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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin *Sunday* MAY 4, 2025





Order of Worship for
MAY 4, 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: “Prière” by Naji Hakim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Giving God our dedication and thanks in response to his giving us eternal life.

INTROIT: (11:00) “We Worship and Adore You” (Hymn #33)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name!

People: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: You have turned our mourning into dancing, O Lord; You have clothed us with gladness!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with grateful hearts!

People: We will give thanks to You forever, O Lord our God!

***HYMN #30: “I Will Sing of the Mercies”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty and merciful God, we come before You with hearts lifted in praise. You have drawn us up from the depths, turned our sorrow into joy, and clothed us with gladness. As we worship, may our voices join with the heavenly chorus that proclaims the Lamb’s eternal glory. Speak to us through Your Word, that we may follow Christ in faithful obedience, loving Him more dearly, and serving Him more fully. To You, O Lord, be all blessing and honor, now and forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and in whose name we pray by singing...

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 5:11-14 (page 1219) {A.B. page 1388}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Until I Found the Lord” by Andre J. Thomas (words on center of insert)
United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:1-19 (page 1075) {A.B. page 1194}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Alive and Breathing” by Maher (words on center of insert)
Cause Worship Band

Sermon

“Appreciate, Consider, and Thank (ACT):
Our Response to The Psalm of Temple Dedication”
(Psalm 30)

Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #499: “Lord I Was Blind”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Praeludium in C” by Johann Ludwig Krebs

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN #500: “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Finale Jubilante” by Healey Willan

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Luca Masi (Verspoor's g-grandson), Lou Verspoor, Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Arlene Willett, Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Dave and Karen), 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), 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), 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), 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: Alice Smith-Mather (missionaries' daughter)

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), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple) and prayers for a smooth transition as Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather and Ryan & Althia White as they end their time as PCUSA missionaries.

Highlights for This Week

- Today's loose offerings will go toward the **Steward's Assistance Fund**, helping support those in our church family in need. Thank you for your generosity.
- Starting **TODAY** 8th graders are invited to The Cause. The Cause is our high school youth group and it meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7:30pm. Contact Pastor Mark for more info.
- **Chicken BBQ Fundraiser - Saturday, May 10, 2025 (Runnings Plaza)** - We are selling tickets for meals at church TODAY before and after service. Selling tickets before the event helps Gale-Wyn prepare. Funds raised go to support youth and young adult missions and ministries.
- Mark you calendars for an **all ages Sunday school celebration breakfast on May 18 at 9:45am** in the downstairs dining room. Join us as we review and celebrate our year together. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able.
- Also on **May 18**, we will have **Children's Sunday** during the **11am service**. Children will be involved in various aspects of the service and we will recognize our Communicants class as well. We look forward to this special day!
- Parents, don't forget that we offer **camperships!!** 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. **The deadline for campership requests is Sunday, June 1.**
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for May: Steward Gail Benjamin.** Please contact Gail if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the entire summer!
- **Ministry Involvement Day** - If you were not able to join us on Ministry Involvement Day on March 30, **please be sure to complete a survey**. They are available on the Welcome Center desk or online using the QR code.



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!

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 aide (bag or binder) at any time during the service. They are found at the Main entrance.



Parent/Child Library

The Parent/Child Library is full of books for all ages on **how God made you unique** which is the emphasis for the months of May and June! 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



Softball anyone?

The **United Church softball team** will be playing its first game **this Tuesday, May 6th at Farmington Town Park, field #1!** The team plays **every Tuesday night** on one of the local fields. Come to cheer us on! If you're interested in playing on the team, please contact Kevin Vadney at 585-489-9825.

Missions

Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...

A "Framing Frenzy" coordinated between Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity, the United Church, and Zion Fellowship is planned for **Saturday, August 23rd** in the Zion Fellowship parking lot! 50-100 community volunteers, age 16 and up, will work together to frame the walls which will become a Canandaigua home for another Habitat family. If you, your family, or friends have interest in a meaningful day of "hands on" service please speak with Linda Werts asap and come to an **informational meeting on Thursday, May 29th** at 7:00pm in the fellowship room. There is need for "construction" workers as well as volunteers to prepare lunch and snacks, handle registration details, and perhaps other tasks.



Care Net is looking for volunteers to work in their center on Tuesdays from noon until 2pm and in other ways. Training is provided. Interested? Please contact Kathi Nacca.

North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip, April 13-18

The May Lamplighter has a great recap of this multi-generational mission trip! You can also scan this QR code to see the whole album of photos they took while there:



Living Waters for the World (LWW) and The United Church have been partners in missions for many years. (Over 30 years)

Is there anyone interested in training to be a Living Waters for the World (LWW) trainer?

