

# The Lamplighter

The United Church  
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**Worship Service, 9:30 am, Memorial Day through Labor Day**

**June 2024**

**Rev. Dr. Wade Allen**

- June 2** – Church Picnic at Baker Park  
**June 3** – Trustees meeting, 7 pm  
**June 4** – Stewards, 6:30 pm  
**June 9** – Graduate's Sunday  
**June 9-16** – Silent Auction bidding  
**June 17** – Official Board Meeting, 7 pm  
**June 18** – FLSO Concert, 7 pm  
**June 29** – Red Wings Game, 6:30 pm for National Anthem  
**June 30** – Kateri's Farewell Brunch and Organ Hymn Sing, 10:30 am



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## Genesis

On Memorial Day weekend, we transitioned to a single worship service at 9:30 AM for the summer. This schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

Simultaneously, we began a series on the first book of the Bible, Genesis. For the remainder of the summer, and into the fall, we will explore the story of God.

The Book of Genesis recounts the creation of the world by God, the early history of humanity, and the origins of the Israelites through stories that explore themes of creation, fall, redemption, and covenant. I hope you will take the time to follow this series. If you are traveling, you can listen to a sermon-only podcast at <https://www.unitedchurchcanandaigua.com/podcast/> to catch up or watch the entire worship service at <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/channels/12275>.

The summer months provide a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family. I look forward to our gatherings. May God fill us with His Holy Spirit as we gather together each week.

*Wade*

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## Worship Schedule and Readings

- June 02 - The Seventh Day (Genesis 2:1-4)  
Additional Readings: Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 4:1-8
- June 09 - Longing for Eden (Genesis 2:4-17)  
Additional Readings: Isaiah 51:1-3, Revelation 22:1-5
- June 16 - Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:18-25)  
Additional Readings: Psalm 139:13-16, Ephesians 5:21-33
- June 23 - The Fall (Genesis 3:1-24)  
Additional Readings: Romans 8:19-21, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
- June 30 - A Wicked World (Genesis 6:1-8)  
Additional Readings: Matthew 24:37-39, 2 Peter 2:4-5

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



## Update from the Trustees

The Board of Trustees meets once a month to discuss and review the monthly financial report of the church and the upkeep of the church building and grounds. Recent repairs and maintenance include replacing the doors in the second floor Sunday school wing and having paving work done in the parking lot to address some standing water areas in the parking lot. A fire inspection was done by the City of Canandaigua and as a result all smoke detectors in the church were changed. Future repairs will include annual replacement of roof shingles, which should occur in August, and some gutter work as well as annual maintenance to the boilers. Other future projects that are currently under discussion are needed repairs to the Narthex including floor and wall repairs.

# Care Ministry

Christy Allen Director

## Happy Birthday to our Special Members:

**June 19** **Arlene Willett** made the beautiful sanctuary banners. Fred Magley, Pastor from 1966-1989, drew the designs and Arlene hand stitched them! She loves to do crafts of every kind, knows all about plants and has always loved gardening. She and David have been married for 64 years! They loved being a part of the Couples Ministry.

**June 29** **Dorothy Sheppard** turns 90!! She was 8 years old when the Baptist Church burned down years ago. She remembers it well and shared this with me as we visited. At the age of 15, she won 5th place in the Nation as Cherry Pie Queen! She was a nurse and is Mother to 5 boys. She taught Middle School Sunday School here years ago.

**Please consider a donation to The Stewards Assistance Fund collection on June 7.**

Help support our church families in times of financial distress (needs such as groceries, medical bills, utilities, car repairs and more.)

Monies can be placed in the offering plate. Be sure to note checks for **Assistance Fund**. Any loose change will also be collected towards the fund.

## WELCOME to our NEW Special Members:

Dorothy Sheppard  
Mac and Ernestine McKenzie  
Kurt Werts

If you have a passion for ministering to others by providing meals to those who have recently undergone procedures, we would love to have you join our Meal Train Team! Please let us know if you're interested.

