

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
August 20, 2023

PRELUDER: *Improvisation on Amazing Grace*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: Beware of the slippery slope of sin - it leads us further away from God.

PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE: selections from David's Psalm 141

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd.

People: I am troubled, O Lord, and fearful. I cannot find my way to you.

Leader: I will give you what you need.

People: But I am weak; my courage has failed.

Leader: You are given healing, beloved child.

People: Take me beyond my wants and burdens.

Leader: You are invited to dwell in the house of peace forever.

All: Lord, we to you, seeking your healing love and salvation. AMEN.

*HYMN: #336 "God is My Great Desire"

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*OPENING PRAYER: Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. We pray 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: Psalm 32 (page 549) {A.B. page 623}

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Solid Rock"

Joy Van Riper (piano)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 6:1-10 (page 1155) {A.B. page 1293}

Sermon
"Secret Sins"
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #460 "Search Me O God"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Kyrie" by Giovanni Battista Martini

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #538 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Toccata in F Major; BuxWV 156" by Dieterich Buxtehude

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Arlene Willett, Wally Wake (Kathie Meredith's sister), Galen Marty (Mary Holm's father), David Sanford, David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram's daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

Cancer: Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccos), 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)

Recovering: Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army 2LT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) returned from deployment, 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.



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 August and September 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.

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.



Nursery needs

- Are you organized? Do you enjoy helping the church in “behind the scenes” ways? Please consider being the nursery coordinator. This person sets the schedule for the nursery, a simple training on how to make the 4 month schedule is provided. This person also ensures that nursery toys are cleaned every 6 months by engaging a team of volunteers to help. If you are interested, please see Deb Marshall.
- Do you enjoy spending time holding and playing with babies? Or do you enjoy playing with and reading to toddlers and preschoolers? Another need in the nursery is more volunteers! We plan to return to our “pre-COVID” model of one nursery during the 8:45am service and having an infant nursery AND a walker/preschool nursery during the 11:00am service. This means we need more of you to step up and help out caring for the youngest in our church family. If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Deb Marshall.



Bring your rubber gloves and elbow grease....



Kitchen Clean-It Day!

Saturday, September 9
9am-12 noon

After all the renovation dust has settled and before the start of our fall programs, the kitchen needs a good in-depth cleaning! Join a host of other cheerful workers as we wipe out the fridges, clean some dishes, and wipe down shelves, cabinets and carts. Many hands make light work! If you ever enjoy the benefits of the kitchen or use this well-stocked facility, please join us in this cleaning-frenzy!

Sign up on the sign on Deb's office door ~ or by calling the church office.

Thank YOU!!!!

Highlights for This Week!

- **Back to school angel tree items are due today.** Thank you for your generosity in helping many students have supplies they need for the school year!
- We need more **volunteers** to help in our **nursery**. You can choose how often you are able to serve. If you would enjoy playing with the youngest of our church family so that their parents can be filled and refreshed during a Sunday service, please let Deb Marshall know.
- **Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM**, men are invited to the annual **SunUp Saturday men's breakfast!** Location: Blue Heron Pavilion in the town of Canandaigua.
- Next **Sunday, August 27, after service**, please join us for **prayer** in our newly renovated **downstairs dining room**. For those that are able and willing, a **community prayer walk** will follow.

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 our Worship service. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. During the summer, Room 11 is used for nursery care. 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 Children's Time today. After the children's sermon, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to the Fellowship Room for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

SunUp Saturday – Men's Breakfast Event

On Saturday, **August 26, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM**, men are invited to the annual SunUp Saturday men's breakfast! Like previous years, we will be hosting the event at the **Blue Heron Pavilion** in the town of Canandaigua. Please sign up on the sheet outside the youth office if interested in attending OR interested in preparing food.



MISSIONS

Faith and Action

Connections – Partnership

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Collaborative actions continue to help Canandaigua Flood victims to "rise up". Family Promise of Ontario County is providing temporary housing for a family whose basement wall caved in.

Money collected in our community is continuing to be distributed to assist replacement of furnaces, water heaters, washers and dryers, and for many the electrical panel (circuit breaker box) that must be replaced.

Tuesday, August 22nd, your mission committee will prepare to make a contribution from our budget. The contribution will be a United Church contribution. Pray for wisdom as the committee makes a decision.

If able, you can assist: Help someone "get back up".

A Canandaigua Area Flooding Assistance Recovery Fund has been created to aid in recovery efforts, and Canandaigua National Bank & Trust has matched the first \$10,000 raised by the community for recovery efforts. The community is encouraged to donate to the Fund online or at area CNB branches. Distribution of the fund will be made by the United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes, the Salvation Army, and Partnership for Ontario County.

Donations can be made to FLACE at CNBank.com/FLACE, under the account *Canandaigua Area Flooding Assistance Fund* or at CNB branches in Canandaigua, Victor, Farmington, Shortsville, Bloomfield, and Geneva. Checks can be made payable to:

*FLACE Canandaigua Area Flooding Assistance Recovery Fund.
Praise for gifts given.*

Every little bit helps. Together we make a difference. Our time and financial resources tell our neighbors they are not alone.



Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. (**CCIA has made an urgent request for: Cereal, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (spaghetti or elbow), Can Corn, Can Soups, Can Pork and Beans**) Thank you for your generous contributions.



Called to Care, Canandaigua will hold its monthly general meeting on Monday, August 21st from 4-6pm at the United Church. Eric Lintala, Community Engagement Manager at World Relief Western NY, will offer another information and training session. This is a wonderful opportunity for those considering serving on a United Church "Good Neighbor Team" to learn more about refugees, World Relief, and how a local church is empowered to serve the most vulnerable. Called to Care, Canandaigua was formed in April of 2022 with its first meeting right here in the Fellowship Room. Our first Ukrainian family arrived in late December. Since then we have welcomed and resettled 20 individuals from Ukraine, Haiti, and Guatemala and assisted each of them in establishing new and safe lives here in Canandaigua. We invite YOU to join us in this rewarding and important work of "welcome and resettlement."

Important Fall Dates!

- September 10, 2023
- return to **2 services** at 8:45am and 11:00am
 - **Sunday School kick off** for ALL ages in *newly renovated* downstairs dining room at 9:45am; please bring a dish to pass (fruit, muffins, hot casserole, quick breads, etc.)
 - **The Cause** kick-off at 5pm
- September 17, 2023
- **Sunday school begins** for all ages at 9:45am
 - **Third graders** receive their own **Bible** at 11:00am service



Back to School Angel Tree – items due TODAY

The Back to School Angel Tree is up in the welcome center. Some of these tags are for specific students who need help getting ready for back to school. Some tags are to support The Spot, which is a local non-profit that gives hundreds of local kids everything they need to start the school year. Please return purchased items today so that they can be sorted and delivered to families in time for school orientation/meet the teacher days; or given to The Spot. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Marshall. Thank you!

New Dining Room Blessing and Prayer Walk

Join us on **Sunday, August 27** after the 9:30 service as we head to the basement and pray together to bless the space for the many ministries that will take place there. After we pray as a large group, those who are willing and able are invited to break into small groups of 3-5 people and walk around our community to pray for Canandaigua. Each group will be given specific places to walk to and particular items to pray for at those locations. This walk will last approximately 30 minutes, so those who participate in the prayer of dedication and the walk will likely be back at church around 11:30 am.



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



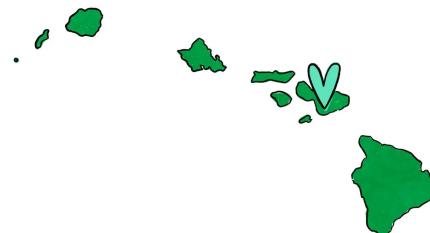
Bible Presentation for our 3rd graders!

Sunday, September 17, during 11:00 worship

This is one of our favorite Sundays ~ when we present our 3rd graders with their very own Bibles. The Bible we present is the NIV Adventure Bible. May this be the beginning of a life-long discipline of reading and studying God's Word! An amazing gift to us all! Please join us after the 11:00 service for cake and punch in the fellowship room.

Praising Paddlers!

Come join us with your kayak, canoe, or paddleboard at **1:00 pm on Labor Day, Sept 4th**, for our last outing! The group will be meeting at **Canandaigua Lake's West River Woodville state boat launch** and expects to be out for about 2 hours.



If you would like to help with **relief efforts in Hawaii**, following the devastating wildfires, you can give additional funds through American Baptist One Great Hour of Sharing.

Checks (payable to OGHS and designated to "Hawaii Wildfire") should be **mailed directly to ABHMS' Office of Development, care of Kim Wilkins, 1075 First Avenue, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406**. They should also include the name of the donor's church to ensure that it receives credit for the gift.

The World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA administers the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual OGHS offering received by churches.

United Way
United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes

The Partnership
for Ontario County

Foodlink
NOURISHING LIVES

Public Health
Ontario County, NY

Choose Health Ontario

Canandaigua Churches in Action (www.churchesinaction.org)

CANANDAIGUA POP-UP FOOD PANTRY

JULY 24

AUGUST 28

SEPTEMBER 25

OCTOBER 23

NOVEMBER 27

DECEMBER 18

**11:00-12:30 PM/
UNTIL FOOD
IS GONE**

**TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BARN
5440 ROUTE 5 & 20
CANANDAIGUA, NY 14424
PLEASE ENTER ON BUFFALO
STREET**

**All are welcome.
No public restrooms.
Please do not get in line before 9:30 am.
First come, first served.**

Are you interested in joining the United Church? Save the date!

An **Exploring Membership** class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 24th, from noon - 1:00 pm.**
The purpose of the class is to help you learn more about The United Church and encourage you to consider membership.

During the class, you'll learn about the church's history and how the church is connected to two denominations. You might be wondering what this means and how this works? We will talk about how the church is organized/governed and what it means to become a member. We will discuss the various boards and committees in the congregation. You will learn more about the staff and worship services.

There will be plenty of time for you to ask questions about the church or me, Pastor Wade Allen, personally. I'd love to have you join us, and please understand there's no commitment to join just by attending the class. I'd love to get to know you better and spend this time with you. If you can attend the class, register at this link or contact the church office and we'll get you registered. A light lunch will be served.

<https://bit.ly/uccdga-em>

Notes & Doodles:

