



NOVEMBER 2025

THE Lamplighter

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NOVEMBER 2025 EVENTS

Nov 3

Trustees, 7:00 pm

Nov 4

Stewards, 6:30 pm

Nov 8

Game Night, 6:30 pm

Nov 9

Ministry Fair, before & after services

Nov 11

Office Closed for holiday

Nov 23

Decorate for Christmas, 4:00 pm

Nov 27-28

Office Closed for holiday

Nov 30

First Sunday of Advent

Nov 30

Intergenerational Sun School 9:45 am

Dec 1

Joint Official Board/Trustees, 7:00 pm



PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE COMING SOON!

Thank you to all of our church family that had photos taken for the new directory. We are in the production phase and hope to have them for you to take home in late December.

FROM THE PASTOR

Living While We Wait

Do you remember waiting for Christmas morning as a child? I had an Advent calendar with a piece of candy on each day, counting down to Christmas. The anticipation was exciting but also agonizing. My parents weren't being cruel by making me wait. They knew Christmas would come at just the right time, and no amount of begging would change it.

This November, as we conclude our journey through 2 Peter and enter the Advent season, we'll discover that our waiting for Jesus' return is similar to waiting for Christmas.

In 2 Peter 3, Peter addresses a question that still challenges us today: *If Jesus is really coming back, why is it taking so long?* False teachers in the early church were using this delay to mock the Christian faith. They claimed that since Jesus hadn't returned yet, He never would.

Peter's response reveals God's character. The delay isn't because God is slow or has forgotten His promise. From God's perspective the timing is perfect. We are reminded that a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like a day for God. And the delay actually reveals God's patient love for humanity. Every day that Jesus doesn't return is another day for someone to be saved, another opportunity for people to turn to Him.

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FROM THE PASTOR



Living While We Wait

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Another dynamic is how we live until Jesus comes back. Peter urges us to live holy and godly lives, actively working to "speed" Christ's coming through

evangelism, prayer, and obedience. We should invest in what will last forever rather than temporary things. So, while we are waiting, we should make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with Him when He returns.

As we conclude our study in 2 Peter, this topic serves as a wonderful bridge to Advent. On the last Sunday of November, we step into Advent, exploring Psalm 122. The ancient pilgrims singing their way to Jerusalem capture what it means to wait with anticipation. They rejoiced at

the invitation to worship. They longed for God's presence. They prayed for peace and committed to work for the good of God's people.

Like those pilgrims, we're on a journey toward home. Our feet may be standing in today's circumstances, but our hearts long for God's Kingdom. We're not killing time until Jesus returns. We're actively preparing, praying, and living for His Kingdom. We're anticipating the day when our waiting will be over and we'll stand in the gates of God's eternal city.

The question isn't *when* Jesus is coming back. The question is: *How are we living because He is coming back?* This November, let's live as people who truly believe the promise, who work actively for His Kingdom, and who long with joyful anticipation for our King to come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 02 - God Keeps Promises (2 Peter 3:1-7)

Additional Readings: Psalm 27:13-14, Matthew 24:36-44

November 09 - God's Perfect Timing (2 Peter 3:8-10)

Additional Readings: Psalm 90:1-6, Mark 13:32-37

November 16 - Living for What Lasts Forever (2 Peter 3:11-16)

Additional Readings: Matthew 6:19-21, Psalm 102:25-28

November 23 - Guard and Grow (2 Peter 3:17-18)

Additional Readings: Matthew 7:24-27, Psalm 27:1-6

November 30 - Longing for Home (Psalm 122)

Additional Readings: Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44



*But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day.
The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise,
as some understand slowness.*

*He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,
but everyone to come to repentance.*



- 2 Peter 3:8-9

Don't forget! Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 2nd so FALL BACK an hour to be on time!

Financial Check-in

As our ministry and programs have started back up for the fall, your continued financial support is essential so that we don't have to draw funds from our savings. Please use the link below to check to see how you are doing on your 2025 pledged giving. If you are behind, please do your best to catch up. If you can give some extra, that would be a great help. Thank you!