## SEND A CARD TO A SPECIAL MEMBER - June 2nd - June 30th:

We're excited to announce the Special Members Summer Card Outreach!

**Starting June 2nd** We'll be placing notecards and a list of our Special Members, along with their addresses, in the Welcome Center. This will continue through the month of June.

Stop by the table and grab a few cards and a Special Members address list.

We believe our Special Members cherish hearing from their Church family.

**REMEMBERING:**

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Linda Bailey**, whose daughter, **Alice**, passed away recently. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.



Our prayers and sympathy are with **Stanley and Evelyn Wright** for the recent loss of their daughter, **Jackie Crego**. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

**CELEBRATING:**

We joyously celebrate the birth of **Scottie Banks Johnson** on April 1st. He is the son of **Will and Kathryn Johnson** and grandson of **Paul and Beth Johnson**. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.



Thanks so much to my whole church family for giving me the most wonderful retirement celebration in April. I was overwhelmed with love and joy at the delicious breakfast and I truly appreciated the beautiful decorations, the video display of photos from my years at the church, the cards, the sentiments that were expressed, and the gifts. Thanks to the planning group, the cooks, and all who attended and contributed toward the gifts. I surely have been blessed by working alongside and serving with such caring brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God bless you all,  
Virginia

Much overdue, but I want to express my sincere appreciation for the encouragement, cards, prayers and visits after my recent surgery. I felt so surrounded by your love. I am truly blessed by being part of this church family.

Thank you   
Joan Danaher



**Interested in cheering on a United Church softball team?** The games usually start at 6:45 pm. If you have questions, Sue Vadney or Sandi DiCicco usually know what's going on. 😊



Week	Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Field
1	5/7/24	Away	Calvary Chapel	Sonnenberg
2	5/14/24	Home	Good Sheperd	Jefferson
3	5/21/24	Away	Calvary Chapel	Sonnenberg
4	5/28/24	Home	Seneca Falls/Willowbrook	Sonnenberg
5	6/4/24	Away	Farmington Church	Sonnenberg
6	6/11/24	Away	Chesire Community	Jefferson
7	6/18/24	Away	Good Sheperd	Sonnenberg
8	6/25/24	Home	Seneca Falls/Willowbrook	Farmington Town Park
BYE	7/2/24		<b>BYE WEEK</b>	
9	7/9/24	Home	Good Sheperd	Sonnenberg
10	7/16/24	Away	Seneca Falls/Willowbrook	Sonnenberg
11	7/23/24	Home	Chesire Community	Sonnenberg
12	7/30/24	Home	Farmington Church	Jefferson
Playoff 1	8/6/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
Playoff 2	8/13/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
Champ	8/20/24	TBD	TBD	Farmington Town Park



Come hear our own Youth Choir sing the National Anthem at the Red Wings Baseball Game Saturday evening, June 29 at Innovation Field, 1 Morrie Silver Way, Rochester, NY 14608. They sing at 6:35, and game time is 6:45. Gates open at 5:30 - come early so you don't miss them!



It's Marvel Night at the field, and the players will be wearing Marvel-inspired jerseys. Feel free to don your favorite superhero attire! There will also be fireworks after the game!

We have 75 seats reserved in Section 204. Tickets are \$10 each, and will be on sale through June 23. You can purchase them after the 9:30 service in the Welcome Center on June 2, 9, 16, & 23, or on-line at:

<https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/2325102>

Questions? Contact:

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## Stampin' Up!

The next Stampin' Up class is scheduled for June 15th from 9 – 12 in the Fellowship Room. We will make the 5 cards pictured below. If you have any questions or are interested in signing up, contact Sharon Meyer.



**“His love endures forever.” Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. “His love endures forever” is repeated with each verse in Psalm 136.**

Because He first loved us we have commissioned Natalie Cunningham, Summer Cunningham, Grace Payne, ad Jennifer Petacchi as summer 2024 Christian camp staff. “Made for This” is the camp theme as they are role models to children each week. Pray for all summer camp staff preparing for a summer of service.

