

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
May 14, 2023

PRELUDE: “*Offertorium aus der ungarischen Krönungs-Messe*” by Franz Liszt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: “Be Still and Know” (Hymn #516, vs 3)

FOCUS FOR TODAY: As we consider challenges in our lives, God must become the center of our focus.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God has called all of us here beloved.

People: We are given new names of hope and promise.

Leader: Even though storms and trials have assailed us,

People: God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.

Leader: Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

All: May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days. **AMEN.**

*HYMN: #349 “I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock” (based on Psalm 18)

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration of the witness of your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his words for us.

Help us to be faithful disciples for you; for we ask 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: James 4:13-17 (page 1198) {A.B. page 1356}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “I Can Do All Things” (words on center of insert) The United Church Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Becky Boseck

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 18:1-19 (page 539) {A.B. page 613}

Sermon
“David and Goliath Part 2”
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #568 “Take My Life and Let it Be”

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OFFERTORY: “*Sol minore allegretto*” by P. A. Schubiger

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN:** #661 “Be Strong In the Lord”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Sonata VI, Allegro Molto” by Felix Mendelssohn

Our prayers and sympathy are with Karen Gardner, whose uncle, John Gerhard, passed away this week. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Kathie Meredith, Cynthia Chittenden (Larry Hood's daughter), Jenn Newton (friend of the Whitcombs), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram's daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), David Sanford, Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

Cancer: Bill Eagley (friend of Mark Slomski), Ralph Gullace (Jan's husband), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sarah 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), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccos)

Recovering: Deb Marshall, Kathy Mills, Mary Jane Laird, Cindy Davies, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Jan Gullace, Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army 2LT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovanti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim and Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan and Alethia White (Berlin)

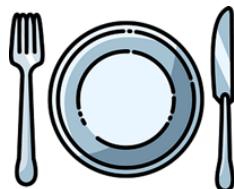
** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

Take the Marshalls a Meal!

(Thank you for completely filling the meal request schedule!)

If you need any help with your sign up, please call Carolyn in the church office (585-394-0503)

<https://takethemameal.com/LPQA8089>



In lieu of making a meal, small Wegmans gift cards would also be appreciated. These can help cover the costs of quick meals or prepped ingredients.

Thank you for any contribution you are able to provide and for blessing the entire family with your prayers.



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.



ATTENTION PARENTS! Do you have a graduate in the house? **Do you have a high school graduate??** What do they plan to do after high school? **Do you have a college graduate???** Where are they graduating from? What degree did they earn? What are their future plans? *We would love to celebrate these milestones with you and your adult children.* So, please let Mark Slomski or Carolyn Russell know what your children are up to! **This info is due today!** Thank you!



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 May and June sign up sheets are on the Office door.** If you have any questions, please ask any Steward or call the Office. Thanks so much for serving in this way on any Sunday that you're available.

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

Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- This week is Blanket Sunday. You can find envelopes in your May Lamplighter, in the pews, or donate online.
- Our Sunday School Celebration Breakfast will be on May 21 at 9:45am. Please sign up on Deb's door if you're willing to bring a dish to pass.
- Next week is Children's Sunday! Join us during the 11:00 AM time slot and enjoy our children-led service.
- Save the date - June 4th for our Family Picnic! We could use volunteers!

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!**

Nursery care is available during both Sunday services and the Sunday school hour. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during Sunday school and the 11am service. If your child is not potty trained, please **take a pager** in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long.

Children's Time ~ There is no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the yellow sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshiping together as a family!

Fred Magley's 99th birthday is May 22nd! Let's shower him with 99 birthday cards and TODAY, please sign the Happy Birthday banner that's in the Welcome Center!

Rev. Fred Magley is a Pastor Emeritus of the United Church and served as the pastor here from 1966-1989.

Address: 8170 SW Vlahos Dr, Brookdale Unit 325, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070

Phone: 503-582-8973



ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

TODAY – Testimony Sunday! Guest Speaker: Marc Simeon. Worship Leader: Mike O'Brien.
Breakfast Pizza: YES!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

TODAY – Testimony Sunday! See above for details.

