The Lamplighter



The United Church 11 Gibson Street



Canandaigua, NY 585-394-0503

Worship Service 8:45 and 11:00 am

January 2022

Rev. Dr. Wade Allen



- Only 11:00 service (no 8:45) - Trustees, 7 pm - Stewards, 7 pm 1 - Organ Concert (Chelsea Chen), 7:30 pm	TEMULIE V
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Jan 15 – Youth ice skating, 2 pm Jan 17 – Church office closed – MLK Day

Jan 17 – Official Board, 7 pm

Jan 23 – Remembrance Service, 11 am

Jan 23 – Annual Congregational Meeting and Potato Bar fundraiser, 12 pm

Jan 29 – Family Sledding event at Mertensia Park, 1-3 pm

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Special Member Birthday

JANUARY

21 – **Debbie Gardner**





BIRTHS:

We welcome **Elisha Henry Busch**, son of **Jim and Lydia Busch**, who was born on November 19th at home. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

REMEMBERING:

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of **George Reineke**, who passed away on November 27th. Please keep his daughters, **Lois Day** and **Linda Johnstone**, and their families in your prayers during this difficult time.

* Please let the church office know of your family news.

MEMBER CARE: If you are aware of anyone in our church family who is ill, having surgery, who had a death in the family, is having troubles in some way? Are you missing your neighbor who sits in the pew next to yours? Or do you know someone who has a happy occasion to celebrate, please let us know!! The Staff works with the **Outreach and Congregation Care Committee** to connect with members of our church family who need encouragement and recognition. **We care about you!** Call the church office or Outreach Chair: Sue Vadney, at

(585) 739-8615

Thanks so much for your cards and prayers after my recent fall. Your care and concern has meant so much. Thank you for your kind thoughtfulness. **Kathy Eagan**



From your **United Against Cancer Relay for Life Team: Daffodil Days** may be back!! Keep a watch out for more information with sales beginning in February. :-)



The Annual Meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the Dining Room, on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Immediately after the 11:00 service the youth will host a baked potato and salad lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2022 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2020, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.

Potato Bar Fundraiser

Come hungry to the Annual Meeting on 1/23/22!
Our youth are holding their Potato Bar Fundraiser again!
Buy tickets after church 1/16 or 1/23.

Proceeds help with Worksomp expenses



Proceeds help with Workcamp expenses.

If you'd like to sign up to help with the fundraiser, please see the sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board.



Youth Club

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in 2nd—8th grade

3:15-6:30 ~ October through April

Bring a Friend Night is January 19, 2022! On this night, each Youth Club student is allowed to bring one friend to Youth Club for Bring a Friend Luau! We will follow our usual Youth Club schedule, there will just be more of

Also, the middle school students will go out to Tom Wahls for dinner.

We need to know if your child is bringing a friend by Friday, January 14th so that we can be sure to

have enough volunteers to drive/walk kids to church and to help throughout the evening. We also want to make sure we have enough food! :)

If you or your child have any questions, please ask Deb Marshall.



Youth Club Themes:

January 5—Epiphany Night!

January 12—"Snow What Fun" Night!

January 19—Bring a Friend Luau (MS Night Out)

January 26-Puzzle Night!

Y.C. Parent Duties— Kitchen Clean Up

© Jan 5: Piper, McFetridge

- © Jan 12: Shepherd, Clark
- © Jan 19: Buono, Corbett
- © Jan 26: French, Clark

Y.C. Parent Duties— Snack (for 50 kids)

© Jan 5: Aldrich

© Jan 12: Buono

© Jan 19: Corbett

© Jan 26: Cloutier

Youth Club Service Project: Birthday Bags for CCIA

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

a can frosting

birthday candles

birthday napkins

a colorful balloons

Please bring donations to Deb's office by Feb 6th. Thank you!

Bakers/Prep needed for Youth Club:

© For Jan 19th make jello ahead of time

© For Jan 26th - 3 dozen brownies © For Feb 2nd - 3

dozen frosted cupcakes

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDS:



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Sunday, January 23rd, we'll have a special segment during the Services to remember our church members who passed away in 2021. A bell will chime after each person's name is read aloud. Families of the deceased members will be invited to worship with us, either in-person or online.

