

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

January 19, 2025

PRELUDE: *Quodlibet on 'Slane' by Christa Rakich*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Believers can bring their needs to Jesus.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Glorify Your Name” (hymn #10)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, for the Master of the banquet calls us to celebrate

People: We gather to worship the One who transforms water into wine

Leader: Come, bringing your everyday concerns to Jesus

People: We trust in the One who turns our ordinary into His extraordinary

Leader: Come, for God is doing a new thing among us

All: We come to witness His glory, to believe, and to receive new life in His name

*HYMN: #89 “Our Great Savior”

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*OPENING PRAYER: Gracious God, as we gather to witness your glory revealed at Cana, transform our ordinary worship into an extraordinary encounter with your presence. Just as Jesus turned water into wine, turn our hearts toward you this morning, that we might truly believe and find life in your name. We pray this through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying... Our Father, who art in heaven...

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI: #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 62:1-5 (page 740) {A.B. page 818}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Close Your Eyes and See” by Choplin United Church Choir
(words on insert)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 36:5-10 (page 552) {A.B. page 627}

Sermon

“Empty Jars, Abundant Grace”

(John 2:1-11)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #615 “The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “March” by G. F. Handel (Arranged)

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #107 “Christ Be My Leader”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Finale on 'Hyfrydol' by Henry Coleman*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Czarny Bigos, Maverick, and Deanna Stocker (family of Ardelle Bigos), 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), 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: Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), 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), 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: 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 Giovanti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

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

March 22 – Bowling Night



Do you love little ones? Great - we have a place for you to serve! We are in need of more nursery volunteers. You can serve once every 3 months, once a month, or more often if you would like. If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery, please see Louise VanIseghem or Deb Marshall. All volunteers will need to complete a simple background check.

Highlights for This Week!

- **Adult Sunday School - Resuming Today!**
 - **Downstairs Dining Hall** - Finding Jesus in the Old Testament (new class!)
 - **Parenting Coffee Hour** - Upside-Down Prayers for Parents (a casual conversation)
- **Youth Club bring a friend night is January 22!** Parents, don't forget to **let Deb know today** if your child will be **bringing a friend**.
- **Potato Bar Fundraiser** - January 26, during annual meeting - Tickets sold TODAY and next week in the Welcome Center. Funds raised go toward youth missions and ministry events.
- **Winter Youth Night** - Friday, January 24, 6:30pm - 10:00pm - 6-12 grade - Event details and registration is on the church website.

Nursery care is offered during both services and the Sunday school hour. Room 10 (the infant nursery) is used during the early service, Room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery) is used during the Sunday school hour, and both rooms are open during the late service.

Children's Time ~ Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon upstairs in room 26. **Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service.

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!**

Our annual **Remembrance Service** will be **next Sunday, January 26**. We want to honor those within our church family who passed away during 2024.



The Annual Meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the Dining Room, on **Sunday, January 26, 2025**. Immediately after the 11:00 service the youth will host a baked potato lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The

purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2025 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2024, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.



March 8-17th, 2025, our church Living Waters for the World (LWW) team (Linda Werts, Ray McMillen, and Ken Allen) and others will travel to the rural community of Cedralito in the southeast corner of the Mexican state of Quintana Roo on the Yucatán Peninsula. Cedralito is one of our LWW partners. Their plant has been operating for 13 years supplying the community and surrounding area with safe, clean water. The Water plant needs updating to continue to supply life-giving water to the people.



“Clean water transforms their future. Living Water transforms all.”

A GoFundMe account has been established to assist with the costs. If you are led to give to this mission, go to [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com), search for keyword: **Cedralito**.

Thank You and God Bless You!

Called to Care, Canandaigua's "Chasin' the Blues" event returns on **February 7th, 7:00pm at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church**. Tickets are on sale before and after worship. Featured this year...a performance by Cool Club and the Lipker Sisters and and a testimony from Doug Doebler and Judi Gorenflo.

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).



The American Cancer Society Flower Sale starts TODAY! Sue & Sandi will be in the Welcome Center for the next 5 Sundays to take your order. **Delivery will be Sun. Mar. 23rd.** Stop at the table to see the selection of flowers! Checks should be made out to American Cancer Society. **THANK YOU!**

It's not too late to make your pledge for 2025! So far we've had **\$343,093** pledged to Operating and **\$102,848** to Missions. To meet the needs of the proposed 2025 budget, we are hoping to have **\$398,160** pledged to the Operating side.

There are extra forms 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:



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)

Parent Volunteers for Jan 22nd

Snack: Cook

Kitchen clean-up: Falbo, Freeland, _____

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

The **Parent/Child Library** is full of books for all ages on **prayer** which we talked about during our Jan 5th Intergenerational Sunday school class! You may **borrow a book/books** off either the display shelf or the regular book shelf. 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



Close Your Eyes and See by Pepper Choplin

Close your eyes and see God's glory
Close your lips, speak with your heart
Bring your soul quiet and open
This is where god's work will start

Come, be still, for God is moving
Touching hearts with love and grace
All who come will be made holy
For the Lord is in this place
He's in this place
Bring the Lord your prayers unspoken

Secret worry, private fear
In your darkness God still can see you
In your silence God can hear

Lord, we come to see your Glory
Help us hear all You will say
When we find it hard to worship
Spirit come to show the way

Come show the way (Close your eyes)
Come show the way (and see, close your lips)
Come show the way (and say)
Meet us today