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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
JULY 27, 2025



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANADA



Order of Worship for
JULY 27, 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: “All That Thrills My Soul” arr. F. Lopez

WELCOME AND GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Christ’s resurrection power gives us hope and assurance that God is in control.

INTROIT: “Open Our Eyes, Lord” (Hymn #536)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who has conquered death and defeated every power!

People: We come to the God whose authority extends beyond what we can see.

Leader: Christ has suffered, died, and been raised to life by the Spirit’s power.

People: He sits at God’s right hand, with all authorities in submission to Him.

Leader: Though we may face trials and feel outnumbered in this world,

People: We worship the victorious Christ who reigns over every spiritual realm!

All: Let us bow before the One whose resurrection gives us hope and whose power sustains us. Amen.

***HYMN #52:** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, as we gather today to explore Your Word, open our hearts and minds to understand the deep truths You have for us, even in the most challenging passages of Scripture. Help us to see beyond the surface of our circumstances and recognize the complete victory and authority of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns over all powers both seen and unseen. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray...Our Father who art in Heaven...

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 93 (page 590) {A.B. page 664}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Nearer, Still Nearer” arr. Coleman (words on insert) Men’s Ensemble

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 28:16-20 (page 989) {A.B. page 1091}

Sermon

“Beyond What We Can See”

(1 Peter 3:18-22)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #482:** “My Hope Is in the Lord”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “My Jesus I Love Thee/The Bond of Love” arr. F. Lopez

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #238:** “Because He Lives”

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CARE MINISTER COMMISSIONING: Robin Payne, Nancy Bowllan, Ed Blance, June Pettit, Jinilee Hildebrandt

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Wonderful Words of Life” arr. F. Lopez

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with David Kraft for the loss of his sister, Anne, on July 15th. Please keep the Kraft family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Joan Danaher, Jim Healy, Ernie McKenzie, Frank (Hildebrant's grandfather), Karen Sanford, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), 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 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), Jack Bigos, Deanna Stocker 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), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), 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 Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), 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), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), 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)

Comfort and Peace: Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma)

Military Service: Nicholas DeVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany and deploying to Qatar this summer, 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).

We want your Feedback!

Thank you for the feedback we have received. We want to continue to hear from you, so please share your thoughts or questions on the Feedback Pew Cards or contact us at feedback@uccdga.org.

Highlights for This Week

- **After Service Fellowship** - Last week's fellowship time was a success! Thank you to Nancy Abdallah, Mary Wiser, Wes Posson, and others for support. **We are currently looking for others to be on a rotation to support these fellowship times. This could also involve small groups - they can pick 1-2 Sundays a year to host!** If you would like to be a part of a rotation that provides treats to be enjoyed by our church family after service, please let us know!
- **Retreat and Mission Experiences Sign Ups** - Our events are fast approaching! Please register online or in the Welcome Center. Also, please note if you are open to volunteering for any of these events. Pastor Mark will follow up with you and discuss needs.
- **Pictorial Directory Sign Ups** - Stop in the Welcome Center to claim a time for photography! You can also sign up online during the week. (see more inside)
- **VBS music** is for sale - You can purchase a **CD** or a **digital download card** for \$7 in the Ministry Outreach Center. Share the joy of VBS music for years to come!
- **Nursery toys** need to be cleaned. If you're able to help, please take some toys home, wash/disenfect them, and return them next week. **Thank you!**
- **Care Ministry Teams Ice Cream Social - July 29** All Care Team members are invited: Transportation, Meal Train, Hospitality, Support, Card Ministry, Prayer Shawl/Crafty Christians, and Care Ministers! Join us for a fun evening of fellowship on **Monday, July 29 at 6:30 PM in the church parking lot**. All food and drinks provided (including dairy-free ice cream!) Come meet your team coordinator, connect with fellow team members, and share your thoughts on how things are going. We'd love to see you there! Contact Christy Allen for any questions
- **Senior Companions Summer Card Ministry** ~ Help us share love with our Senior Companions (those 90 and above or needing extra support)! Stop by the card station, (located in what was once Mark's office), to pick up a card/s, and a list of addresses! Sending a handwritten card is a simple way to help our senior companions feel connected, cared for, and remembered by their church family.
- "Pop-up" **playdates - Mondays in July** (July 28) at **Baker Park** off of Buffalo St., **9:30-11:30am**. All moms, grandmas, caregivers and their children are invited! Feel free to invite a friend. Come when you can; bring a lunch and stay longer if you choose.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for August: Bill F.** Please contact Bill if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the remainder of 2025!

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 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 summer services in Room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery).

Children's Time

Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon. **Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service.

Summer Campers

Below find a list of our summer campers. Some are going to camp this week. Each child attending camp gets a campership for ONE week of camp. Some children/families choose to attend other weeks as well. Please **pray** that the **campers** below **grow in their faith** during a safe and fun week at camp!