WEEKLY CONNECT

Saturdays, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! **Meal sign-ups in hallway!**



YOUTH MINISTRY

THE CAUSE

Sundays, from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, at the church. 8th-12 graders welcomed!

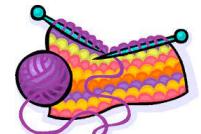
- There will be **NO CAUSE** on **May 14** (Mother's Day) and **May 28** (Memorial Day)

Sunday school Celebration Breakfast ~ We hope you can join us for our Sunday school celebration breakfast on May 21 at 9:45am in the downstairs dining room! Children, youth, and families will celebrate the past Sunday school year together through fellowship, food and fun! Sunday school participants and teachers will be recognized. *Please sign up on Deb's office door to bring items for the breakfast.* Thank you!



 **Sign up to help in Summer Nursery!** ~ Please sign up to help in the nursery this summer. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the nurseries. Each Sunday, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we need 2 people to help in the nursery. *All volunteers 18-years-old and older need to be background checked before helping.* This is a quick and easy process! If you'd like to begin volunteering in the nursery, please see our nursery coordinators, Jason and Melissa Long or contact the church office. Thank you!

Just a reminder that our **evening Prayer Shawl knitters** will be meeting on **Tuesday night, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.** We would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Rensberger (585-394-8958) or Jeannie Blance (585-789-0448).



It's that time of year again ~ we have received **Summer Camp** brochures! Please take time to pray about and consider sending your child to Christian camp this summer. This experience can have a positive impact on your child's faith development! *Our church family believes that the Christian camp experience is so important that for any child from our church, we will pay half the tuition for one week at Christian camp ~ called a "campership."* This is not a need based scholarship. It is available to all families who have kids in our Sunday school, Youth Club, and/or Cause programs. Campership requests are being received now until June 4. **We encourage you to register for camp soon – camps tend to fill up quickly and take advantage of early bird discounts!!** Please look for the camp display in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact Mark Slomski.

Here are our campers so far...

Beaver Camp

Elise Cunningham, July 2-7 (Gymnastics)

Adele Marshall, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Lily Munson, July 2-7 (Bears)

Paige Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Sophie Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)

Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)*



LeTourneau Christian Center

Joy Cheney, June 26-30 (Treasure Hunters)* and July 10-14 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)

Jesse Cheney, June 26-30 (LEGO Builders) and Aug 14-17 (Wacky Water)*

Carter Slomski, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)

Billy Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*

Eva Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*

Adele Marshall, July 17-21 (Arts-n-Crafts)*, July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*, Aug 14-17 (Baking Champions)*

Called to Care, Canandaigua's monthly meeting will offer a Good Neighbor Team informational session led by Eric Lintala, Community Engagement Manager from World Relief Western NY. The meeting will be held on **Monday, May 15th from 4-6pm** in the parish hall at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome to come and learn more or get involved. And...**please save the date - Thursday, June 8th** - for another community fundraising event at The Central on Main. An "International Gala" is planned with food, music, dancing and more.



CALLED TO CARE
CANANDAIGUA
WELCOMING REFUGEES



MISSIONS

Today —Let's Blanket the World With Love!

Today we are recognizing Blanket Sunday! Each \$10.00 you give will provide a warm blanket to someone who needs to know that we care. Church World Service shares blankets and love to those who

have been affected by disaster both nationally and internationally. Please give as generously as you are able.

You will find envelopes in the pews or simply mark your gift for blankets or give through the church's online giving: (scan QR code to the right)



Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. (**CCIA has specifically requested: diced tomatoes, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned meat meals (like stew or beefaroni) and pasta.**) Thank you for your generous contributions.

The mission committee wants to **thank** everyone who donated gift cards (**\$535 worth**) to **Family Promise**. These are greatly appreciated by the families trying to get back to self-sufficiency. We would also like to thank everyone who gave to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. **\$4,174** was received and will be sent on to the denominational groups to help those in need. What a generous congregation we have!!