Because we care, our mission budget is providing twenty-eight camperships to our younger people this summer! Because we care we have contributed forty-six school kits for distribution by Church World Service.

Our supported missionaries, : Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin) are each meeting refugees seeking safety. Called to Care Canandaigua is able to welcome a refugee from Haiti and Ukraine.

We worship together and network to care for others in Canandaigua. Collaboration with Canandaigua Churches in Action, Canandaigua Salvation Army, Gleaner Kitchen, and Food Link’s Pop-up pantry help feed people near us.

Our missionaries and each of us live each day so **“THAT ALL MIGHT COME TO KNOW, LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR”.**

**“His love endures forever.”**

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Misión Monte Horeb Presbyterian Church, with only seven members, that this water plant has remained sustainable after these many years. As you might imagine however, some upgrades are now needed and thankfully our United Church mission committee is going to consider a short term mission project to partner with Living Waters for the World. If you would like to learn more please contact Ken Allen or Linda Werts.

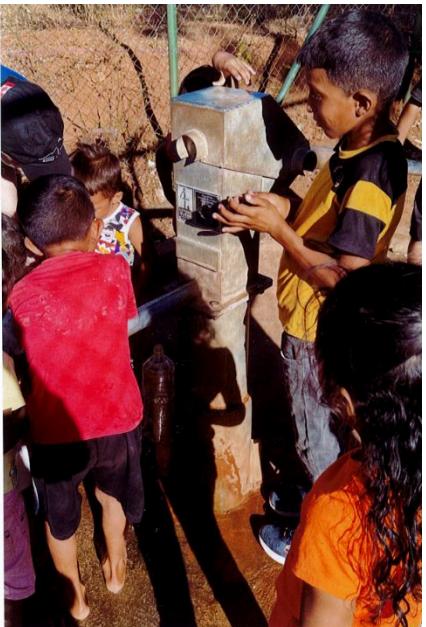
Submitted by Linda Werts

**The United Church partners with and supports Living Waters for the World (LWW)** especially for its clean water ministry in the Yucatán Peninsula. I returned recently from a 2nd year “sustainability trip” with the Newark Rotary Team to the community of Tabi, Mexico, where the “Planta Hidekel” water plant is providing safe water at an affordable price for nearly 1,200 residents in two communities. Many United Church members financially supported the construction phase of the plant and prayed for the community as it awaited the plant’s opening. It is now two years running, relationships among all participants have improved, and the water committee is nearing sustainability. Such good news! While in Quintana Roo this year I also visited the community of Limones, the workers at its Planta Itzae which was installed in 2018, and brothers and sisters of the Misión Sinai Presbyterian Church. I also visited the very rural community of Cedralito where a LWW plant was installed in 2011. It is a credit to the passionate work of members of the



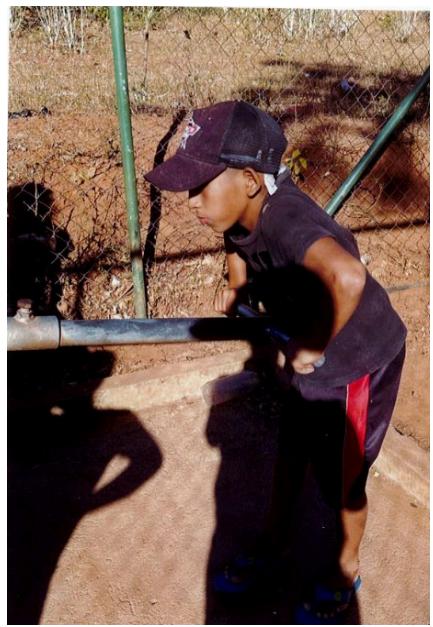
## Nicaragua Mission Trip 2024 recap

(Mike Walker and Lynn Bernard ~ February)



Another activity that we had in El Socorro was VBS. We had a water demonstration for the children in the school. Each one was given a gel to rub on their hands. We then exposed their hands to a UV light to see the germs. Posters and card handouts, supplied by Ken Allen, were given to each one. After this, they went to wash their hands off at the hand pump. Lots of fun was held at the well. Some of them took turns working the pump. Hand washing and general good hygiene was stressed.

