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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly
Bulletin
Sunday
AUGUST 31, 2025

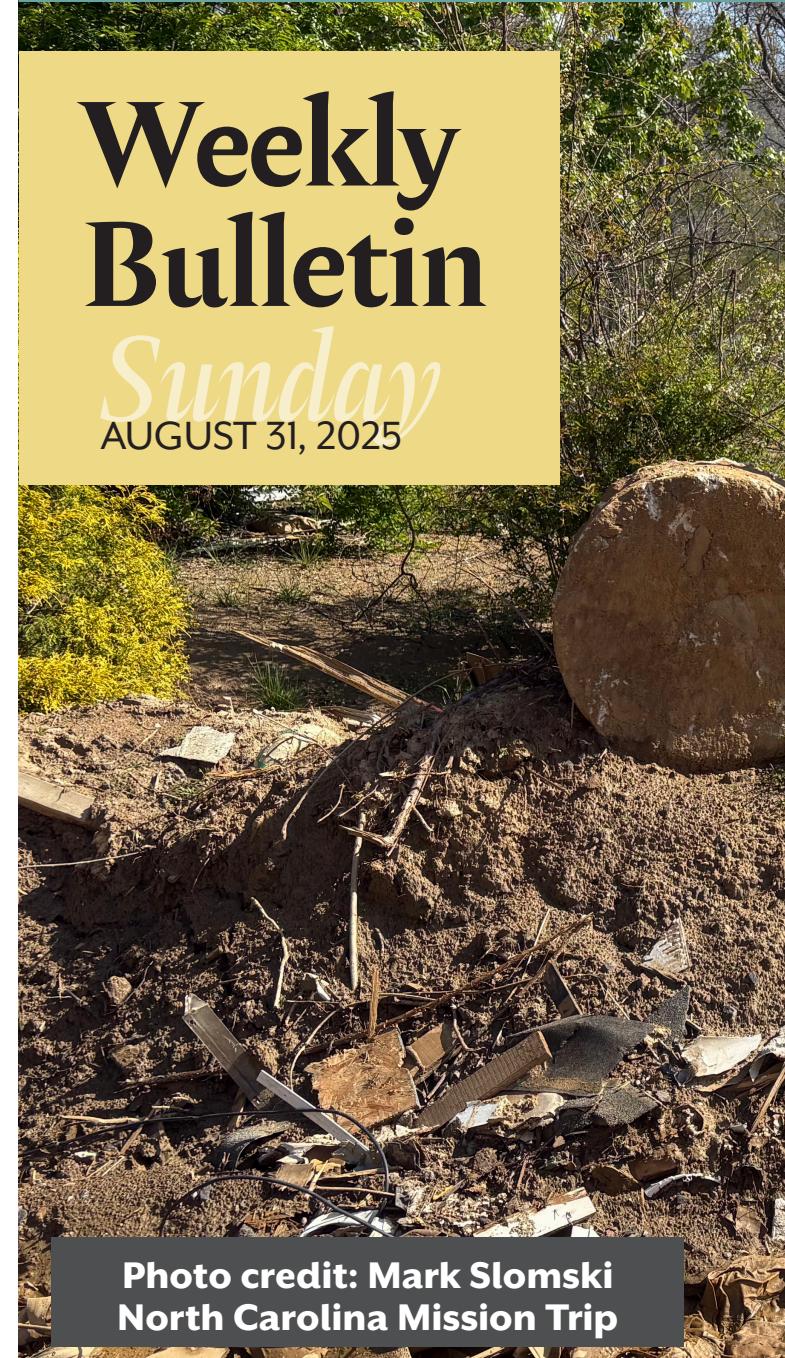


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North Carolina Mission Trip



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
AUGUST 31, 2025



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

PRELUDE: “Scène Religieuse” by Jules Massenet arr. Dickinson

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER:

Pastor Wade Allen

OPENING STATEMENT:

Sonya Brooks

SPECIAL MUSIC: “When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. Mark Hayes
Georgia Sperano (piano) and David Kraft (organ)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:35-40 (page 984) {A.B. page 1086}

***HYMN #710:** “We Are Called to Be God’s People”

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MEXICO TESTIMONIES:

Linda Werts and Ray McMillen

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:4 (page 1162) {A.B. page 1304}

NORTH CAROLINA TESTIMONIES:

Grace Payne and Beth Johnson

***HYMN #593:** “The Gift of Love”

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READING: “Of All The Spirit’s Gifts To Me”