THE STEWARDS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW...

...which members are turning 90 yrs. old this year!! If you are, or you know of a church member who is, we'd love to know because at age 90, these members become part of our wonderful group of Special Members! Please contact Virginia Holroyd at the office or email her at: virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org.



Special Members are those in their 90s, and/or who are homebound, in nursing homes, or need temporary special care. The twelve members of the **Board of Stewards** visit our Special Members regularly.

THE STEWARDS ASSISTANCE FUND helps those in our congregation who need temporary financial assistance during challenging times.



If you or someone you know in our church family needs a little help, please contact Virginia at the church office or at virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org. All distributions are kept confidential. Thanks so much to all those who have donated monies to this Fund in the past. In 2021, we distributed over \$9,500.00 which helped pay for groceries, medicine, rent, car repairs, heating,

home repairs and other essentials.

Donations may be made to the Assistance Fund at any time during the year. We also have special collections for this Fund on the first Sundays in April - June and October - December.

2021 CHRISTMAS CARD MINISTRY FOR SPECIAL MEMBERS: Thanks so much to the entire congregation for sending Christmas cards to our Special Members. The Stewards received many heartfelt expressions of appreciation from them about how joyful and encouraging it was to receive cards from their church family!!

ADDITIONAL THANKS from the Stewards: The Sanctuary looked beautiful for the season of Advent and for Christmas. Thanks to all those who helped the Stewards decorate the church, and thanks to all those who purchased poinsettia plants in remembrance of loved ones and in honor of others.

The GREETER SIGN-UP SHEET needs YOU!!

We need **Greeters** for both Services each Sunday in **January**. These volunteers greet people as they enter the church building and they hand out Bulletins.



The Board of Steward Greeter Coordinator for January is: Shirley Kem

The **Sign-up Sheet** is on the Church Office door. This is a terrific way to serve and connect with your church family! Reminders are emailed the Friday before the Sunday you're volunteering. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley or call the Office. We really, really appreciate your help!

Stewardship

If you have not yet submitted a pledge form, you may return your forms to the offering plate, the pledge box, via the mail or even do it online at our website or by scanning this code.





United in Action ~ Following Christ

Our generous God gave his only son. In response we give.



"You are an incredible congregation. Thank you." This quote or a similar expression of gratitude has been exclaimed multiple times from:

- the Canandaigua Salvation Army for Bell Ringing, the multiple filled bags from the Angel Tree, and food delivery
- American Baptist international missions
- CCIA for coats and winter clothing collection and food delivery
- Church World Service for blanket Sunday Special Offering
- Presbyterian missions
- Nicaragua Baptist AMOS staff
- and others

Thanks for the prayerful support of mission operations around the world. Jesus' love knows no language nor cultural boundary. Our mission workers are giving testimony across language and cultural barriers. They are meeting challenges from lack of vaccine for virus and also political/economic instability in many countries.

United Church of Canandaigua and Elmira Baptist have planned a January installation of solar electric illumination for

three remote Nicaragua clinics. Twenty-five clinics are supervised by AMOS, an American Baptist Mission effort. (We installed solar electric systems in 2018, 19, and 20. AMOS staff has been trained to operate the systems.) The lack of vaccine in Nicaragua, the recommendation of US State Department, and the political/economic uncertainty have altered team travel. Pray for the Nicaraguans completing the January installation of components already purchased. Include prayers for the twenty-five community health promoters



Continue prayers for Ken and Linda preparing to lead the February Living Waters for the World installation in Tabi, Mexico.

Continue Joyfully serving our Savior and inviting others to join the Fellowship of Believers. To God be the Glory.

Silent Auction 2022



The Missions Committee is planning a Silent Auction for the second weekend in June 2022. We are asking you to prayerfully consider how you can help us raise money for our Trip Fund by participating as a donor of an auction item, a member of the planning committee, a bidder at the auction, or an auction worker. It takes much planning and many hands to make this happen. We would appreciate any help you can give us.