<https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/giving/profile/pledges>

The new pledge forms for 2026 were mailed out recently. Those can be returned any time to the offering plate or the box in the Welcome Center. Watch the weekly bulletins for our progress towards our goals!



The Safety Team

*"If the Lord does not build the house, it is useless for the builders to work on it.
If the Lord does not protect a city, it is useless for the guard to stay alert."*

Psalms 127:1



The **United Church Safety Team** is dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for all to develop a relationship with Jesus our Lord. Through collaboration with surrounding churches, team members are trained to welcome and secure our congregants, and to be a safety resource for those in need. Please connect with Mark Slomski if you feel called to serve in this unique way.

Remembrance

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Ann Peck**, whose husband, **Jim Peck**, passed away on September 23rd. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Celebrations

We joyfully celebrate the September 25th birth of **Ethan James Vadney**, son of **Kevin and Hollie Vadney**. His grandparents are **Holger and Julie Stave** and **David and Susan Vadney**. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Congratulations also to **Chelsea and Brandon Emmal** on the birth of **John Milo Emmal** on October 11th. His grandparents are **John and Jen Eveleigh**, and his great-grandparents are **Ernie and Mac McKenzie**. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Congratulations to **Ali Gardner** who married **Joseph Pickett** on October 25th at the Kettle Ridge Farms in Victor. The couple will be living in Farmington, NY.

FAMILY NEWS



CARE MINISTRY



Senior Companion Birthdays

Marilynn F. Nov 10

Marilynn is a retired High School English Teacher. She lives at The Terraces in Newark, a lovely senior home near her nephew. As a member of our congregation she was a faithful choir member, a women's circle member and a Bible study leader. In retirement she learned to knit and made prayer shawls for church members and friends. Marilynn always loved cats, welcoming strays and cared for many with love and patience. She will be celebrating her 94th birthday on November 10th. She no longer is able to attend worship, but welcomes visitors. -Written by her Steward Rachel R.

Hiram B. Nov 11

This month we celebrate Hiram!

A few fun facts about him: his favorite hymn is The Old Rugged Cross and his favorite scripture is Psalm 23. One of his favorite childhood memories is building tunnels through the snowdrifts. Fall is his favorite season--the colors and hunting season make it extra special. Hiram and his wife, Linda, spend this time of year in Mississippi visiting loved ones. We hope you have a great day, Hiram!

Kurt W. Nov 14

Kurt is one of our "Senior Companions" and will be celebrating his 83rd birthday this month (as well as 59 years of marriage with Linda!). Kurt is a veteran of the U. S. Air Force and we thank him for his service along with our other veterans whom we honor this month on Veteran's Day. Please wish our friend Kurt well on his special day and may God continue to bless Kurt and Linda on their journey together. -Written by his Steward Dan F.

Ruth B. Nov 18

Ruth will be 94 this year. She joined the United Church in April 1943. She spent her childhood in Bloomfield with 5 siblings. Due to health reasons Ruth doesn't attend church regularly anymore, but is able to enjoy special events at church on occasion. I'm sure many of you know some of her family: Jim and Nancy (son-in-law and daughter); Mark and Lauren (grandson-in-law and granddaughter), Carter (great grandson). Ruth resides with Jim and Nancy. I'm sure she would enjoy receiving birthday wishes. Written by her Steward Bev F.

Congratulations, Lou V.!

While recovering from a stroke earlier this year, Lou received the exciting news that he had been selected as a **candidate for induction into the Sayville High School Athlete Hall of Fame, Class of 2025**.

During his high school years on Long Island, Lou excelled in both football and baseball, earning varsity letters in each. He was named to the All-County football team as a freshman and received the Marinus Buys Trophy in baseball for his .433 batting average his senior year.

