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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
MARCH 30, 2025



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Order of Worship for
MARCH 30, 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: “Attende Domine” by Jeanne Demessieux

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: God’s mission is to seek and celebrate the found.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” (Hymn #447)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, for our God is a seeking God

People: Who searches for His lost sheep

Leader: Our Father runs to meet us

People: And welcomes us home with joy

All: Let us worship the God who never stops pursuing His children with love

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

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Loving God, we come before you humbled by your relentless pursuit of us, grateful that you never stop searching for your lost children. Thank you for running to meet us with open arms, for celebrating our return, and for showing us what true love looks like. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray ... Our Father, who art in heaven... (using debts and debtors)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (page 1145) {A.B. page 1279}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Nearer, My God to Thee” arr. Sorenson Joy Van Riper (piano)

ANTHEM: (11:00) “My Savior’s Love” by David Schwoebel
(words on insert) United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 32 (page 549) {A.B. page 623}

Sermon

“Lost and Found: Three Stories of God’s Love”
(Luke 15)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #502: “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: (8:45) Meditation on “Amazing Grace” by Claude Murphree

OFFERTORY: (11:00) “Be Still My Soul” arr. Marshall

Walter Marshall

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #609: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

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BABY DEDICATION: Thomas Michael Emmal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Präludium” from Organ Sonata No. 1 by Josef Rheinberger

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Rita Ebersol, who passed away on March 23rd. Her calling hours will be April 4th between 4-6 pm at Johnson-Kennedy. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Jennie (friend of Nancy Bowllan), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Czarny Bigos and Everest Ferrante (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), Erik Keating (son of Al and 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: Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), 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 and Beth Smythe's friend), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Recovering at home: Joan Danaher, Alice Smith-Mather (missionaries' daughter), Karen Roaix

Comfort and Peace: Alex Clark (son of Rob and Natalie), 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)

Highlights for This Week

- **Welcome** to our **teacher guests!** We are glad you are worshipping with us today. All are invited to a **cookie and punch reception** immediately after this service in the **Fellowship Room**.
- It's **Campership** season! Our church believes that the Christian Summer Camp experience is so valuable that **we will pay ½ the week's tuition to one week at any summer Christian camp**. It's simple: Pick a summer Christian camp, register your child, and then **send the registration confirmation to Deb....**and our church will pay half the cost. If your family needs a full campership, please let Deb know. Camp information and brochures are available on the welcome center desk.
- We need **7 dozen** cross-shaped **cut out cookies** (frosted and decorated) for Youth Club dessert on **Wednesday, April 9th. Let Deb Marshall know** if you can make a **dozen or more**. We have cross-shaped cookie cutters that can be borrowed. Please deliver the cookies to the downstairs dining room by 4pm on Wed, 4/9. Thank you!
- We are looking for some people who are willing to **hard boil eggs** and **bring them to church by 2pm, Wednesday April 9**. These will be dyed by our Youth Club kids that afternoon. **If you are willing** to hard boil a dozen (or more) eggs and bring them to church on Wed, 4/9, **please let Deb Marshall know**.
- **Homeschool Connect - NEW** - Homeschool students (and their parents) are invited for a fellowship connect during the school year! Tim Hortons (near the lake), 1:30p-2p, April 7 and May 19.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for April: Steward Phil Klingler**. Please contact Phil if you need help signing up.

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.

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 tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) 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!



Ministry Involvement Day

Today, March 30, 2025 at 9:45am - Please join us for a ministry involvement day during the Sunday school hour. Join us for breakfast and to learn more about the growing ministries of our church and find opportunities to use your gifts. High school students and adults are invited.

Please bring a dish to pass.



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 April 2

Snack: Aldrich

Kitchen Clean up: Aldrich, Davis, Vasello

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall



Parent/Child Library

The Parent/Child Library is full of books for all ages on LENT/EASTER which is the emphasis for the months of March and April! 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



Nursery Volunteers

We are in need of more nursery volunteers - especially for the early service. You can serve one time every 3 months, every other month, or once a month. 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.



Correction

There was a typo in Bev Fehrenbach's phone number in the April newsletter. The correct number is (585) 755-7408 if you need to reach her for the Tuesday morning knitting group (or anything else!)

Missions

Faith and Action

North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip, April 13-18

There has been a change of plans for the mission group going to North Carolina. We will now be working with Valley Hope Foundation based in Swannanoa, NC just outside of Asheville. This is an all volunteer organization that



was formed after Hurricane Helene devastated the area. Their mission is to restore hope and rebuild lives in North Carolina and surrounding communities by providing vital assistance, fostering community collaboration, and promoting preparedness for future disasters. They offer a variety of services to those still recovering and are excited to put our group to work! Their website is valleyhopefoundation.org if you want to know more about the work they do.

We are still in need of prayer partners! We would like a prayer partner for each person going on the trip - we'll match you up. This entails praying specifically for the individual before and during the trip and providing three notes to them to be opened during the trip. Email Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate. Of course, we would like everyone to be praying for the group and the people we will be helping!



Another way to help this effort is by providing gift cards for the Valley Hope Foundation to use in their work. The same stores are requested, in order of priority: 1-Home Depot, 2-Ingles (regional grocery store), 3-Target, 4-Walmart. Any gift cards can be given to the church office. Thank you for any assistance!

Family Promise of Ontario County

Family Promise has started construction on the new Static site here in Canandaigua with plans to open it in the fall! Once the site is open there will be opportunities for our congregation to be involved in an ongoing capacity! We can't wait.

In the meantime, the United Church is supporting Family Promise and their clients with gift cards. Any donations of Walmart, Aldi or Tops cards in \$25 or \$50 increments would be greatly appreciated. Gas cards are also always needed. Please give any cards (marked Family Promise) to the church office or place in the offering plate by April 27. Thank you for your support of this local effort!



My Savior's Love

by David Schwoebel

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus
the Nararene, And wonder how He could
love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

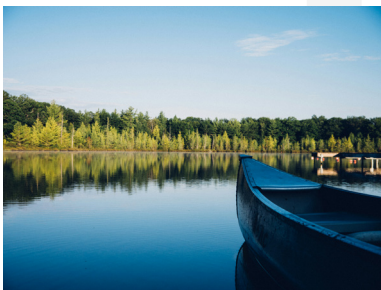
Oh, How marvelous, Oh, how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous, Oh, how wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden He prayed,
"Not my will, but Thine;"
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered, and suffered,
He suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed glory His face
I at last shall see, 'Twill be my joy through
The ages to sing of His love for me.

Save the date for Camp Sunday, April 27th. Kids will have the opportunity to hear from representatives from some of our church family's favorite camps during the Sunday school hour. Parents can talk directly to camp reps following the 11am service. Don't forget that our church offers **Camperships** (we pay half of one week of Christian summer camp). Camperships are NOT need based; they are for any kid who is regularly involved in Sunday school, Youth Club, or The Cause. Questions? See Deb Marshall.



LILY ORDERS



Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Lilies at **\$12.00 each**.
They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:

1. Honor/Memory of: _____
Given by: _____
2. Honor/Memory of: _____
Given by: _____
3. Honor/Memory of: _____
Given by: _____
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Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate **WITH** your check made payable to "The United Church Stewards".
List in the memo section "Easter Lily". You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, APRIL 6.

Please pick up your lily after church on Easter Sunday. Thank you!