The funds raised for our Trip Fund will assist our Youth and Adults as they go out into the mission field. For example: past Workcamp trips by the Youth Group, Mission Trips to Mexico to install clean water plants through Living Waters for the World, and Mission Trips to Nicaragua with AMOS to provide health clinics, computer labs and libraries.

Donations for the auction can be home crafted items, store bought items, gift baskets, pledges of your time or talents to help someone (such as 1 hour of gardening or babysitting time); antiques, a boat ride on Canandaigua Lake, a home cooked meal for a group of people, etc.

To volunteer to help plan, please contact Regina Allen at 585-398-3918. Please watch the website for updates!

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SAVE THE DATES!

MONUMENTAL VBS

Celebrating God's Greatness

July 18-22, 2022, 9am-12noon



Sunday Morning Info.

NURSERY CARE

is offered during:

8:45am Worship Service

9:45-10:45am Sunday School Hour

11:00am Worship Service

Please let Deb Marshall know if you'd like to volunteer in the nursery. All volunteers must complete a background check.

OGHS Fish Banks

Thanks for your participation in the Children's Thanksgiving Offering. Fish banks have been "reeled in" and we will report our "catch" in February's lamplighter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 9—SS resumes for all ages (3 years old - adult)

February 20—no Sunday School (beginning of Feb. break)

Children's Time is offered for children in K-2nd grade during the 11:00am worship service. After the children's sermon, have your child follow leaders to the fellowship room for an ageappropriate lesson.





Upcoming Youth Dates

1/9 - Cause (5-7:30)

1/15 – MS and HS Ice Skating Event (2-3:20)

1/16 – Workcamp Meeting #2 (12:00)

1/16 - Cause (5-7:30)

1/23 - Cause (5-7:30)

1/30 - Cause (5-7:30)

Potato Bar Fundraiser

1/23/22 during the church's Annual Meeting. Proceeds help with workcamp expenses.

There are many ways to help. Teens attending workcamp are expected to volunteer in some capacity and contribute \$5 towards supplies or donate a crockpot of chili for the event.

Please sign up on the youth bulletin board or by emailing a Youth Committee member.



We're Going Ice Skating!

Who: Middle and High School Students

When: Saturday, January 15th

Where: Greater Canandaigua Civic Center (GCCC), 250 North

Bloomfield Rd.

We'll cover the cost of admission and skate rental Bring money for concessions.

GCCC recommends protective head gear - bring your bike helmet.

Medical form will be needed - fill out and return to Chelsea ahead of time, or bring it the day of the event.

Open skate is from 2-3:20. Meet at GCCC at 1:50. Parents pick students back up at 3:20.

The Return of Lasergeddon

We know you'll be excited that popular overnight lasertag++ event is back this year!

The event runs from 8:00 pm 2/18 to 7:30 am 2/19. Register at https://crosswinds.church/lasergeddon/ Cost is \$25 if you register before 1/16 and \$30 if you register later. Registration is currently set to close on 2/6 but we recommend you register sooner rather than later in case they reach capacity early. Scholarships are available to our youth if needed.

Come Join us for Workcamp - July 9-16, 2022 in Dexter, ME

Workcamp preparations are under way! If you missed our informational meeting in December and have questions, reach out to Chelsea, Pastor Wade (he's attending!), Ray McMillen, or anyone on the Youth Committee.

\$50 deposit is due by 1/16/22 to secure your spot.

Second workcamp meeting will be 12:00 on 1/16 in the dining room.

We have a number of fundraisers planned to help offset part of the cost of the trip. Scholarships are available if needed.

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FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @UnitedChurchYouthCDGA

Instagram: united_church_youth



Epiphany

A new year often brings renewed energy and focus; resolutions abound. Treadmills at the YMCA are filled only to be empty within a few weeks. As we turn over our calendars, we transition into a new church season. January 6 marks the feast of Epiphany (in the West), which celebrates the coming of the Magi. So from the birth of Jesus to the arrival of the Magi, we have twelve days (thus the twelve days of Christmas). This year, we will remain the season of Christmas on January 2 and step into Epiphany on January 9. Epiphany, therefore, is the Christian season between Christmas and Lent. Often overshadowed by other seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter), we don't always pay attention to Epiphany. So what is Epiphany?