LeTourneau Christian Center Work Day



When: May 20th, 9-4 (or however much time you have)

Where: LeTourneau Christian Center

4950 East Lake Road
Rushville, NY

What: A day of volunteering (**all ages welcome**) to help prepare their center for the busy Summer filled with groups, camps, and campers!

Why: LeTourneau provides a wonderful environment for young and old to learn about God's love. Many children and adults from our church attend events every year at LeTourneau.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway by the restrooms. The day will include a free lunch. The various areas you can choose to help out include: cleaning, carpentry, painting, landscaping, and clearing trees.



DOWNSTAIRS REMODEL

Starting last week, we began remodeling the **Downstairs Dining Hall and Bathrooms!** The Board of Trustees have been diligently planning for this exciting renovation. **Thank you** to the church staff and various ministry teams for their partnership in planning for this work! **Be on the lookout for recruitment of volunteers!**



Downstairs Bathrooms – A contractor began work on the bathrooms. Thank you for your patience as we make needed improvements!

Downstairs Dining Hall – A combination of contractors and church members began remodeling the Downstairs Dining Hall from floor to ceiling! **NOTE:** The **Downstairs Kitchen** will remain fully functional during this project.

We're taking a step towards a world free of MS.

Brown's Brigade has been uniting to end MS forever since 2006, and we invite you to volunteer, donate, or join our team! Our MS journey actually took flight in 2004 when I was diagnosed with optic neuritis and we quickly entered into the world of MRIs, doctor visits, medication investigation, and preparing for the unknowns that so many people living with MS experience. I have never, ever been alone in this MS journey life has me navigating. My husband has never wavered and he is truly my rock. My children are right there with me every step of the way. Family and friends, church family, work colleagues, etc. come out in droves for our annual MS WALK WEEKEND... some join our team and walk, others donate or volunteer, and others send special words of encouragement. I have NEVER felt alone. We've set an ambitious goal because, with your support, we can get there. The money we raise will help drive groundbreaking research, provide life-changing programs, and guarantee a supportive community for those who need it most. Ultimately your donations will create a world free of MS... free of the unknowns it brings to so many. Feel free to call (585)739-8621 if you need more information or join us on May 21st for MS WALK 2023 at Sonnenberg Gardens (10:00 am kickoff). Please give donations directly to MacKenzie Brown or checks can be made out to NMSS and sent to: MacKenzie Brown at 3140 Lake to Lake Rd., Stanley, NY 14561 or you can use the QR code here. Thank you all so much for 19 years of support and counting!

God Bless, MacKenzie, Mat, Shea, and Casey Brown



I Can Do All Things

Chorus:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!

He is my refuge, my help, my deliverer.

I can do all things through Christ,

I can do all things through Jesus Christ, my Lord!

When my spirit seems so weak

When my hope for life is bleak

I know the Lord will uphold me;

God's power and love will enfold me every day,

In every way! **(chorus)**

When the storms of life assail,

When my strength cannot prevail

I know the Lord will be near me to comfort,

guide and to cheer me every day

in every way! **(chorus)**

by Lloyd Larson, c. 2000 Hal Leonard

Sunday happenings...

TODAY – Happy Mother's Day!

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

No Cause due to Mother's Day

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School Celebration Breakfast at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am – Children's Day

The Cause (Youth Group for 9-12th grade), 5-7:30pm

From the Marshall Family:



We are grateful for the overwhelming support we've received from you, our church family, as Deb continues to heal from her surgery. Thank you for the delicious meals, generous gift cards, thoughtful get well cards, gestures of kindness; and most especially, prayer, during this time.

Church Family Picnic

June 4 around 11:30

Baker Park, Canandaigua



Hot dogs and drinks provided

Please bring a dish to pass

Volunteers needed:

Love to grill?

AVAILABLE TO HELP SET UP OR CLEAN UP?

Enjoy leading games for all ages?

Have a cornhole game?

****Please see Jason Long, Mary Beth Fortunato, or Brenda Cunningham.****