In September, we will present a further report and a video to highlight our mission trip to Nicaragua. Thanks to your support, we were able to provide solar to provide light, carpentry to make benches and doors, clean water and VBS.



**Called to Care, Canandaigua** invites you to observe World Refugee Day at the upcoming **“International Gala” on Thursday, June 20th from 5:00-8:00pm at The Central on Main, 111 South Main Street.** Join us for food, live music, dancing but mostly to observe this year’s UN theme “Hope away from home - a world where refugees are always included.” As we prepare to welcome an 11th family here in Canandaigua we are ever grateful that our resettled families find warm welcome in our church, in our schools, in employment, at library story hours, in community sports, etc., etc. To learn more please contact our new president, Wendy Stoddard.



## SILENT AUCTION 2024

The Silent Auction begins **June 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you have items to donate for the auction that have not been submitted yet, please get them to the church no later than June 5<sup>th</sup>. Each item needs to have a [Silent Auction Donation Form](#) completed. (These forms can be found in the Welcome Area of the church). If not previously completed, please submit a form with each item.

Bidding begins June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please check out all the wonderful items in the dining room and start your bidding. You can also bid during the week, the church will be open 9:00 am until 1:00 pm daily for bidding, including Saturday. **Bidding ends before church service on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.** Please go down to the dining room after church on June 16th to pick up and pay for any items you may have “won”.

The Silent Auction is held bi-annually by the Mission Committee to help with Mission Trips. We give financial support to those going on our church mission trips to places like Mexico to work on water projects; Nicaragua to work on water and health projects, solar panels and libraries; and we also give to the youth mission trips.

**This year our Silent Auction will be held in the dining room** where we will have more room to spread out, making it easier for you to view the items and access the bid sheets. Feel free to invite your friends to join the fun.



# CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRY

## What's happened...

**Rice Bowls**, our Children's Lenten Offering, collected **over \$155 in donations** for orphaned and hungry children around the world! Thank you for so generously giving out of what God has given you!!!



## What's happening...

We have **26 children** signed up to attend Christian summer camp. You have the opportunity to connect with one (or some) of them by writing a camp note! During the month of June, a “**camp note tree**” will be out in the gathering area with **pre-addressed envelopes**. Inside you will find a card and **information about the camper** that you are writing to. You will also see **when you need to mail their card**, as some campers go to camp at the end of June and some don't go until August. Our campers are listed in the weekly bulletin so that you can pray for them as well. We hope you enjoy connecting with the children and youth attending camp this summer!

We are preparing for **Scuba VBS**, which will be held **July 8-12, from 9am-12noon**. We need **lots of help** to prepare and during the week of VBS. How will you be involved? There are **MANY options!** You can take a supply donation tag off the board in the Welcome Center and **donate needed items**; you can **volunteer** during the week of VBS; you can pick up VBS prayer cards in the Welcome Center and **pray for our VBS** or you can **join a scenery work day** and create under water-themed décor. We would love your help! If you have questions about VBS, please see Deb Marshall.

We need some **help in our nursery this summer**. Each Sunday, we need **2 people in the nursery** to lovingly care for the youngest in our church family. We ask that people **sign up for nursery duty** during the summer months since summer schedules often include being out of town on weekends. If you know you'll be in town, and you enjoy babies and toddlers, might you consider helping out? You can sign up using the **church center or services app** for a Sunday that works for you. *Please note that all people 18 and over who volunteer in the nursery need to be background checked* – this is a quick and easy process! Contact Carolyn to be checked.

On Sunday, June 9, we will **celebrate our graduates!** If you have a **high school** grad or **college grad** in your family, please plan to **join us for Graduate Sunday at 9:30am on June 9**. High school graduates will be called up front and college grads will be recognized. *All graduates will be prayed for during the service.* After the service, all are invited to enjoy a **cake and punch reception**.