In September, Lou and Carolyn traveled to Long Island with their family to attend the induction ceremony and celebrate their **66th wedding anniversary**. They were joyfully surprised by longtime friends from Tennessee and even reunited with a cousin they hadn't seen in 30 years. The weekend was filled with laughter, delicious seafood, and heartfelt memories as they visited favorite restaurants, their childhood homes, and the church where they were married.

God is so faithful!

Stewards Assistance Fund Collection

On the first Sunday of October, November, and December, as part of our Sunday offering, we receive donations for the Stewards Assistance Fund. Any loose change given on these days is directed toward the fund. You may also write checks designated to this fund at any time. These gifts provide confidential support to those in our church family facing unexpected needs, allowing us to extend Christ's love in practical ways.



Do You Have a Background in Care?

In our Care Ministry, we often walk alongside members who are facing difficult seasons--whether due to aging, health concerns, or personal challenges. At times, people need more than a listening ear; they need help with the next step.

That next step might be:

- Guidance on getting into assisted living or a skilled nursing facility.
- Support with finding physical, occupational, or speech therapy.
- A connection to counseling or mental health resources.
- Help navigating practical or emotional care decisions.



CARE MINISTRY

As the Director of Care Ministry, I want to make sure we are prepared to connect those within our Church family with the right resources when they need them most. To do this, I am building a confidential **Care Referral Contact List** of individuals in our church family who have backgrounds in these areas. This could include:

- Retired or current healthcare professionals (nurses, therapists, doctors, social workers).
- Those with experience in senior care, assisted living, or caregiving.
- Anyone with specialized knowledge in counseling, emotional support, or navigating community resources.



If you have experience in any of these areas and would be willing to be listed as a resource for me to contact when questions arise, I would love to hear from you. **You would not be asked to take on responsibilities yourself** but simply to offer guidance, referrals, or suggestions when needs come up.

Please prayerfully consider whether you might share your background in this way. Together, we can make sure no one in our church family feels lost or alone when facing difficult care decisions. If you are interested in being part of the **Care Referral Contact List**, please contact me directly. Christy Allen, Director of Care Ministry

“Why I Serve”

Transportation Team

The Transportation Team provides rides to those who might otherwise be unable to attend church or appointments, helping them stay connected to worship and community. Each volunteer driver offers more than a ride, they offer companionship, conversation, and care along the way. This month, I asked two of our Transportation Team volunteers to share why they serve and what this ministry means to them.

-from Kathi N.

“In my former church, I served as a Deacon and as an active member of the Social Action Committee, where I worked to help victims of domestic violence. Soon after joining the United Church, I became very involved with Canandaigua’s Care Net and realized that I wouldn’t have as much time to devote to church ministry as I had in the past. But I wanted to become involved somehow, and the Transportation Team offered that opportunity. So I gratefully joined. I particularly enjoy transporting members of our church family to and from Sunday service. There’s great value in discussing the day’s sermon on the trip home, a reinforcement of God’s message to us. He’s riding with us in the car, helping us to share our faith. I believe the Transportation Team is an important part of our care ministry. Whether someone needs transportation to a medical appointment, to church, or even to visit a hospitalized family member, this team meets that need and shows that the United Church eagerly steps up to support its members.”

-from Mary Lou H.

“God has always met my needs, often by providing help from my church family and I feel blessed to be able to help others by being a part of the Transportation Team. I especially enjoy bringing friends to Sunday worship services as a way to keep them connected with their church family as well as taking part in worshiping the Lord. Time spent in the car gives me an opportunity to learn what is happening in my passenger’s life and often they will point out something interesting in our drive that I hadn’t noticed or had taken for granted. I enjoy being with people, I have a reliable car, and am still able to drive (until the state or my kids decide differently). I always pray for safety before I drive someone and give a prayer of thanks when we arrive safely at our destination.”

