

## Blessed Are You (The Beatitudes)

by Sarah Hart, arr. Rick Modlin (8:45 service)

Do you know how blessed you are when you are poor,  
when your spirit has been tried, your hope outpoured?  
Do you know how lovely will be your reward?  
Yours is the kingdom.

Do you know how blessed you are when you must mourn,  
when the tears are endless rivers in your soul?  
You shall feel the hand of God that draws you close in consolation.

### Refrain

Blessed are you, blessed are you in whatever trials and troubles you walk through.  
The love of God will not abandon you. Blessed are You

Do you know how blessed you are when hunger comes.  
When no earthly drink can slake the thirst within?  
It is then you find the fullness of His love poured out upon you.

And when peace is like a rumor on the wind,  
and when mercy fails to make her presence known.  
Hope will give you all you need to be a light that heals the darkness. **(Refrain)**

O my child, there will be struggles still to come,  
persecutions for the sake of love and truth.  
Do not be afraid, for you are not alone.  
Blessed are you. **(Refrain)**

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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

# Weekly Bulletin

*Sunday*  
FEBRUARY 16, 2025



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Order of Worship for  
**FEBRUARY 16, 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:** “Prelude on Kingsfold” by Rob Peters

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: True blessings aren't in spiritual or worldly success, but in humbly following Jesus.

**INTROIT:** (11:00) “More Love to Thee, O Christ” (Hymn #555)

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Leader: Come, all who are weary and burdened*

**People: For God's kingdom welcomes the humble.**

*Leader: Let us set aside worldly measures of success*

**People: And embrace the upside-down wisdom of Jesus.**

**All: We gather to worship the One who calls blessed those whom the world has forgotten. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #559: “Make Room within My Heart, O God”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, as we gather in your presence, open our hearts to understand your upside-down kingdom where the humble are exalted and the poor in spirit find their treasure in you. Guide us to embrace your definition of blessing, not the world's, as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying: Our Father, who art in heaven...

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (page 1139) {A.B. page 1271}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** (8:45) “Blessed are You (The Beatitudes)”, Sarah Hart, arr Rick Modlin  
(words on back) Nancy Burt-Preece, Joy Van Riper, and David Kraft

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) “I'd Rather Have Jesus”, arr Martin

United Church Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 1 (page 532) {A.B. page 605}

### Sermon

“Upside Down Blessings”

(Luke 6:17-26)

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #654: “O How Blest Are the Poor in Spirit”**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** “Air” by Henry Purcell, arr. Henry Coates

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN #712: “The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy”**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “Choral Improvisation on Hanover” by George T. Francis

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Robert Baer (father of Christina Hartpence and Karen Crow), Sara Scharr, 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:** Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), 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)

**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)

## Beaver Camp is Hiring

Love to work with people in an outdoor setting? We are looking for Counselors, Lifeguards, Maintenance Assistants, and Kitchen Help this summer. Not 18 yet? We're also looking for high school students to participate in our TLT program for teens age 16 and 17!

Visit [beavercamp.org](http://beavercamp.org) for applications!

## Highlights for This Week

- We need **7 dozen frosted cupcakes** (any flavor) for **Youth Club dessert** delivered to church by **4pm** on **Wednesday, February 26**. Please no peanuts/tree nuts or nut products such as peanut oil or almond extract. If you can bake a dozen or two, please let Deb Marshall know. Thank you!
- **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.
- We are forming a **Women's Prayer Group.** Come and join us! We will meet in the Fellowship Room at 10:00 Friday mornings for about an hour. We will be praying for our church, our families, and our community. If you would like more information, please contact Julie Stave.
- We are forming a **"Go Getter Team!"** This team of people will go get items from stores as needs arise. This may include anything from picking up a tray of food at Wegmans to purchasing a specific supply for kids ministry. If you would like to **lead this team** or **be a part of this team**, please contact Christy, Mark, or Deb.
- We are forming a **Worship Bag team.** Worship bags used by children on communion Sundays need to be "refreshed" once a month. This would take one person about 45 minutes. If you bring a friend, it would go faster! 😊 If you are **detail oriented** and **able to help once a month for less than an hour**, please contact Deb Marshall.
- **Greeter/Coordinator for February is Steward Wanda Munt.** If you would like to serve, and are unsure how to sign up, please reach out.

## 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

**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.

## 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)

**No Youth Club on Feb 19 (due to Winter Break)**

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall



## Bowling Night!

**Saturday, March 22, 5:30-7:30pm**

Roseland Bowl, 4357 Recreation Drive, Canandaigua

\$10 per person (\$40 maximum per family)

Pizza, drinks, & dessert provided

Register and pay on Planning Center, or contact Mary

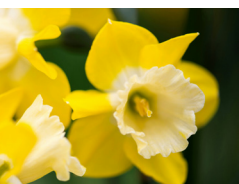
Beth Fortunato at mbweber@hotmail.com or 585-451-1758.

The registration deadline is March 16.



## 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



## Flower Sale

Last chance for the American Cancer Society **Flower Sale!** Sue & Sandi will be in the Welcome Center today 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!

## Save the Dates / Events for Your Calendar

**(watch future Lamplighters for details!):**

March 16 - Organ Concert

June 1 - Church picnic at Baker Park

July 14-18 - VBS, **registration starts March 1!**

August 16 (9:00am - 9:00pm) - Youth Summer Retreat - Grades 6-12

August 16 (9:30am - 11:30am) - Adult Summer Retreat

August 17 - The United Church Summer Service at Onanda Park!

August 18-22 - Summer Mission Experiences (6-12 grade students)

August 23 - Red Wings Game



## Missions

### Faith and Action

#### Thanks for your prayers

Alice Smith-Mather, daughter of our missionary to South Sudan, is recovering from February 11 neurosurgery. Surgery was necessary treatment for Moyamoya Disease.

Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather, her parents, expressed the family's appreciation for the United Church's prayers and support.

*"We are so encouraged to know that the United Church in Canandaigua has been praying for our family! It feels like a huge relief to be on this side of the surgery. Thank you again for checking in on us, and for your prayers and support. Grateful for the encouragement of your faith and for our partnership in ministry"*

Give thanks to God and pray for our partners in ministry as healing continues.

#### 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, search for keyword: **Cedralito**. To give directly- make Check out to The United Church with "Mexico mission trip" on memo line.

**Thank You and God Bless You!**

*"but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* - John 4:14

#### Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

Seventeen people, ages 9 and up, are going on the **inter-generational mission trip to North Carolina** for hurricane relief! The trip is **April 13 - 18**. Please keep the people of North Carolina and the planning/preparation of this trip in your prayers. In March we may have ways for others in the congregation to help out trip.