## Upcoming Events...

**June 2** – Church picnic after 9:30am service at Baker Park

**June 9** – Graduate Sunday during 9:30am service; cake and punch celebration following

**July 7** – VBS kick-off at 6:30pm

**July 8-12** – VBS, 9am-12noon

**August 16-18** - all church retreat at Onanda Park

**September 8** – Sunday school kick off for all ages

## Personal reflection...

I really enjoy gardening. At times, when I stop and reflect on what I would like to do when I have more time to spare, I daydream about gardening - for hours and days on end! In fact, there's not just *one* thing I like about it, there are many. I enjoy being outside, digging in the dirt and feeling the earth that God created, seeing my perennials bud with new life, adding a few annuals for color. I sometimes ask Ryan to transplant large plants moving them to a better spot, and I even like weeding. I think my favorite part is working on a part of a garden for a while, and then stepping back and seeing how beautiful it looks when I'm done.

Sometimes God is "personified" as a gardener. He plants seeds, His Spirit waters them through life experiences, and, in the fullness of *His* time, those seeds sprout and grow into a beautiful faith. Oh, if it were just that plain, simple and easy! Anyone who has lived for a while knows it is not that cut and dry. There are times when we are pruned by God. Maybe God is pruning you right now. It can be a painful experience, but how much more fruitful we are after His careful pruning! There are other situations when God completely uproots us and transplants us to a new spot. Wow! This can be especially difficult. We have roots that were established that now have to be re-established. We have to figure out how to flourish in our new place, and it might have very different soil or sunlight or water than we are used to. Ugh! What *now*, we think? Or, *why* now? I was just fine where I was, thank You very much! I don't *want* to move; I would rather stay where I am comfortable. Yet, there are other times when we feel just like I imagine a plant feels in the beginning of spring. We have weathered the winter, and now we are seeing more of the sun. We notice that the air is warm. We start to bud. Everything feels great, and spring fades easily into summer. We then begin really growing and even blooming. God cares for us with water, sun, and rest in the cool of night. We are in a very good spot.

At this point in my life, I feel much like I have been transplanted. The parenting tactics I used just 5 years ago when my kids were 6, 10, and 13 do not work now that they are 11, 15, and 18. I don't know that I like this new spot! I had established some nice roots. I felt as though I was growing and flourishing. This new spot is very different. It feels difficult to establish roots and "get comfortable" when my kids are becoming older and much more independent. It seems like things change more often now. I'm still trying to figure out how to grow here in this new space. But while I would prefer to go back in time, God is showing me how to flourish here. Maybe in a year or two, I will feel more established, but this "transplant" is hard; really hard. Lord, give me eyes to see the beauty in what You are doing.

At the risk of sounding redundant, I continue to be taught to fully trust God. He hasn't left my side through this "transplant." He is always there, He is always loving me, He is always showing me the *best* way. I just need to listen. I also need to let go of old ways and move forward, confident that God has for a plan for me in this new season.

Maybe you can relate? Maybe you were in a really comfortable spot for a while, and now you have been transplanted to a new place that just doesn't feel quite right. Or maybe you are noticing that God is busy pruning you in this season, and that doesn't feel very comfortable. In fact, it may hurt! God's word reminds us that He always loves us, even when it feels like things are tough. While He teaches us in a way that feels difficult, it's out of love. In the end, we will step back and see how beautiful we have become due to His work in our lives.

~ Deb

*"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.*

*It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.*

*It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

# YOUTH & ADULT MINISTRIES

*Review the monthly memo, weekly bulletin, weekly email and the church calendars for event details*

## Youth

At **The Cause**, we have finished our conversation on the topic of human sexuality. Before the end of the year, we are piloting a discernment process with our students, with the aim to equip them with discernment skills to interpret the world through the lens of Jesus. Additionally, we have welcomed our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the Cause! On June 2, we are also hosting an “Ask Pastor Wade Anything” night for our students!

