

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

February 12, 2023

PRELUDE: “Chaconne” by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

## OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (hymn #452)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 119)

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God’s ways.

**People: Blessed are those who observe God’s commandments.**

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

**People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**All: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.**

\*HYMN: #34 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

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\*OPENING PRAYER: (Deuteronomy 30, Matthew 5)

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to your ways. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI: #807

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (page 201) {A.B. page 228}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Medley: Change My Heart and Lord, Be Glorified” (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Sharon Erb

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 119:1-8 (page 607) {A.B. page 681}

Sermon

“Heart Exam”

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

\*HYMN: #584 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Improvisation in A-flat Major*

\*DOXOLOGY: #809

\*HYMN: (on pink insert) “Change My Heart, O God”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” by Lani Smith

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Kristy Aldrich, whose aunt, Donna Schoenacker, passed away on January 31st. Please keep the Aldrich family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Karen Roaix, Louis and Carolyn Verspoor, David Sanford, Kathy Mills, Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Brexton Bigos-Stocker (grandson of Ardelle Bigos), Dylan Smith (friend of Kat McFetridge), Shane Collins (staff at LeTourneau), Matthew Gullace

**Cancer:** 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 DiCiccios)

**Recovering:** Randy Secrest (Helen's son), Mary Jane Laird, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** 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 Giovantti – 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.*

*The roses today are in remembrance of Barbara Bernard, Lynn's wife, who passed away 5 years ago this week. Please feel free to take one and share them as you leave today.*



## MISSIONS

### *Faith and Action*



**CONNECTED to Christ  
and to one another  
“Faith in action”**



**Connected in Canandaigua** January 30<sup>th</sup> local family units received fresh blackberries, cabbage, onions, bread and mini-muffins, frozen meat, and more from Canandaigua's "Pop-Up Food Pantry". Nine United Church members joined many other volunteers filling bags with food, directing the traffic line, and placing food bags into vehicles. The Partnership for Ontario County and CCIA sponsored this distribution. (Next Ontario County Pop-Up food distribution will be February 27<sup>th</sup>.)

**Connected in Nicaragua** A nine member Elmira – Canandaigua team will travel to Nicaragua this week to install a solar electric system in the rural community. El Secorro was the village for the first NY and PA/DE Baptist delegation in 2015. The team will add solar electricity to the clinic more and additional in the community NY Baptist first visited in 2015. During the 2015 visit a shower was added to the clinic and some home water filters were installed.

**Pray** for Lynn, Mike, and Don as they again share with Baptist missionary Christy Lafferty, our AMOS friends in Nicaragua, and the El Secorro community February 7-19.

**Connected in Canandaigua** Continue to bring food items to the Welcome Center's food cart. CCIA and the Salvation Army are both receiving an increased number of food requests. Beginning this month SNAP provided benefits are returning to the preCOVID reduced level.

**Connected in Mexico** the World network in in the communities of in Tekax assisting with plant operators for



**Pray** for Ken and Linda as they return to the Living Waters for Mexico's Yucatan to visit mission partners and water committees Cedralito, Limones, and Tabi. They end their February 13-20 trip the LWW Yucatán Network Conference which gathers some 200 yearly training.

**Connected in Christ!**

**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!**

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**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 or Deb Marshall.

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**Children's Time** ~ There is Children's Time today. After the children's sermon, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

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**Relay for Life Flower Sale** ~ Our new annual flower sale to support **Relay for Life** (our church team is United Against Cancer) will be held for the next few Sundays. Please see Susan & Sandi at our table in the Gathering Area to order.

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*Congrats  
&  
Thank You!*

We would like to congratulate and say thank you to **Virginia Holroyd** for **15 years** of serving on staff at the United Church.

She has held three positions during this time:  
Special Member Visitation Director; Church Coordinator;  
and Adult Education director.

**Thank You Virginia!**

Your contributions to our church family are very much appreciated.

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**Tech Help Day** ~ If you've been struggling with any technology related issues around the new church website, the Church Center app, online directory, online giving, viewing live streams or even just scanning QR codes, we'd like to help!



On Sunday, **Feb 19th, between 9:45-10:45**, we will have patient helpers in the Fellowship Room to guide you through whatever sticking points you're having. Bring with you any devices you're trying to use (smartphone, tablet, or laptop). If you know you plan on coming, please sign up on the bulletin board. Thanks!

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### **Sunday happenings...**

#### **TODAY –**

**Sunday, February 12, 2023 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

*Communicants Class begins at 9:45 am*

Service at 11:00am

**Workcamp meeting 12noon**

**Sunday, February 19, 2023 –**

Service at 8:45am

**Tech Help in the Fellowship Room at 9:45**

Service at 11:00am

**Sunday, February 26, 2023 –**

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

*Communicants Class at 9:45 am*

Service at 11:00am  
The Cause, 5-7:30pm

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### **Are you interested in joining the United Church?**

An Exploring Membership class is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, at noon. 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 Pastor Wade Allen personally. We'd love to have you join us, and please understand there's no commitment to join just by attending the class. We'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.