FAMILY MINISTRY



Drivers from Middle School:

Jim A, Wade A, Cathy B, Mark S

Walkers from Primary/Elementary School and St. Mary's:

Ed and Jeannie B, Becky B, Bruce G, and Kathy E

Recreation/Play:

Games - Wade A, Julie Z, Lauren S

Crafts - Sandi M, Jinilee H

Bible Study:

Grade 2 - Kathy E, Grace P (Prayer partner: Beth S)

Grade 3 - Cathy B, Joyce L (Prayer partner: Karen S)

Grade 4 - Julie Z, Linda W (Prayer partner: Joan D)

Grade 5 - Lydia B, Julie S (Prayer partner: Wanda M)

Middle School - Mark and Lauren S, Ed B, Jen C (Prayer partner: Mary Lou H)

Worship:

Leaders - Nancy B-P, Becky B

Groups - Jeannie B, Cathy B, Kathy E,

Sharon E, Bev F, Joyce L, Linda W, Julie Z

Sound - Grace P

Family Time:

Cooks/Kitchen Crew - Rich B, Megan F, Bruce G, Ryan M, Gary P, Claire S

Dinner Themes - Connie F and Margie W

Dinner Dean - Deb M

Shoppers - Sonya B and Beth and Paul J

Table Parents - Wade A, Jenny B, Ed B, Jeannie B, Becky B, Nancy B-P, Kathy E, Sharon E, Bev F, Dan F, Deb G, Kory M, Grace P, June P, Julie S, Lauren S, Mark S, Linda W

Childcare: Claire S

Youth Club

Youth Club, our Wednesday afterschool ministry for children in 2nd-8th grade, is off to a great start with 56 children registered for the program! After school, we enjoy the four parts that make up Youth Club, which are: Recreation, Bible Study, Worship, and Family Time, which includes dinner. We have 39 dedicated volunteers helping each week with Youth Club, including parents of the children who attend - they provide snack for the children and help with kitchen clean-up. Below is a list our 2024-2025 volunteers. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendar...

Sunday, Nov 30 –
Intergenerational Sunday school at 9:45am in the downstairs dining room.



Thanksgiving Offering/Mission Project

During the month of November, our families are invited to take part in our Thanksgiving Offering/Mission Project. This year, we are collecting items for the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Our goal is to collect 50 items for these pantries. **Children are encouraged to bring donations during the month of November.** We will begin receiving items on November 2 and we will count up our donations on November 30. The **most needed items for these food pantries are:** cereal, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, snack size applesauce, snack size fruit cups, granola bars, pop tarts, pre-packaged individual snacks (goldfish, trail mix, teddy grahams, etc.), juice boxes, boxed pasta (spaghetti and elbows), mac-n-cheese, canned pork-n-beans, canned ravioli, canned spaghetti and meatballs, ramen noodles, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo.



FAMILY MINISTRY

Upcoming Events...

Sunday, November 30 – Advent begins; Intergenerational Sunday School at 9:45am in downstairs dining room. This is not a breakfast, but please let Deb or Mark know if you would like to provide a baked good.

Saturday, December 13 – Christmas Pageant practice at 9:30am

Sunday, December 14 – Christmas Pageant at 10am (kids arrive at 9:30am)

Sunday, December 21 – Christmas Cantata - One service of Worship at 11am

Sunday, December 28 – Prayer Service - One service of Worship at 11am

Christmas Pageant Dates...

**Practice on Sat, Dec. 13
Pageant on Sun, Dec 14
(details above!)**



YOUTH



Youth Ministry Activities - Also on the church calendar online
Youth Club - EVERY Wednesday in November! 2:15PM for our first Middle School pick-up.

Mexico Mission Trip Meeting - November 16, 12:00PM

Sunday School - Every Sunday in November! (9:45AM)

- **Regular Sunday School** - November 2, 16, 23
- **Intergenerational Sunday School** - November 30

The Cause - October 5, 19, 26

4:30PM - Youth Band Practice

5:00PM - Students Arrive

Connects - 1x month per school district

- **Canandaigua** - Thursday, November 13, 6:45AM (Tim Hortons, North)
- **Marcus Whitman** - Monday, November 17, 2:30PM (Gorham Free Library)
- **Victor** - Thursday, November 20, 6:45AM (Dunkin' Main Street)
- **Homeschool** - Contact Mark for month-specific meetups!

