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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly
Bulletin
Sunday
APRIL 6, 2025



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANADA



Order of Worship for
APRIL 6, 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 in G Minor” by Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Are we prepared to show our worship by giving our most precious offering to Jesus?

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In the stillness of this morning, we gather to worship our Lord

People: We come to pour out our hearts before Him

Leader: Like Mary, who held nothing back in her devotion

People: We bring our most precious gifts to Jesus

All: Let us worship with extravagant love and gratitude, for He is worthy of our all.

***HYMN #578: “Come, All Christians Be Committed”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we come before you today with hearts ready to be poured out in worship. Like Mary at your feet, teach us what it means to give our all to you. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray... Our Father, who art in heaven... (singing)

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 126 (page 613) {A.B. page 688}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Jesus Paid it All” arr. Helvey (words on insert) Ladies Ensemble

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 (page 719) {A.B. page 797}

Sermon

“The Cost of Devotion: Lessons from Mary’s Perfume”

(John 12:1-8)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #568: “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Improvisation on HENDON

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN #586: “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”**

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BABY DEDICATION: Thomas Michael Emmal

BENEDICTION

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE: Erhalt uns, Herr (“Keep us, Lord”) by Georg Böhm

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with Rob and Natalie Clark for the passing of their son, Alex, on March 29th. Please keep Alex’s wife, Alissa, and their 4 young children in your prayers, along with the entire Clark family during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Jennie (friend of Nancy Bowllan), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), 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: 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

- **Today is the deadline for ordering Easter Lilies!** There are order forms in your bulletin as well as the Welcome Center. You can put them in the offering plate or the office. Thank you!
- 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 Bev Fehrenbach.** Please contact Bev 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

There is no **Children's Time** today. Kids are invited to grab a worship packet at any time during the service. They are found at the Main entrance and the library entrance.

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!





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 9

Snack: Stewart

Kitchen Clean up: Falbo, Grube, Stewart

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



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/worship, Youth Club, and/or The Cause. Questions? See Deb Marshall.

Thank You from Sandi and Sue for the wonderful support our congregation gave us during our American Cancer Society flower sale. We hope you enjoyed your blooms!



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.



The 18 people going on this trip are: Amelia Aldrich, Mary & Joe Buono, Aubrey Buono, Rowan Buono, MacKenzie Brown, Shealeigh Brown, Casey Brown, Anna Holm, Paul & Beth Johnson, Grace Payne, Cara Piper, Nora Piper, Mark Slomski, Steve and Beth Smythe, and Sonya Brooks. Please keep all of us and the people of North Carolina in your prayers!

Easter Offering

On Sunday, April 20, we will receive our annual Special Easter Offering for the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. With all of the hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and earthquakes happening there are needs all over our world. Both of our denominations have already sent funds from One Great Hour of Sharing to help victims of the recent earthquake in Myanmar, as well as many other people in need. Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you.



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!



Jesus Paid It All
arr. Helvey

I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

Refrain:
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow’r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone. **[Refrain]**

For nothing good have I
Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,”
My lips shall still repeat. **[Refrain]**

Softball anyone?

The **United Church softball team** will be playing it’s first game on May 6th! The team plays **every Tuesday night** on one of the local fields. If you’re interested in playing on the team, please contact Kevin Vadney at 585-489-9825.



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: _____
4.

Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____
5.

Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Place this in the ofering 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!