculum named **Deep Discipleship.** It is about a radical pursuit of knowing God and following His commands. The Deep Discipleship System puts discipleship-making at the center of our youth ministry.

## Upcoming Events

**Game Night** – October 6 (Chess, checkers, and more!)

**2024 Mission Trip Interest Meeting** – October 8 (after service)

**Connect Canandaigua** – October 11 @ 6:45 AM (North Road Tim Horton's)

**Connect Marcus Whitman** – October 16 @ 2:30 PM (Gorham Free Library)

**Connect Victor** – October 18 @ 6:45 AM (Main Street Dunkin Donuts)



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## MISSION FOCUS CANANDAIGUA

*“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly, To love mercy, To walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8 NIV)*

### OUR MISSION BUDGET AND OUR PRAYERS SUPPORT

Called to Care Canandaigua  
Cameron Community Ministries  
Camperships  
Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA)  
CareNet Canandaigua  
Family Promise of Ontario County  
GenOn (Youth Club)  
Gleaners Community Kitchen  
Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County  
Potter's Hand  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
Salvation Army Emergency Relief  
Salvation Army Phoenix Program  
Church World Service - kit postage

*Thank  
You!*

**\$5000 in Canandaigua flood relief was contributed!**

### 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](mailto: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).



#### Our Sunday Morning Team 2023-2024

**Nursery Coordinators:** TBD-could it be you???

**Nursery during Sunday School** (infants -2 years old): Claire Sheppard, Marcea Stave, and Megan French

**Music** (3 year olds – 5<sup>th</sup> gr): Jim & Becky Boseck

**Children’s Time** (K-2<sup>nd</sup> during 11am Worship): Ric and Ellen Parsons

**Learning to Worship** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade): Wanda Munt and teen volunteers

#### Sunday school classes:

**3 & 4 year olds, K:** Grace Payne and Liz and Adam Thorman

**1st and 2nd grade:** Jen Callard and Jinilee Hildebrandt

**3rd, 4th & 5th grade:** Amy Beyrle and Ali Boseck

**MS (6th - 8th grade):** Christy Allen and Sandi DiCicco

**HS (9th - 12th grade):** John & Jen Eveleigh, Ray McMillen,  
and Lauren Slomski

#### Prayer Partners:

Robin Payne

Roberta O’Brien

Rachel Rensberger

Sue Vadney

Marion Sumpter

*Please keep our teachers, students, and families in prayer as we continue on our mission that ALL may know, love, and follow Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.*



**YOUTH CLUB**  
**Begins Wednesday, October 4!**  
**Our Wednesday afterschool ministry**  
**for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**After school – 6:30pm, October through April**  
**Recreation~Bible Study~Worship~Family Time (Dinner)**

If you have a student in 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, we hope you will consider signing your child up for YOUTH CLUB!!!! This year, sign-ups are online and the link has been emailed to families. Please let Deb Marshall know if you need the link or have any questions. Registration deadline is September 29th.

**We look forward to seeing you on Oct. 4th!**

#### **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 downstairs 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!**

#### **Parents of Youth Club Students ~**

Please plan to join us by 6pm on the first day of Youth Club (Oct. 4) for our opening Youth Club. Beginning at 5:30pm, you can grab a quick slice of pizza in the fellowship room, then proceed to the sanctuary to sit with your child. Our time should conclude at 6:30. We are planning something special for this time together with parents!!!

#### **LOGOS Dedication ~ Sunday, October 1, both services**

What is LOGOS? LOGOS is a Christian ministry that works in partnersh young disciples of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed to have Youth Clu years!!! At The United Church, we have two LOGOS programs:

**Youth Club** for 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Wednesdays after school until 6:30pm, October - April

**The Cause** for 9th-12th grade students, Sundays, 5:00-7:30pm, mid-September - mid-June

Please join us during either service on October 1 for our LOGOS dedication when we come before the Lord to ask His guidance and blessings upon our LOGOS students and workers for this coming year.



#### **Youth Club Mission Project: Christmas Stockings for NYC** **Donations needed by November 6th**



Christmas, already???? Well, it’s almost time for our Youth Club mission project of making, filling and sending Christmas stockings to Metro Ministries in NYC in time for their special Christmas parties for inner-city children. Many inner-city children do not know what it’s like to receive something handmade with love and care. These filled stockings show we care....because Christ cares for them, we care.

*Would you be willing to provide stocking stuffers for this project?* **Items must be new, small and able to fit into a 5x9” stocking.** Please bring your donations anytime to Deb’s office. Items need to be donated *by November 1*. Thank you!!

**Items needed:** bouncy balls, small puzzles, gum, socks, hard candy, hair accessories, jump ropes, coin purses, jewelry, watches, trading cards, pencils, gloves, hats, toy cars, yo-yos, small games, small stuffed animals or dolls, etc!!! Note: Coloring books are too large for these stockings. Please no toy weapons or “GI Joe” type figures. **Thank you!!**