LeTourneau campers...

Jed Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Jules Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Jackson Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Jesse Cheney: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1),
Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Billy Clark: Kingdom Conquest (July 28-Aug 1), Frontier
Fun Camp (Aug 4-8), Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)

Wyatt Posson: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Eva Clark: Frontier Fun Camp (Aug 4-8), Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)

Sydney Cloutier: Wave Riders Camp (overnight, Aug 4-8)

Aria Hildebrant: Wave Riders Camp (Aug 4-8)

Kailynn Stewart: Wave Riders Camp (overnight, Aug 4-8)

Asher Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Elizabeth Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Levi Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Graham Beyrle: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Carter Slomski: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Beaver Camp campers...

Liam Hildebrant (Aug 3-8)

Mason Hildebrant (Aug 3-8)

Paige Munson (Aug 3-8)

Sophie Munson (Aug 3-8)

Amelia Cunningham (Aug 10-15)

Izzi Sheppard (Aug 10-15)

Anna Zajac (Aug 10-15)



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

Join others at Foodlink's Pop-Up Food Pantry on Monday, July 28th at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Routes 5 & 20. Volunteers are needed between 9am till about 11am to prep and package foods as they are unloaded from the Foodlink truck and then load them into cars as drivers pass through the barn. Food insecurity has increased as evidenced by last month's number of families needing assistance. Your help is a bright spot in service to others. A reminder: wear closed toe shoes, no sandals or flip flops.



1st Fridays at Cameron Community Ministries

Please consider being a part of our team and spending about **2 hours on Friday, August 1** as we help their staff serve lunch to our friends at Cameron Ministries. Transportation will be provided. This is an easy way to show our neighbors that we care about them. Please call Mary Lou Havens at 396-2037.

Habitat for Humanity

Plans for the **August 23rd** Habitat for Humanity "Framing Frenzy" community initiative are moving along well. You can still **sign up on the office door** as a "nail and hammer" volunteer or for registration or other sitting type responsibilities. I am also **looking for a "photographer"** for the event. Please reach out to me Linda Werts, lwerts@aol.com, if you could be on site for about 30 minutes to document our United Church presence.



Yes! Grocery donations still needed! Look for the collections cart in the Mission Room (formerly known as Mark's office)! Donations are alternately taken to the CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) food pantry and the Salvation Army food pantry. **CCIA is in need of cereal, pasta, sauce, canned veggies and fruit.** Thank you! Questions? Please see Ken Allen, Mary Lou Havens or Cathy Bush.

June 17-21 Ken Allen attended **Living Waters for the World (LWW) Clean Water U**, located at Johnsonburg Camp & Resort in Johnsonburg, NJ, to study **Water Project Management curriculum** (designated 101). It was an opportunity to gain experiences of new things, build new relationships, and share water mission experiences with others serving in different countries. This course completes the training of all three core groups: 101 Water Project Management, 102 Health Education, and 103 (ROS) -Reverse Osmosis and Softening- Water System Installation. I wish to express my appreciation to The United Church and its Mission Committee for the encouragement and financial assistance which allowed me to achieve this goal. **Thank You!**



Do you know of a reliable car?

We're aware of a church family in need of dependable transportation. If you happen to know of a reliable vehicle available or have a way to help meet this need, please reach out to Christy or the church office. Your connections or resources could make a big difference.



Dear Church Family,

Our family would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the prayers and support we have received as we have watched our son Alex battle with cancer and eventually went home to be with the Lord at the end of March. The prayers, cards, emotional and financial support were such a blessing to Alex, his family, and all of us.

We would like to invite any of you who knew

Alex, Alissa, Rob, I and his siblings to join us for his Celebration of Life on Sunday, July 27th from 4 to 7 at Onanda Park on West Lake Rd. in Canandaigua.

There will be food, drink, ice cream and cookies as you enjoy worship and praise music, swimming at the lake, sharing memories, and making this the special day Alex wanted for his family and friends. Hope to see you there. God bless.

Natalie and Rob Clark

Red Wings Game



Our church family is invited to enjoy a **Rochester Red Wings** game on **Saturday, August 23rd**. The United Church **Youth Choir will be singing the National Anthem** at this game at 6:35, so be sure to arrive, park and be in your seats before 6:30. (The game begins at 6:45.) After the game, there will be fireworks!! Sign up **today** in the Fellowship Room or scan the QR code and register online.



Retreat Weekend Worship Service at the Lake

August 17, 2025

All of our Retreat Weekend events will take place at Onanda Park, 4965 County Rd. 16, Canandaigua. This includes our Sunday worship service, which will be in Gorham Lodge at 9:30 am. *(There will be no worship service in our normal church building that day.)*

A **brunch** will follow the service. People whose last name begins with A-M, please bring a dish to pass and serving utensils with your name on everything. Please take home all containers and leftovers, even if they are store bought.



