

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

December 29, 2024

New Year Prayer Service

**PRELUDE:** *“Worship the King Medley arr. M. Ham*

**WELCOME**

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 100

**\*HYMN: #45 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**FAMILY MINISTRY:** Deuteronomy 6:5-7

**MISSIONS:** Matthew 28:18-20

**CARE MINISTRY:** James 5:13-16

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Make Me A Channel” Mike O’Brien

**CHURCH LIFE:** Hebrews 10:24-25

**OPERATIONS:** I Corinthians 12:4-7

**WORSHIP:** Psalm 96:1-4

**\*HYMN: #2 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

**STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:** I Peter 5:2-4

**\*HYMN: #522 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**SCRIPTURE:** Philippians 1:3-6

**\*HYMN: #60 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *“God Leads Us Medley arr. M. Ham*

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Stephen Cole, Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Maverick, Deanna Stocker and Carly Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Jack Schermond

**Cancer:** Alex Clark (son of Rob and Natalie), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), David Gerstner (Nancy's husband), Ruth Krop (friend of MacKenzie Brown), Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), Regina Allen, Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve & Beth Smythe's friend), Tom & Monica Yurik (Bruce & Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

**Recovering:** Wendy Stoddard, Sara Scharr, Arlene Willett

**Comfort and Peace:** Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** JJ Callard (USN) just graduated bootcamp, US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

**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)

## **Highlights for This Week!**

- All are invited to an **Intergenerational Sunday school class** on **January 5th at 9:45am** in the **downstairs dining room**. Please bring a dish to pass if you're able.
- The **Parent/Child Library** in the upstairs chapel has been **refreshed** with **LOTS of new books!** All families are welcome to use the Parent/Child library at any time. **Please sign the book(s) out** and return within 4 weeks. Any questions? See Deb Marshall

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**Nursery care** is offered during service ~ The Preschool Nursery (Room 11) is available.

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**Children's Time** ~ There is no Children's Time (children's church) today. **Worship packets** are available at both **front entrances** of the sanctuary. Children are welcome to use these during the service. **Please return the reusable items** at the end of the service. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family.

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**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. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

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**Some upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):**

Jan 12 – Info meeting for Boyce Memorial  
Jan 26 – Annual Congregational Meeting

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**We need more nursery volunteers.** If you are interested in serving in the nursery, please see Louise VanIseghem or Deb Marshall. All volunteers will need to complete a background check.





## Faith and Action Christmas Joy Offering

Each year, in December, our United Church receives an offering which is used to honor and thank church leaders who have devoted their lives to faithfully guiding us as we strive to follow Jesus. Our church combines the Presbyterian Joy offering, the American Baptist Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering and the America for Christ offering into our one Christmas offering.

As we remember the wondrous works of Christ let us show our love and our thanks by giving generously to our Christmas Joy offering. You may use the pew/boxed envelopes, indicate Christmas offering on your check, or choose the Christmas Joy fund for online giving.

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**Worldwide Documentaries is partnering with Called to Care, Canandaigua** for a special screening of "Running to Stand Still: Migrants Search for Hope in the Promised Land" on January 7th, 5:00pm, at Wood Library. Admission is free but registration is requested at the Library.

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### Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

We all know of the devastation left by Hurricane Helene, especially in western North Carolina. The rebuild of that area will take years! We all wonder what we can do to help in addition to providing funds. **The mission team is coordinating an inter-generational work trip to Fairview, NC** which is just 11 miles from Asheville the week of April 14. Seabees Outreach Ministry, a ministry of Navy veterans, is establishing a work camp there to help locals devastated by the hurricane. They have assured us that they will find appropriate work for any skill level. **Please join us for an informational meeting on Jan. 19** after the second service. If you cannot attend the meeting feel free to reach out to Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com).

### Stewardship

Our stewardship season is underway, and so far we've received **112** pledge forms back with **\$328,643** pledged to Operating and **\$101,798** to Missions. Our goal is to have 130 families pledging. To meet the needs of the proposed 2025 budget, we are hoping to have **\$398,160** pledged to the Operating side. The Missions team forms their budget *after* the Missions pledges come in. Last year they worked with a budget of about \$107,000.

Follow the progress on the FROG poster outside the main office. A mailing went out recently containing the forms, but there are extras in the Welcome Center near the office. You may return forms in the offering plate, in the Welcome Center box, or by mailing them in. You can also make your pledge and/or request envelopes online by following this QR code:



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### Youth Club - our after school ministry for 2nd-8th graders

Wednesdays, after school - 6:30pm

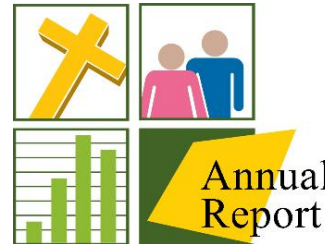
Our night includes: Recreation, Worship, Bible study, and Family Time (dinner)

*No Youth Club on January 1*

**Youth Club will resume on January 8**

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

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Are you the person in charge of writing the **annual report** for your committee or group? If so, please send your report to the office ASAP. (If you need end of year numbers, then ASAP after Jan 1st.) If having last years' report would be helpful to you, let Carolyn know.