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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly
Bulletin
Sunday
AUGUST 3, 2025





Order of Worship for
AUGUST 3, 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: “French Suite No. 5 in G Major, BWV 816: III. Sarabande” by Bach

WELCOME AND GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Christians need to live with an eternal perspective instead of social pressure.

INTROIT: “We Will Glorify the King of Kings” (Hymn #118)

We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of Lords, who is the great I AM.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather as people called out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.

People: Though the world may not understand our choices, we choose to follow Jesus.

Leader: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

People: We declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness.

Leader: Let us worship the One who gives us strength to live faithfully.

All: Come, let us worship God with hearts focused on His will and His way.

***HYMN #45:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” CCLI Song #108389, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, as we gather this morning, help us to hear Your word with open hearts and minds ready to be transformed. Give us courage to live faithfully in a world that doesn’t always understand our choices. Strengthen us to follow Jesus even when it sets us apart from those around us. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray as we sing together...

***HYMN #632:** “THE LORD’S PRAYER”

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 1:1-6 (page 532) {A.B. page 605}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Hogan

Wind Ensemble

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 1:8-16 (page 873) {A.B. page 954}

Sermon

“Living Against the Grain”

(1 Peter 4:1-11)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #520:** “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op. 13 “Pathétique”: II. Adagio cantabile”
by Beethoven

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN #561:** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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CARE MINISTER COMMISSIONING: Bill Fortunato and Aleta Williamson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Piano Sonata No. 12 in F major, K. 332: III. Allegro assai” by Mozart

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

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

- **Red Wings Game - Today is the last day** to get tickets to the game on Saturday, Aug 23! See Sandi Munson in the Welcome Center after church or register online. More details inside.
- Please look for the **Back to School Angel Tree tags** in the Welcome Center across from the coffee station. Supplies are **due by August 24**.
- **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)
- **Nursery toys** need to be cleaned. If you're able to help, please take some toys home, wash/disinfect them, and return them next week. **Thank you!**
- "Pop-up" **playdates - Thursdays in August** (August 7, 14, 21, 28) at **Motion Junction** on Outhouse Rd., **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.
- Be sure to check out our beautifully designed **Care Ministry Spotlight Poster**, created by Lydia B., now on display in the Welcome Center. You'll find it standing on the table near the metal trees. It's a wonderful glimpse into the teams and individuals who serve so faithfully behind the scenes to care for our church family.
- **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

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

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 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: **Aleta and Bill**

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...

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

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)

Jesse Cheney: 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...

1st Fridays at Cameron Community Ministries

We are now a group of six...but looking for others...who spend time with Cameron Ministries in service to others in their Rochester community. We help the Cameron staff serve lunch to neighborhood guests once a month and carpool from our church parking lot at **11:00am...returning before 2:00pm**. Two or three of us will volunteer each month. This is an easy way to show neighbors that we care about them. Please call Mary Lou Havens at 585-396-2037 if you have interest.



Habitat for Humanity

Plans for the **August 23rd** Habitat for Humanity "Framing Frenzy" community service initiative are moving along well. We can still use a few more volunteers to hammer & nail, move lumber, and actively frame the walls for the new home to be built on Davidson Ave. If you are not already signed up please consider this opportunity to bring hope to a family through home ownership right here in Canandaigua. Work with us from **10am - approximately 2:00pm in the Zion Fellowship parking lot**. Register ahead by signing up on the church office door. I am looking for a **"photographer"**...your phone is fine... to be on site for about 30 minutes to document our United Church presence. Please contact me, Linda Werts...315-447-0276.

Yes! Grocery donations still needed! Look for the black collections wagon in the Welcome Center. 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.



Dear Church Family,

Jesus Christ is Living Water for our Body and Soul

If there is anyone interested in being part of a Water ministry of **Living Waters for the World**, the next **Clean Water U training** is **Sept. 23-27** at **Hopewell Camp and Conference Center in Oxford, MS** and we'd love to have you and your team at this training session! We currently have openings in each of our workshops - water project management, health education, and water system installation. Financial assistance is available from the Mission Committee. If interested, see Ken Allen or Linda Werts. Or visit Livingwatersfortheworld.org website.

**"All Gods Children deserve Clean Water
God Bless!"**

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.



Would your family or small group enjoy hosting after-service fellowship?

Thank you to Nancy Abdallah, Mary Wiser, Wes Posson, and others for supporting a “coffee hour” in July. **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 the service, please let us know!

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!! **The Last chance to sign up is today** in the Welcome Center (look for Sandi Munson) or scan the QR code and register online.



Softball Team

The United Church softball team won their first playoff game, and the next one is **this Tuesday at Farmington Town Park field #2, the middle field**. Fans are welcome!

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 in the welcome center. 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.

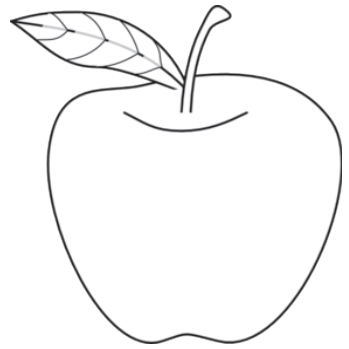
Future Centralized Library Location: Eventually, floor to ceiling shelving will be installed in the Fellowship room to provide space for the library and some of our historical artifacts. The current library space will be the home of additional historical photos, artwork and other displays.

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.**

Back to School Angel Tree

Back to School Angel Tree tags are on the trees in the Welcome Center across from the coffee station. We invite you to please **choose a tag(s) and return the items with the tag attached to church by Sunday, August 24.** Supplies are needed by this date to give us time to sort and get to the families before Labor Day. Tags are needed to help with our sorting. Last year we were able to help 8 students in our community with this boost. **Thanks in advance for your generosity!** Questions? See Cathy Bush. **If your children need school supply assistance, please contact Deb or Cathy.**



Pie Sale Fundraiser to benefit Called to Care, Canandaigua



Leo's Pies! Yum! **\$23/pie.** Chocolate, Cherry, Coconut, Fruits of the Forest, French Apple and Pumpkin. Order by August 25. **Pie Pickup date: Sunday, September 14, 1:30-4pm,** at the First United Methodist Church, 100 N. Main St. Interested? Please see Cathy Bush, Linda Werts, Sarah Gross, Sonya Brooks, Regina Allen.

Save the Date for a Concert!

Jim Kerr and Wendy Stoddard are playing a concert of original and traditional songs to benefit Called to Care Canandaigua **Sunday, September 28, 3:00 pm** Free will offering gratefully accepted Light Refreshments will be served



**CALLED TO CARE
CANANDAIGUA**
WELCOMING REFUGEES
& DISPLACED PERSONS

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

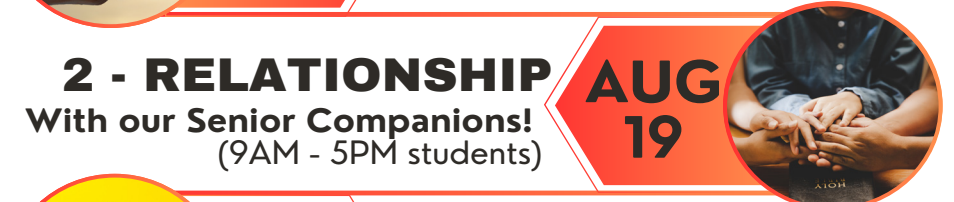
6th - 12th grade invited! Adults invited to support!



**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