Epiphany is a season that celebrates Jesus revealed to the world. Some traditions emphasize the star that led the wise men, connecting it to Jesus as the light of the world. Through this season, we will be walking through the life of Jesus. From the child visited by the Magi to the adult baptized by John, Jesus' life and ministry take us to Calvary. I love walking through this season each year. And while we have heard the story of Jesus over and over, we never grow weary of the complexities of gospel accounts.

As we enter the season of Epiphany, allow me to encourage you to approach this season with a renewed focus. As we consider resolutions for 2022, might we vow to come to this study of Jesus' life with increased energy and commitment? Might we read the scriptures in preparation for worship each Sunday? And may God shed His light on the story that never grows old.



Upcoming sermons

- January 02 Word Made Flesh (John 1:1-18)
- January 09 Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:15-22)
- January 16 The First Miracle (John 2:1-11)
- January 23 Rejected at Home (Luke 4:14-21)
 January 30 Trust and Obey (Luke 4:21-30)





Reminder: On December 26 and January 2, we will have only ONE service of worship at 11:00 am (no early service.)

Fellowship Events



The January **Stampin' Up** class is scheduled for **Jan 15** at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room. We will make the 5 cards pictured. Please call or email Sharon Meyer (585-924-8792 or shargmeyer@gmail.com) to sign up by Jan 9.



Curious about Winter Family Camp at Beaver Camp?

(Especially after reading about the fun time the Cunningham family had at the Fall Family Camp!)

Get ready for a brand-new, all-inclusive winter adventure in the Adirondacks. They'll cook the meals, provide the skis, tubes, and games, and make sure there's plenty of hot chocolate to enjoy in Beaver Lodge. Each family will have plenty of space to hang out. Bring your snowmobiles and enjoy local trails!



The dates are Feb 25-27, 2022. Go to https://beavercamp.org/camps-and-retreats/family-retreats
For more info or to register.

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Sunday School schedule for adults this month:

- January 2: No Sunday School (for all ages) on New Year's weekend.
- January 9: Sunday School classes for all ages resume today at 9:45!
- <u>January 16, 23, 30</u>: Classes continue at 9:45. Any changes due to weather or health concerns will be announced on our church website uccdga.org.

Zoom option: We plan to continue offering this online alternative for participation in adult Sunday School. Though we may have more than one class meeting simultaneously on Sunday mornings, just one class will be presented via Zoom. An email will be sent out to participants containing the link for joining the online class time. The link doesn't change, so once you have it, you're set! If you wish to receive the link at any time, please contact Paul Johnson by email or at 585-794-2746.

Adult Sunday School classes for January, 2022, and beyond:

- Young Adults class: Meeting in the Bell Tower room at 9:45 especially for those aged 18 30-ish. Discussion will dive into current topics affecting each of us today. How do we take on the world as followers of Jesus Christ? Leaders: Ric & Ellen Parsons and Wendy Bacon.
- Book of "Judges": This Bible study will use the "Engaging God's Word" guide and run for 5 sessions. Our study guide book is the same one that covered the book of Joshua in the fall of 2021, so if you already have that book, you're good to go. Anyone who'd like to join this class may request a guide book see Paul. Our class discussion leader is Steve Simpson, and the class meets in the Fellowship Room.
- A **topical** class will also be offered, meeting downstairs in the Dining Room. Please watch the bulletin, the church website uccdga.org, and the Adult Education bulletin board for details of our classes. We are making plans during this winter and spring for a series on the Lord's Prayer, occasional documentaries about Christian topics or believers' stories, discussions based on Pastor Wade's sermons, and a consideration of the spiritual gifts distributed by the Holy Spirit in our United Church congregation. Join in!

Questions, suggestions, info: Paul Johnson, Dir. of Adult Education, 585-794-2746