Nancy Abdallah

NORTH CAROLINA TESTIMONY:

George Aldrich

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:

Deb Marshall

SCRIPTURE READING: James 2:14-17 (page 1197) {A.B. page 1354}

NICARAGUA TESTIMONY:

Lynn Bernard

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Galatians 6:2 (page 1155) {A.B. page 1293}
I John 3:17 (page 1209) {A.B. page 1372}

YOUTH TRIP TESTIMONIES:

Lily Munson and Joy Cheney

OFFERTORY: “Meditation on AUSTRIAN HYMN”

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN #653:** “Make Me A Servant”

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CLOSING WORDS AND PRAYER:

Pastor Mark Slomski

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Postlude in E-flat Major” by Charles Joseph Frost

* indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the Hildibrandt Family, whose grandfather, Frank Davis, passed away on August 23rd. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Joan Danaher, Martha Ashley, Ernie McKenzie, Karen Sanford, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Luca Masi (Verspoor's g-grandson), Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jack Bigos, Deanna Stocker and Everest Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Stephen Cole, Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve and Beth Smythe's friend), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Military Service: Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany and deploying to Qatar this summer, JJ Callard (USN), US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

Missionaries: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti - the BGs (Central/South America), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple).

We want your Feedback!

Thank you for the feedback we have received. We want to continue to hear from you, so please share your thoughts or questions on the Feedback Pew Cards or contact us at feedback@uccdga.org.

Highlights for This Week

- **The Church office is closed tomorrow for Labor Day.**
- **Pictorial Directory Sign Ups** - Stop in the Welcome Center to claim a time for photography! You can also sign up online during the week. (see more inside)
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for September: Gail B.** Please contact Gail if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the remainder of 2025!
- Join us on **Wednesday, September 3** to clean the downstairs kitchen, **9am-12noon**. You can come for the whole time or for an hour. Many hands make light work!
- If you let us **borrow** a small, **2 foot Christmas tree for VBS**, it is **ready for you to pick up**. You can find it on the side chair in Deb's office.
- **Save the upcoming fall dates!**
 - **September 7** - Return to **8:45am and 11:00am** services; All ages Sunday school kick-off breakfast at **9:45am** in the downstairs dining room. Please bring a dish to pass if you're able.
 - **September 14** - Services at **8:45am and 11:00am**. **Sunday school for all ages at 9:45am**. 3rd grade **Bibles** presented during the 11am service. **The Cause** (high school youth group) begins at **5pm**.
- **Sunday School Small Group Bible Study Initiative - September 14 @ 9:45AM**- Come down to the Downstairs Dining Hall to hear about our 6-week initiative for small group Bible studies during the Sunday school hour! Our small group series will follow the sermon series on 2 Peter, and we are offering a variety of small groups types to meet the various needs of our church family.
- **The Cause Kick Off - September 14 @ 5PM** - High school students and their parents are invited to our kick off event for our youth ministry! Come and enjoy food, worship, games, and a time for devotions/ministry vision for the coming year.
- **Youth Club begins Oct 1!**
 - **Parents:** Online registration will open this week. Keep your eye on your email. Also, mark your calendar to join us for pizza dinner and parent meeting at 6pm on Oct 1.
 - **Volunteers needed:** Deb is in the midst of recruiting volunteers for Youth Club. Some areas we need help are...
 - **Welcome Table** (choose a 1 hour "shift") from 3:30-6:30
 - **Driving kids from Canandaigua Middle School to church:** pick up kids at 2:15pm or 3:15pm and drive them to church for Youth Club
 - **Making crafts with kids:** During recreation time, some kids make crafts. These children range in age from 2nd grade to 5th grade. You can help plan and prep the crafts and/or you can come from 3:15-4:15 to help with crafts.
 - Volunteer training dates will be released soon...stay tuned!



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 pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during summer services in Room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery).

Children's Time

There is **no Children's Time today**. Kids are invited to grab worship aides at any time during the service. They are found near the Main entrance.



Pictorial Directory - Not for members only!