For May, our **Special Event** included our first (of two) chicken bbq fundraiser!. We are in the process of ironing out details for our “summer missions experience” during the summer. Our **monthly school district connects** (including Victor, Canandaigua, and Marcus Whitman) will continue until the end of the school year.

For **Youth Sunday School**, both our Middle School and High School groups are using the Deep Discipleship curriculum. At **Youth Club**, our Middle School students continue to use the Hyfi curriculum.

Our **Youth Ministry Team** continues to meet every couple months or so. Moving into the summer months, this team will be supporting our special events, and planning for the new program year.

## Young Adult

The **Young Adult lunch** will move to once a month in the summer (third Sunday of the month for June, July, and August), with spontaneous connections sprinkled in between. We have ended our **Saturday evening connect** for Young Adults for the program year. Our **Young Adult Sunday School** connect has finished after being combined with the adult education groups for a class of LBGTQ+ matters. The **Young Adult Women's small group** (led by Stephanie Wall) continues to meet at our church every other week or so.

The **Young Adult Ministry discernment team** continues to meet periodically. They continue their exploration on how we can best minister to the young adult population. Mark Sheppard has reserved a cabin in the Southern Tier in the fall for a potential young adult event, and Wendy Bacon has signed up to be the staff support for the FLCC Christian club for the Fall semester.

## Adult

For our **Adult Education Sunday School Hour**, our adult education has finished our class on LBGTQ+ matters. The corporate prayer session will continue, and will discern what the summer months will look like for them. For the Fall program semester, we will be conducting a Genesis series and bringing back the Parenting Coffee Hour.

For **Special Events**, we are planning to host the **Adult Education Retreat** at Onanda Park, August 17 (Wally Fleming is the speaker). On November 2, we are hosting our first **United Church Seminar**, with our guest lecturer being Dr. Richard Middleton. He will be speaking on the Abraham & Isaac story, the suffering of Job, and the importance of the lament Psalms. This will be a public event.

The **Adult Education Ministry Team** continues to meet periodically to plan for the Fall program semester, our special events, and other ministry matters.



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# BIBLE & THEOLOGY

I recently shared a short essay with the Official Board on our church's Statement of Belief, specifically regarding our view on Scripture. Below you will find this belief statement and my responsive write-up. This essay is admittedly much too short, but I still aim to provide interesting information and statements to consider.

***SCRIPTURE is the unique and authoritative Word of God, in human language***

## Scripture

The Bible is God's revealed word to His people, in written form. Through centuries of Spirit-led discernment and definition, God's people collected and preserved these canonized writings.

### Old Testament

Its' overall formation was first conveyed orally through God's initial revelation to His people. Overtime, these divinely inspired words were written down. These writings were collected over a large period of time (e.g. the collections of the Psalms are estimated to have taken 500 years!). Once they were collected, they were sorted and fixed into a canonized unit, which was determined through a consensus by religious leaders during the course of Israel's history (of course guided by the Holy Spirit). Scholars believe these writings and collections took place during key moments in Israel's history, including during the Sinai experience after the exodus, during the shift from theocracy to monarchy, the fall of Jerusalem and their subsequent exile, and in post exilic Jerusalem (during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah). Centuries after Jesus, the Christian church councils affirmed the collection of divinely inspired and authoritative books.

### New Testament

By the first and early second centuries, initial collections of New Testament writings started to emerge, circulate, and be regarded as authoritative for determining faith and practice (however, some books were still disputed). By the end of the second century, the need for an authoritative list increased, as heterodox Christian groups started to produce their own collections of writings. By the third century, the 27 books of the New Testament that we know of today were widely considered as the authoritative writings. Criteria used to select these writings were numerous, with four key filters: *Apostolicity* (writings genuinely attributed to the apostles); *Orthodoxy* (texts that stayed true to the Gospel); *Antiquity* (those written close to the time of Jesus and the apostles); and *Catholicity* (writings widely accepted among the churches).