Other Retreat Weekend Events

For information or to register for the **Adult or Youth Retreats on August 16th**, please scan the QR code or see the sign up sheets in the Welcome Center.



Pictorial Directory

We'd love to have your picture in our directory! Photography dates are coming soon, **September 11-13!** You can sign up for a timeslot on **weekdays** at www.ucdir.com (use **ny133** for the church code and **photos** for the password) or **sign up at church on Sundays!** Look for sign-up sheets at the welcome center desk. Everyone who gets their photo taken gets a free 8x10 and free color directory.

Renovation Update

August 2025

The next focus of the renovations are the **Fellowship Room and Coat Closet**. The goals of the Fellowship Room modifications include a desire to continue to have it accessible for our traditional events, while also creating space that provides privacy and comfort.

Here is what we can expect:

Noise Reducing Space: Currently, there are two dividers that allow the room to be broken into three sections. The dividers are not effective sound barriers and one is no longer functional. While we commonly use two spaces, three spaces are rarely utilized. As a result, both of the dividers will be removed. A partial wall with large solid core pocket doors and sound proofing insulation in the walls will be built. This will significantly improve the sound barrier effect. The large pocket doors will allow easy accessibility and flow to both spaces.

Creation of a Permanent Outreach Mission Area: Card Ministry and Food Pantry space will be provided allowing for permanency and easy access.

Board Room Improvements: A beautiful board room table will be provided improving the aesthetic quality of the room. This board table will break apart into three moveable sections. A wall mounted monitor will be installed so we will no longer have to utilize space for the large cart that currently holds the monitor. Improved lighting will be installed throughout the entire Fellowship area.

Storage Space: The current storage space will be modified to create greater accessibility and improved lighting while also enhancing the visual attractiveness of the area.

Creation of the Coat Closet: The previous youth office will be used to provide generous space for our coat closet. The entry will be widened to improve the accessibility during times of high traffic transitions.

Future Centralized Library Location: Eventually, floor to ceiling shelving will be installed in the Fellowship room to provide space for the library and some of our historical artifacts. The current library space will be the home of additional historical photos, artwork and other displays.

Please note that during the construction period there may be interruption to our typical traffic flow. Watch for signs to help you navigate through the church to get where you want to go. The construction area will be taped off to limit dust and debris. The bathrooms, nursery and the Pastors office will be accessible.

Thank you for your patience and feedback during this process. **Please continue to provide your feedback through the use of the feedback pew cards or email the Feedback Team at feedback@uccdga.org.**

Nearer, Still Nearer

Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart.
Draw me, my savior, so precious thou art.
Fold me, o fold me close to thy breast,
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest,
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing i bring,
Naught as an offering to Jesus my king.
Only my sinful, now contrite heart,
Grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,
Grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.

Nearer still nearer, while life shall last,
Till safe in glory my anchor is cast,
Through endless ages, ever to be,
To be nearer my savior, still nearer to thee.
Nearer my savior, still nearer to thee.
Nearer to thee.

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Commissioning of Care Ministers

Today we joyfully commission the newly trained Care Ministers of The United Church. These individuals have received extensive training to offer compassionate, Christ-centered care for those facing to those facing illness, grief, recovery, the birth of a child, and other life transitions.

Working alongside Christy Allen, our Director of Care Ministry, they help ensure that our church family is well supported. Each Care Minister is paired with individuals in need, walking with them through difficult seasons with prayer, presence, and encouragement.

Please join us in blessing and commissioning: **Ed, Jinilee, June, Nancy and Robin**



RETREAT WEEKEND

August 16 - 17, 2025

ALL at Onanda Park
(Gorham Lodge & Crouch Hall)



**AUG
16**

YOUTH

9AM - 9PM SATURDAY
6th - 12th grade students



**AUG
16**

ADULT

930AM - 1130AM SATURDAY
Theme: Sabbath as God's People



**AUG
17**

CHURCH SERVICE

930AM - 10:30AM SUNDAY

BAPTISMS

Immediately after service!

**AUG
17**



**AUG
18-23**

SUMMER MISSIONS

Check the back page for info!




Retreat
Registrations



SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCES

6th - 12th grade invited! Adults invited to support!



**AUG
18**

1 - CHARITY

Week Kick-Off and Scavenger Hunt
9AM - 5PM



**AUG
19**

2 - RELATIONSHIP

With our Senior Companions!
(9AM - 5PM students)



**AUG
20**

3 - SERVICE

CareNet
9AM - 1PM, 1PM - 5PM at church



**AUG
21**

4 - FUN DAY

Seabreeze!
9AM-9PM (church pick-up/ drop-off)



**AUG
23**

5 - FRAMING FRENZY

10AM - 2PM SATURDAY
16 and older help on site
Under 16 assist with lunch prep
Read the missions articles for more info!




Event
Registrations