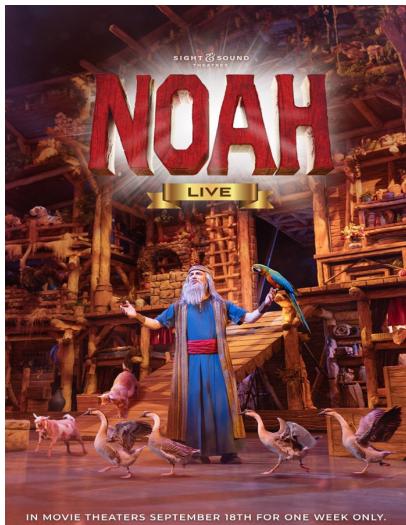
We'd love to have your picture in our directory! Photography dates are coming soon, **September 10-13**! You can sign up for a timeslot on **weekdays** at www.ucdir.com (use **ny133** for the church code and **photos** for the password) or **sign up at church on Sundays!** Look for sign-up sheets in the welcome center. Everyone who gets their photo taken gets a free 8x10 and free color directory.

Noah is coming to Eastview Mall!

Sight & Sound Theater is sending a video of their 30th Anniversary performance of **Noah** to movie theaters for a week in September. The closest one to us is the Regal Cinema at Eastview Mall. I thought it would be fun to get a group together to go see it. I purchased a ticket for the **matinee showing (3:30) on Saturday Sept 20th** and would love company! We can carpool from church (meeting at 2:30) or folks can meet at the theater if that's more convenient. Everyone is responsible for purchasing their own tickets (there is assigned seating for this event, so you should purchase them ahead of time). I'm in seat E1 if you'd like to see a familiar face. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to carpool from the church, please let me know so that I don't leave anyone behind. Here's a link to purchase tickets:

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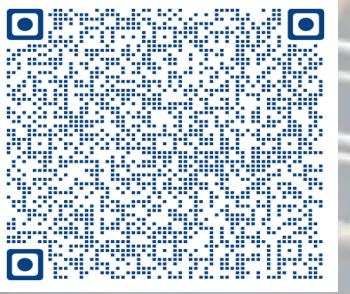
Nancy Lamberson (nancy.lamberson@uccdga.org) 585-662-7648



Care Net Fundraiser

September 13th, 10 until 3
Cost is \$15 for 1/2 chicken,
Mac salad, slaw, salt potatoes
Runnings parking lot
Join us for our chicken BBQ catered by Gale-Wyn

E-tickets \$17.85



Would your family or small group enjoy hosting after-service fellowship?

Thank you to Nancy Abdallah, Mary Wiser, Wes Posson, and others for supporting a “coffee hour” in July. **We are currently looking for others to be on a rotation to support these fellowship times. This could also involve small groups - they can pick 1-2 Sundays a year to host!** If you would like to be a part of a rotation that provides treats to be enjoyed by our church family after the service, please let us know!



2025 Christmas Cantata



The United Church Choir, accompanied by instrumentalists, are presenting an exciting and beautiful Christmas Cantata for our morning worship service on **Sunday, December 21st**, called, “Sing We Noel” by Joel Raney. We encourage you to be a part of this engaging presentation. **Practices will be held Wednesday nights, 7:00-7:40 pm in the choir room starting September 3rd.** Let’s spread the word to all your musical friends (both vocal and instrumental). Please contact Georgia Sperano either in person or at gsperano@rochester.rr.com to express your interest.



Don't forget ... next Sunday the church service times return to 8:45 and 11:00 am!

At **9:45** please join us in the dining room for an all-ages **Sunday School kick-off breakfast**. Bring a dish to pass, if you’re able and hear about the plans for Sunday School for kids and adults.



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

Framing Frenzy

The United Church supported last Saturday's Framing Frenzy with **24 volunteers!**

It was a great opportunity to join with over fifty others in “hands on” mission work right here in Canandaigua to support the worthy work of **Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity** in bringing hope to a family through home ownership. The walls

framed last week in the parking lot of Zion Fellowship will be used in the construction of the new home going up on Tillotson Street in the near future. Our United Church contributed financially toward the \$10,000 needed for lumber and supplies with a donation of \$7,000 from the generous gift of the Boyce family. Funds were taken from the “Mission and Spiritual Development Support” allocation area and reflect well one of their intended uses... “local service partnerships involving hands-on service.”



On this Mission Sunday we are once again providing the link to the Google album of pictures documenting the **North Carolina mission trip**. (scan the QR code to the right) In the Welcome Center is a board with information on the work done in **Nicaragua** placed on a blanket that is from the partnership with the Bacalar church in **Mexico**. Our church members are making a difference in many ways, in many places!!



Yes! Grocery donations still needed! Look for the black collections wagon in the Welcome Center. Donations are alternately taken to the CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) food pantry and the Salvation Army food pantry. **CCIA is in need of cereal, pasta, sauce, canned veggies and fruit.** Thank you! Questions? Please see Mary Lou Havens or Cathy Bush.