There is a section of the organization called Clean Water U.

There are two training sessions scheduled: Ready to lead a water mission team?

Reserve your preferred Clean Water U session date early; workshops often fill quickly. A deposit (half of session rate; \$725 for new student; \$400 for alumni) is required to reserve a class slot. Tuition assistance is available from the Mission Committee.

2025 training dates:

June 17-21 (in person at Camp Johnsonburg, NJ)

September 23-27 (in person at Camp Hopewell, MS)

Three areas of training: 101- partnership & Project planning; 102 Health & Safety education; and 103 The system Builders & operation trainers.

Questions? speak to Ken Allen, or Linda Werts.

Blanket Sunday

May 11th

Next Sunday we will be receiving our offering for **Church World Service Blankets**. Through this special offering, we join other people of faith in sharing our gifts with our neighbors all over the world, blessing all those in need with warmth and love. Each blanket costs only \$10.00. Let's see how much warmth, love, and hope our congregation can spread throughout the world!



CALLED TO CARE
CANANDAIGUA
WELCOMING REFUGEES
& DISPLACED PERSONS

Called to Care, Canandaigua

is forming **new Good Neighbor Teams!** Even in these uncertain times and closed doors to refugees and immigrants we are preparing to welcome and resettle families! We continue to honor the Biblical call to "welcome the stranger" whether they be knocking on our own front door or figuratively be calling out to escape war, violence, or persecution. Do you have a heart and calling to this mission? Please join us on **Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00pm** for an information session. Reach out to Linda Werts lwerts@aol.com for the meeting location.

One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering

Thank you all for your gifts to the Special Easter Offering. Because of your generosity we were able to send **\$2630.00** to the One Great Hour of Sharing, making the lives of many around the world easier, by sharing God's love.



The American Baptist Women of the Finger Lakes

are inviting all women (not just Baptists) to attend our 2025 Spring Gathering on Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 until 11:00 am, right here at the United Church. The theme this year is Hospitality— it's what we do best— and what is never more needed than now. We'll be kicking off our challenge project for the 2025-2026 year with ideas for providing hospitality that we can work on during the summer and beyond. If you think you might be coming, or have questions, please let Mary Lou Havens or Christine Palmer know.

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

Tables: In With the New and Out With the Old!



The United Church has purchased **new folding tables** that provide easier portability for our dining area. As a result, we have an abundance of sturdy, **wooden 8-foot rectangular and 5-foot round folding tables** that we can no longer store. If you are interested in bringing home one or more of these tables, we are asking for a **minimum donation of \$10 per table**. Please contact the Staff Relations Committee by email at src@uccdga.org.

If you are in need of assistance transporting the table(s) home, we have kind volunteers who are willing to help.

Save the dates for Fellowship!

June 1 - Church Picnic

August 16-17 - Retreats and worship at Onanda Park

Aug 23 - Red Wings Game





Until I Found the Lord
(11:00 anthem) by André J. Thomas

I cried and I cried,
I cried all night long.
I cried and I cried, Lord,
Until I found the Lord.

(Oh, Lord,)
I prayed and I Prayed,
I prayed all night long.
I prayed and I prayed, Lord,
Until I found the Lord.

(Chorus) (My soul)
Just couldn't be contented
(My soul)
Just couldn't be contented
(My Lord!)
Until I found the Lord.

(x2)
I moaned, I moaned, I moaned,
I moaned all night long.
(I moaned)
I moaned, I moaned, I moaned,
I moaned all night long.
(And I moaned!)

Chorus

(Oh, Lord,)
I walked and I walked,
I walked all night long.
I walked and I walked, Lord,
Until I found the Lord.

I talked and I talked,
I talked all night long.
I talked and I talked, Lord,
Until I found the Lord.

I cried and I cried,
I prayed and I prayed, Lord,
Until I found the,
Hallelujah!
I found the Lord!

Alive & Breathing
(11:00 special music) Limebear & Maher

What holds your heart
What stirs your soul
What matters come to mind
The cares you keep
The thoughts you think
It's not all wasted time
Seek and you will find

Chorus

Joy still comes in the morning
Hope still walks with the hurting
If you're still alive and breathing
Praise the Lord
Don't stop dancing and dreaming
There's still good news worth repeating
So lift your head and keep singing
Praise the Lord

The years roll by
We wonder why
We lost our way from home
Our Father finds
The child inside
We left for growing old
Awake awake awake my soul

Bridge 1
Let everything let everything
Let everything praise the Lord

Bridge 2
In the working in the waiting
Let it praise the Lord
In the blessing in the breaking
Come on praise the Lord
In the dying the rising