Game Night - Saturday, November 8, 6:30PM (The United Church)

Sunday School - Our **Middle School** and **High School classes** continue, and have successfully experimented with the 10-minute activity time at the beginning of class, led by Lauren S. We will continue this structure to help increase "Sunday-morning energy" and cross-grade relationships. The biggest challenge currently is starting on time, as various students arrive late on different Sundays.

High School Youth Group (The Cause) - Our program year is going along strong! We are currently working through the opening passages of Romans, and tying that in with our larger theme - the fruits of the Spirit - and the Kingship of Jesus (which is further tied into how our story fits into God's story). We are using the SOAP Bible Study method - which provides a conversation-heavy structure to our Scripture readings.

Youth Club Middle School Group Bible Study - Youth Club is also going strong! Due to the large size of this Middle School class, we have had to break out our Bible study time into two separate groups that rotate between a Bible-study activity and the teaching. Additionally, this particular group of students are high-energy, so we are regularly brainstorming among the volunteers and staff to ensure we provide an environment that helps both our students and ministry succeed. Our Bible Study volunteers include Lauren S, Jen C, and Ed B.

School District Connects - Our mid-week connects are underway! Our Canandaigua, Victor, Marcus Whitman, and homeschooling connects are a fun time of fellowship and food! Parents are invited, too! These connects provide an important opportunity for our youth to cultivate faith-based relationships that carry over into the school hallways, classrooms, and events.

Student Spotlight

Name: Nora P.

Grade: Senior

School: Canandaigua Academy

Fun & Personal

My favorite way to spend a Saturday is sleeping in and reading a good book. If I could travel anywhere, I'd want to travel to Ireland because I think the culture and natural elements are amazing.

If I could eat any food and never get sick of it, I would eat fresh fruit. Currently, I'm a big fan of Concord grapes and apples.

I'm looking forward to going to college and getting to learn more about my interests. I'm also hoping to travel more.

Faith & Reflection

James 1:2-3, these verses remind me to focus on what I gain from my experiences, rather than stress.

If I could share one thing about Jesus to someone who didn't know Him, I would say that there is nothing that He cannot help you overcome.





Sunday Morning Small Groups - Our Young Adult and Adult ministries are in the middle of our 6-week small group Bible study initiative, following the 2 Peter sermon series. As planned, we have a parenting group, a choir group, young adult group, and two “United” (general) groups. We have learned and adapted as we’ve journeyed along together with this type of Sunday school approach. We have received positive feedback from both facilitators and participants. Many have felt that following the sermon series has helped them focus on the sermon during service. Others have noted that the small group time has increased conversation and depth during the Sunday school hour. Still others appreciate the smaller groups, making them feel more comfortable and connected. A particular joy has been the young adult group, which reads the Scripture of the day, discusses the passage while walking into town for coffee and back, and ends with prayer. We are grateful for how the initiative

has gone so far, and we are especially thankful for the supportive, adaptable, and invested facilitators we have. By mid-November, we will be transitioning back to a classic Sunday school format; come November 9 to the Sunday school hour to learn about those offerings!

Mid-Week Connects - Our Ferris Hills and Quail Summit groups are underway! Our Ferris Hills group includes a devotional and a time of worship. Check out the picture of our Ferris Hills group from this month!

Adult Ministry Bible Studies - Our church has a long-standing culture of mid-week Bible studies that include small to medium-sized groups of people in our church and community. For instance, we have a men’s group that meets every Wednesday morning at 7am at the church for breakfast, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. We also have a group of women that meet every Thursday at 1pm at the church - also a Bible study. These groups are open and can be joined anytime.



