

Exploring Membership Class

February 16, 2025 from 9:45-10:45 am in the Fellowship Room

Are you interested in learning more about our church community and what it means to be a member? We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming Exploring Membership Class, where you'll have the opportunity to deepen your understanding of our church's mission, values, and community life. Visit the church website, call the church office or scan the QR code to register.



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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly
Bulletin
Sunday
FEBRUARY 2, 2025





THE
**UNITED
CHURCH**
CANANDAIGUA

Order of Worship for
FEBRUARY 2, 2025



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

PRELUDE: “Andante” from Organ Sonata No. 1 by Basil Harwood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Trusting God will meet our needs without demanding proof first.

INTROIT: “Glorify Your Name” (Hymn #10)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather today in the presence of Jesus Christ

People: The one who brings good news to the poor and freedom to the captive

Leader: Some doubted when they saw him, others trusted without seeing

People: Today we choose to open our hearts to his voice

Leader: Like the widow at Zarephath and Naaman at the Jordan

People: We come ready to trust, ready to believe

All: Let us worship the One who fulfills God’s promises, who meets us in our need, and whose presence transforms us today.

***HYMN #700: “We Are God’s People”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, as we gather in your house today, we come as your children - some of us carrying doubts, others bearing deep needs, but all of us longing to experience your presence. Help us to trust you fully, not demanding signs but believing in your faithful promises, even as we pray the words Jesus taught us to pray ...

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 71:1-6 (page 573) {A.B. page 648}

ANTHEM: “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”, arr. Kingsmore

United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (page 1137) {A.B. page 1269}

Sermon

“Coming Home, Part 2: When Nazareth Turned on Jesus”

(Luke 4:21-30)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #526: “Trusting Jesus”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Meditation on “We Are God’s People”

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN #517: “The Solid Rock”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Postlude in D” by Healey Willan

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), 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

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

MILITARY SERVICE: JJ Callard (USN), 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), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

Upcoming Dates / Events for Your Calendar

(watch future Lamplighters for details!):

March 22 - Bowling Night

July 14-18 - VBS, registration begins March 1

Highlights for This Week

- **The Cause** - Returns this evening! 4:30 PM doors open for band practice.
- **Ferris Hills Connect - February 5 - 1pm-2pm** - Mike O'Brien will be joining us for worship!
- Join us for **Game Night** in the Fellowship Room on **Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**. This family-friendly event offers an opportunity for church members of all ages to come together and enjoy a variety of board games, card games, and friendly competition. For extra fun, wear your **pajamas!**
- **Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser** - Sunday, February 9 - This year, we are collecting shelf-stable food items for families in need. Specifically, we are looking to collect the following: Bagged black beans, Bagged red beans, Medium grain rice, Pasta (various kinds), Ramen Noodles, Coffee, Sunflower oil
- **Youth Club bring a friend night is February 12!** Parents, don't forget to **let Deb know** by next **Sunday, Feb 9** if your child will be **bringing a friend**.

Nursery Care

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

There is no **Children's Time** today. **Children** are invited to **pick up a worship bag** located at the main sanctuary entrance and in the library entrance. Please return the bags and reusable items after the service. We hope you enjoy worshipping as a family.

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!



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 Feb 5

Snack: French

Kitchen Clean up: Nearpass, Callard, Cloutier

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall



Game Night

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Nursery Volunteers

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.



Parent/Child Library

The Parent/Child Library is full of books for all ages on **love** which is the emphasis for the month of February! 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



Missions

Faith and Action

Mexico Mission Trip

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!**



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. Feel free to reach out to Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) for more information.

Flower Sale

The American Cancer Society **Flower Sale** has begun! Sue & Sandi will be in the Welcome Center for the next few 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!



Donations Needed

The **Birthday Bag donations** deadline has been extended due to a change in the Youth Club schedule. Please bring donations of cake mix, frosting, birthday napkins, birthday candles, and colorful balloons to Deb's office by **Feb 23.** Thank you!