## Authority of Scripture

As NT Wright puts it, "the notion of the 'authority of scripture' is a shorthand expression for God's authority...". God uses the Bible as His means of "equipping and calling the church". This authority enables us to "stand humbly in the councils of God, in order then to stand boldly in the councils of men". We do so "by soaking ourselves in Scripture, in the power and strength and leading of the Spirit, in order that we may then speak freshly and with authority to the world of this same creator God."

This authority does not work as a simple rulebook or a list of doctrines, but rather works as a story of God, a worldview (a 'God-view'), which invites all into full-on participation. This Spirit-filled participation liberates human beings, judges and condemns evil and sin, and sets people free to be fully human.



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# PASTORAL MINISTRY

This month's article is the second of a series of reflections on my personal preparations for the 2024 election. As part of my preparations, I am reading through a list of books from trusted authors that I believe will challenge me to be the person I should be (the full list can be found in April's Lamplighter).

The second book I read was **Jesus and the Powers**, written by NT Wright & Michael Bird. Most know NT Wright for a reason - he is a prolific author and has made major contributions to New Testament theology and first century understanding. Michael Bird is another well-established New Testament scholar, and has complementary knowledge in the political sphere to aid his theo-political conclusions. There is a lot of overlap between this book and last month's book (written by Preston Sprinkle), but *Jesus and the Powers* moves further into application. This book is filled with well-worded statements (I ended with three pages of typed notes!), so most of what is pasted below are selected snippets.

## How the Church Can Help Society:

- Assist government in recognizing it is not the ultimate authority
- Tasks the citizenry to aspire toward civic virtue
  - Done by appealing to longstanding religious precepts that provided freedoms and safeguards
- Advocate that humans are treated with the value they are - as image-bearers of the one creator God
- Promote for rights and freedoms, fairness and equality as found in the decalogue, sermon on the mount, and the good samaritan story
- Provide an end goal of freedom and flourishing

## Impactful Statements

- The church must provide spiritual resources and support that will produce people capable of both deep conviction and empathy across deep differences
- We need to find a way, in spite of our differences, to together strive for peace and building each other up
- *Truth Over Tribe* - Better to be disappointed that your political candidate lost, than have your candidate win with absolute power
- Our faith is public. The church has something to say. The church has a seat at the table (not just the state, social media influencers, the education system, or political leaders).
- God desires humans to rule and have dominion - and to do so well. Indwelt with the Spirit ourselves and the victory over evil powers won by Jesus, we are to exercise our image-bearing responsibilities in society
- Being made in the “image of God” and “love your neighbor as yourself” is the basis for human rights
- Loving your neighbor leads to loving your enemy
- Let us make sure our religiosity is where it belongs, not in a political leader or political ideology, but in God who rules a kingdom we are citizens of
- Christian’s in power should not seek control of all the power, but to do well in faithful public witness
- We stand against political movements that take Christ’s name in vain
- Faith is our defiance. This faith is expressed in love. This faith is more powerful than all power
- We defend our own witness and worship, and the liberties of others
- There are still gods in a godless age, we just translate anything that sounds traditionally religious with something else, such as politics
- We come with a vision of redemptive power, beauty, and joy. We come to bring prophetic warnings, encouragement, prayer, peacefulness, and a godly reputation. Sometimes, we need to be a nuisance.
- Apathetic or indifferent churches are more dangerous than empty churches



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# Treasurer's Report for April

Treasurer's Financial Summary for Apr 2024

Description	Jan-Apr 2024 Actual	Jan-Apr 2024 Budget
Income		
Total Giving	175,602.74	158,943.58
Other Income	5,746.24	4,488.81
Total Income	181,348.98	163,432.39
Spending		
Education and Ministry	13,898.61	13,676.67
Operating	40,663.47	25,055.55
Personnel & Related	122,292.46	124,700.17
Total Expenses	176,854.54	163,432.39
Net Income Year to Date	4,494.44	0.00

From January through April, we have taken in \$4,494.44 more than we have spent. This is much lower than last month because we paid out \$13,400 for the insurance expense for the whole year and received only about half as much in donations/pledging as in March.

Please continue your faithful giving!