Young Adult and Adult Ministry Activities - *Also on the church calendar online*



Sunday School - Every Sunday in November! (9:45AM)

- **Regular Sunday School** - November 2, 16, 23
- **Small Group Bible Study Reflection** - November 9
- **Intergenerational Sunday School** - November 30

Men's Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Breakfast - Every Wednesday, 7:00AM

Weekly Adult Bible Study - Every Thursday, 1:00PM
Connects -

- **Ferris Hills** - Wednesday, November 5, 1:00PM
- **Quail Summit** - Tuesday, November 25, 3:00PM

Game Night - Saturday, November 8, 6:30PM (The United Church)

MISSIONS

Winter Wear Drive

As the air gets frosty, people in our community need your help staying warm! The United Church is partnering with CCIA in collecting **new or gently used coats and warm socks and gloves of all sizes.** Items must be clean and easily washed. Please leave your donations in the collection bin in the Mission Center. Thank you! ~ Missions Collection Team



Christmas Angel Tree

On **November 16** the tree silhouettes in the Welcome Center will be loaded with gift tags. If you are able to help with this outreach, please take a tag or two, and indicate what you have taken on the clipboard. Purchase the items, and **return the wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 7.** Be sure to **affix the angel tree tag to your gift** as this is needed to help with sorting and distribution. Many thanks for sharing out of what God has generously provided for you! Questions? Please see Cathy Bush or Mary Lou Havens - the Missions Collection Team.

Interested in helping with the set up and collection for Christmas Angel Tree? Please see Cathy B or Mary Lou H.



Thank You

Thank you to those who contributed **gas and grocery gift cards to Family Promise** of Ontario County. Your gifts help those persevering to leave homelessness and entering new lives for their families.



Family Mission Project

Turn back to page 7 for a **Thanksgiving offering** project for the whole family to help with! (No turkey costume required!)

**Let the light of Christ
shine through you
in service to others!**

First Fridays at Cameron

We are looking for a few others to join us as we support the work of **Cameron Community Ministries** by helping serve a mid day hot meal on **Friday, November 7th** to neighborhood guests. Two or three of us carpool each month to Rochester, leaving our church at **11:00am and returning around 2:00pm**. Please call Mary Lou H, 585-396-2037, if you will join us this month.



MISSIONS

Foodlink's Pop-Up Food Pantry

The next Pop-Up Food Pantry is scheduled for **Monday, November 17th** at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5820. **Volunteers are needed from 9:00am until around 11:00am** to prep food items which are loaded into cars as families drive through the barn. Please call Linda W, 315-447-0276, to learn more about this important community opportunity which serves local food insecure families.



A 2026 Mexico Mission Team has formed!

We've set dates for **March 19th-March 28** and will be working with **Living Waters for the World (LWW)** partners in Tabi, joining our faith partners at Iglesia Emmanuel in Bacalar, visiting our LWW communities in Cedralito and Limones...and of course enjoying a day of tourism. Please join us at our next meeting on **Sunday, November 16th** at noon in the fellowship room to learn more or reach out to Linda W, 315-447-0276, now to express your interest to join this short term mission "team." **We are especially looking to add a Spanish speaker to our team.**

North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip 2026

The 2026 **Inter-generational mission trip** will again be to North Carolina for **hurricane Helene relief**. The work, connections made, and views of destruction during this year's trip were all incredibly moving. While Valley Hope Foundation (the group we worked with) continues their efforts, much more needs to be done. There will be **work for all ages and abilities** and it is a wonderful time to get to know other church members in a missions setting. Please contact Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) for more information.