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### **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.



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## **YOUTH CLUB**

**Our Wednesday afterschool ministry**

**For children in grades 2 – 8**

**After school – 6:30 October through April**

**Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time**

Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn't do it without your help!

### **Parent Duties:**

#### **Kitchen Clean Up – Wednesdays, 6pm til done**

Feb. 15 – Sheppard x2, Pasquarelli

Feb. 22 – No Youth Club – Winter Break

#### **Snack for 42 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays**

Feb. 15 – Reding

Feb. 22 – No Youth Club – Winter Break

#### **Family Time Themes:**

Feb. 15 – Airplane Night

Feb. 22 – No Youth Club – Winter Break

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**February is Birthday Bag month at Youth Club!** Youth Club students will decorate and fill Birthday Bags for the Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA) Food Pantry. These birthday bags will be available at the food pantry for families celebrating birthdays! This project has been well received!

### **Donations needed are:**

- box cake mix
- can frosting
- birthday candles
- birthday napkins
- colorful balloons



**Please bring donations to Deb's office TODAY. Thank you!**

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## Baking for Youth Club!



Calling all bakers! We serve dessert to our Youth Club kids and volunteers each week. Sometimes we like to enjoy homemade desserts. If you see something you'd be able to bake, please let Deb Marshall know. Desserts need to be delivered to church by Wednesday at 4:00pm. Often more than one baker helps to make the quantity needed.

**For March 29th – 6 dozen Easter cut out cookies** (cross shaped cookie cutters available to borrow)

## ADULT EDUCATION

### PARENTING CLASS

Sundays, from 9:45-10:45am, in the **Fellowship Room** - Coffee, snacks, and conversation with other parents!



### BOOK OF JOHN

Sundays, from 9:45-10:45am, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – Join us as we finish up our series on the Book of John!

### BOOK OF PSALMS

Starting Sunday, **February 26**, from 9:45-10:45am, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – Join us for a new series on the Book of Psalms! This is an 8-week series that will walk us through major themes of these Scriptures!



### IRON SHARPENS IRON – MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **March 18th, 2023** in Buffalo NY, all men (ages 13 and up) are invited to join our church in attending this annual conference. Interested in attending? Sign up is in the hallway!

### ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE!

We have a date reserved for our annual adult retreat! Please reserve **November 4, 2023** on your calendar. We will be enjoying our event at the beautiful **Letourneau Christian Center**, once again! More details to come as we get closer.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### WEEKLY CONNECT

**Saturdays, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**, at the **church**, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job.



### MEAL DONATIONS

Would you like to support our hungry young adults? Volunteer to provide a meal on the signup sheet in the hallway!

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING & M&M FUNDRAISER

**TODAY**, our youth will be conducting these annual fundraisers! Money raised for the Souper Bowl of Caring will go to **Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA)**, and the M&M Fundraiser will support our **workcamp trip to Woonsocket, Rhode Island**.



### WORKCAMP MEETING

**TODAY at 12:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Room**, Workcampers (and at least one parent) are asked to attend this important meeting. A light lunch will be provided.



### CONCERT

Is your student interested in joining our group to see **For King & Country** on **April 20**? If so, sign up outside the youth office!



### LASERGEDDON

On March 4, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 6-12 grade students are invited to join our youth group (along with other area youth groups) at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. Please register your students at the following website:

<https://crosswinds.church/lasergeddon/>



The shopping cart for collecting **food donations** will be in the Gathering Area every Sunday due to increased needs in the community. We will alternate taking the donations to the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Thank you for your generosity!



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 February sign up sheet is 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.

### Medley: Change My Heart and Lord, Be Glorified (Choir)

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

**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](mailto:virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org)

### LOCAL Service Opportunity!

We are gathering a team of youth and adults to help at LeTourneau Christian Center. LeTourneau needs some people who can help with deep cleaning and kitchen prep. They also need some who can help with specific projects that require skills, such as mudding/sanding walls, painting, laying flooring, and even roofing. Please let Deb Marshall know if you have interest in being on this team.



For adults that still love puzzles ... (Solution from last week was TIMOTHY)  
 Can you solve the puzzle this week? It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

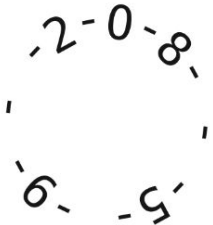
1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!



2	1	7	1	5	1	9	3	5	3
1	2	6	3	4	9	2	9	0	9
7	8	2	8	0	8	1	3	1	0
8	1	9	1	6	7	5	6	5	4
2	9	2	4	7	0	6	4	9	3
8	1	0	8	3	7	3	0	5	2
4	6	1	5	1	0	6	3	9	5
1	8	4	7	9	4	0	4	3	0
4	6	2	0	3	5	8	9	1	4
6	3	0	7	5	4	3	8	3	6

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z