Nancy Lamberson  
Treasurer

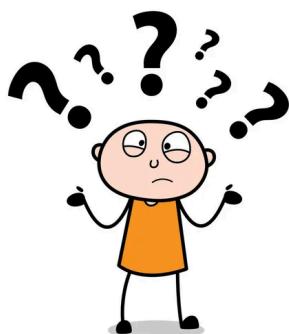
## Tech Help



If you've never used the Church Center app, here's an easy way to find it and get set up! You can use this link: <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/setup> or use this QR code to the right and follow the step by step instructions.



We are trying out doing sign ups for volunteer roles online this summer! If you would like to greet or take offering (those 2 jobs will now be split and you can do just one or the other if you prefer!), serve in the nursery or help with the camera/sound/livestream jobs, follow the link below or scan the QR code below. If those jobs don't show up as options for you but you'd like to be put on the teams, let a staff member know and we'll help you! We can also help if you have any difficulty with the app or computer stuff. <https://services.planningcenteronline.com/>



Confused? Need help? Ask a staff member or look for tech help folks in the Welcome Center on Sundays.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	June 2024						
1							1030am AFG District mtg
2	930am Worship Service 12pm Church Picnic - Baker Park 5pm The Cause (Youth Ministry)						8 All-day Auction setup
3	1130am Al-Anon 7pm Trustees	10am Knitters 630pm Stewards: Stewards Meeting 7pm NA 7pm Children's Ministry Support Committee: Meeting 7pm FLSO rehearsal	645am Connect CA 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast	1pm Bible Study	No events today		1 All-day Lamplighter due date
4							15 9am Stampin' Up
5							16 9am Silent Auction bidding
6							17 9am Men's Prayer Breakfast
7							18 9am Silent Auction bidding
8							19 9am Silent Auction bidding
9	All-day Silent Auction begins 930am Worship Service 1030am Graduate's Reception 5pm The Cause (Youth Ministry)	9am Silent Auction bidding 10am Worship Team: Worship Planning Team Meeting 1130am Al-Anon 230pm Connect MW 3pm ARC 7pm Cheerful Service Circle	645am Connect Victor 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9am Silent Auction bidding	1pm Bible Study			20 9am Men's Prayer Breakfast
10							21 No events today
11							22 No events today
12							23 No events today
13							24 No events today
14							25 No events today
15							26 No events today
16	All-day Silent Auction ends 930am Worship Service 12pm Young Adult Lunch	1130am Al-Anon 7pm Official Board: Meeting	7am Men's Prayer Breakfast	1pm Bible Study	No events today		27 No events today
17							28 No events today
18							29 630pm Red Wings Game
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30	930am Worship Service 1030am Brunch and Organ Hymn Sing						

# You are invited to Celebrate Emma and Phoebe's Graduations!

The Marshall and Russell families are throwing side-by-side parties for the girls.

When: Saturday, June 22nd from 2-5 PM

Where: Onanda Park, 4965 County Rd 16, Canandaigua

Emma's party is in Gorham Lodge

Phoebe's party is in Crouch Hall



We would love for you all to share this special day with us!

Let Deb or Carolyn know if you have any questions.



## Please join us!

Summer Cunningham's Graduation Open House

When: June 23rd 2-4 PM

Where: 3143 Ferguson Corners Road, Penn Yan

Please let us know if you plan to attend



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PLEASE JOIN  
THE STAFF RELATIONS  
& THE ORGAN CONCERT COMMITTEES  
IN CELEBRATING

KATERI ANDRESS

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH

BRUNCH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 9:30 SERVICE

FOLLOWED BY:

ORGAN CONCERT/HYMN SING

**\*\* Submit your favorite hymn requests.**

*Until June 16<sup>th</sup>, use the Organ Pipe Suggestion Box outside of  
the church office.*

*Kateri will play as many as possible.*

*And please*

**\*\* Sign up for breakfast contributions**

PLEASE HELP US THANK KATERI FOR THE  
THREE YEARS SHE USED MUSIC TO INSPIRE  
OUR WORSHIP.