Short-term Missions Opportunity

On **Saturday, Dec. 6**, the United Church will be **ringing the Salvation Army bell** in the Runnings lobby from **10:00 - 4:00**. We need two people for each **2 hour shift**. This is a wonderful short missions opportunity and lots of fun! Young kids have a blast ringing the bell with their parents. Teenagers can pair up together. Or just sign yourself up and we will pair you with someone. Please contact Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) for more information or to sign up for a shift!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Youth Club Cook

Our long time **Youth Club Head Cook, Vickie Salato**, has **retired after 27 years** of faithfully managing our kitchen on Wednesday nights. This busy volunteer role included making the menu, matching meals to Family Time themes, figuring amounts for feeding a crowd of about 80 people, directing the kitchen crew, meal prep, cooking and serving those meals! **Thank you, Vickie!!!** It was a great run, and you filled many bellies and made children smile as they looked forward to Youth Club Family Time each week. Ryan M will fill your shoes and apron! Vickie, you are a blessing! Enjoy your retirement!!!



Missions Treasurer

The Missions Team wants to give **Regie Allen** a **HUGE THANK YOU** for **23 years** of service as the **Missions Treasurer**. She has been a dedicated volunteer who spent much time managing the Missions budget, various sub-accounts and mission trip funding. When you see Regie, please let her know that her hard work has been greatly appreciated!

We welcome Nancy A as our new Missions Treasurer!



Join Us for Game Night!

Looking for something fun to do? Join us for Game Night on **Saturday, November 8, from 6:30-8:30 pm**. This family friendly event offers an opportunity for church members of all ages to come together and enjoy a variety of board games, card games, and friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned game master or just looking to have fun, there's something for everyone. **Snacks and refreshments will be available** to enjoy as you engage in lighthearted fun and connect with others in the church community. Bring your friends, family, or come solo -- game night is a great way to meet new people and build lasting relationships. We look forward to seeing you there!



FELLOWSHIP & EVENTS



Organ Talk (arranged by Ontario County Historical Society)

On Thursday, November 13 from 12:00-1:00 pm, Matt Parsons, a 5th generation organ builder will present "**Organ Building 101**" right here in our sanctuary. This Lunchtime History Talk will be a brief history of the Parsons family's unique business. Parsons Pipe Organ Builders are renowned as specialists on the "King of Instruments." Guests will hear a quick demonstration of the church's organ, which Parsons Pipe Organ Builders restored in 2015.

The event is free and open to the public. We kindly ask that guests do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary. Call the Historical Society at 585-394-4975 for more information.

Stampin' Up

November 22 from 9:30 - noon

Come join us to create some cards. No experience is needed. Cost is \$20 for 4 cards and envelopes. Please bring a tape runner or glue. I will have everything else needed. Please let me know if you are coming by the Monday prior.

Email Nancy Burt-Preece: nancyburtreece@gmail.com



2025 Christmas Cantata

The choir and instrumentalists have been stretching their musical talents in preparing this beautiful and challenging Christmas work. Come hear "Sing We Noel" by Joel Raney during our morning worship service on **Sunday, December 21st**. Please note there is no early service on this day, just the 11:00 am service.

— Mark your Calendars —

An Evening of Festive Christmas Music and Carols

Featuring
Duane Prill,
Organist

Special Guests

Annette Farrington, flute
Brian Donat, cello

Friday, December 5th
7:00 PM

— A Community Event —

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias at \$11.50 each.
They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:



1. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

2. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

3. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

4. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

5. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate WITH your cash in an envelope or check made payable to
“The United Church”.

List in the memo section “Poinsettias”. You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7.

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after church on Christmas Eve or on Dec 28th. Thank you!

ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS DECORATING EVENT

The Advent Season will soon be upon us!

Come join your church family on **Sunday Nov. 23rd** for a festive time of **decorating our Church** for the Advent Season. We will start at **4 pm** with children making a take home “Chrismon” ornament (like the ornaments on our Church tree) and decorating Christmas cut out cookies. At **5 pm** we will join The Cause and High Schoolers in the Sanctuary for a Christmas themed worship and music service. At **5:15** we will begin decorating the sanctuary.

When we are finished decorating we can move to the fellowship room to enjoy a bite to eat and refreshments.

We should wind up the night around **6:30. All are welcome!!** A sign up sheet will be on welcome desk. Please sign up to participate **by November 16th**. This will be a fun way to start the Season!





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