Dear Church Family,

Jesus Christ is Living Water for our Body and Soul

If there is anyone interested in being part of a Water ministry of **Living Waters for the World**, the next **Clean Water U** training is **Sept. 23-27** at **Hopewell Camp and Conference Center in Oxford, MS** and we'd love to have you and your team at this training session! We currently have openings in each of our workshops - water project management, health education, and water system installation. Financial assistance is available from the Mission Committee. If interested, see Linda Werts. Or visit Livingwatersfortheworld.org website.

**“All Gods Children deserve Clean Water
God Bless!”**



Back to School Angel Tree

Thank You to everyone who donated school supplies! Such a huge help!!! Your donations helped **8 students from 6 families** prepare for a new school year. Thank you to Carolyn and Elaine and Cathy for their work on this project. If you have interest in planning other Mission Collection Team projects with Mary Lou Havens and Cathy Bush, please let us know! We miss Ken Allen on our team.



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WELCOMING REFUGEES
& DISPLACED PERSONS

Pie Fundraiser to benefit Called to Care, Canandaigua

Thank you to all who ordered pies for CTCC to help with refugee resettlement needs. **150 pies** were sold across our community. **Pie Pick up Drive Thru will be Sunday, September 14, 1:30-4pm at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Main St.** Thank you for supporting refugees while enjoying pie!



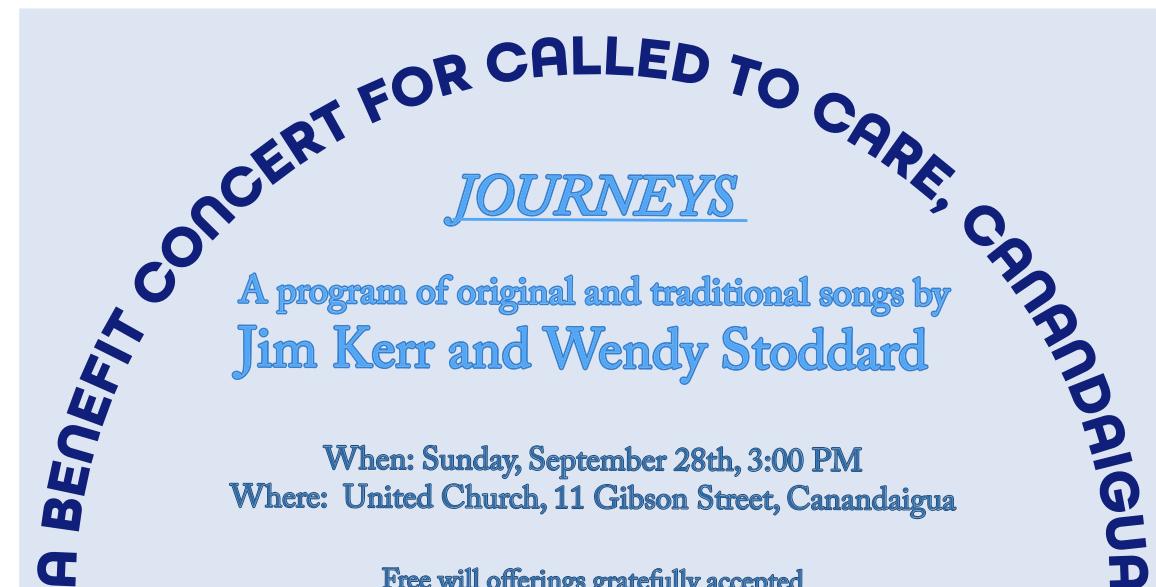
Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry"

offers food items monthly to food insecure families. United Church members join other community volunteers to prep items that come off the Foodlink truck and load them into cars as clients drive through the barn. Please join us on **Monday, September 22nd** at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5820, from **9:00am till around 11:00am**. For those seeking food, vehicles enter from Buffalo Street with distribution beginning at 10:00am. See Linda Werts for more info.



First Fridays at Cameron!

We are once again partnering with Cameron Community Ministries in Rochester by serving lunch to local guests on first Fridays of each month. We've gotten to know the chef and staff and they look forward to our visits! Two or three of us carpool together...leaving Canandaigua around **11:00am** and returning around **2:00pm**. Please let Mary Lou Havens know if you have interest. The next "first Friday" is **September 5th**.



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