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## WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH





Order of Worship for AUGUST 10, 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: "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend" by Johann Sebastian Bach

**WELCOME AND GREETING** 

#### **OUR PREPARATION**

Focus of the Day: What do we do with our faith when it becomes costly?

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: Come, all who follow Christ, even when the path grows difficult.

People: We come, trusting in God's faithfulness through every trial.

Leader: Come, all who bear His name, even when the world misunderstands.

People: We come, knowing that His Spirit rests upon us in our suffering.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls us blessed in the fire.

All: We commit ourselves to our faithful Creator and come to worship Him!

\*HYMN #618: "Give to the Winds Your Fears"

\*OPENING PRAYER: Faithful God, we come before You knowing that following Jesus sometimes costs us something, yet trusting that Your Spirit rests upon us in every trial. Help us this morning to hear Your word with open hearts, that we might learn to commit ourselves fully to You, our faithful Creator. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray... Our Father who art in heaven...

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### **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Pslam 66:8-12 (page 570) {A.B. page 645}

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" arr. Sorenson Joy Van Riper (piano)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Brenda Cunningham

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:10-12 (page 958) {A.B. page 1056}

#### Sermon

"When Faith Costs Something"
(1 Peter 4:12-19)
Pastor Wade Allen

#### **OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH**

\*HYMN #519: "It Is Well with My Soul"

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**PASTORAL PRAYER** 

**OFFERTORY: "Elevation No. 30" by Paul Benoit** 

\*DOXOLOGY: #809

\*HYMN #612: "How Firm a Foundation"

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**BENEDICTION** 

**POSTLUDE: Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation" by Claude Murphree** 

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

We joyfully celebrate the birth of Ellie Appleton, new great-granddaughter of Gail Benjamin, on July 27th in Oklahoma. Ellie is the daughter of Gail's grandson, Ben Appleton, and his wife, Melissa. Her great-aunt and uncle are Julie and Dale Zajac. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Regina Allen for the loss of her husband, Ken Allen, on August 5th. Please keep the whole family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Reminder: Next Sunday, the worship service will not be in this building. Please join us at Onanda Park (Gorham Lodge) at 9:30 am.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Health concerns: Wally Wake (Kathie Meredith's sister), Shirley Kem, Joan Danaher, Martha Ashley, Ernie McKenzie, Frank (Hildebrant's grandfather), Karen Sanford, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Luca Masi (Verspoor's g-grandson), Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), 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), 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), 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 DelVillano (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 If you purchased Red Wings tickets, you may pick them up today after church.
- 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 our 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! We added a whole new day of slots! You can also sign up online during the week. (see more inside)
- "Pop-up" playdates Thursdays in August (August 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 vou choose.
- Attention Nursery volunteers: Please hop into church center and schedule yourself for the nursery on Sundays that it works for you. The schedule is open for September through December. If you have any questions, please see Louise Van Iseghem. Thank
- Be sure to check out our beautifully designed Care Ministry Spotlight Poster, created by Lydia B. You'll find it near the coat rack at the North entrance into the sanctuary 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**

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.





## **Retreat Weekend Worship Service at the Lake**

#### Next Sunday, 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.



## **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: Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15) Eva Clark: Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)

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...**

Amelia Cunningham (Aug 10-15)

Izzi Sheppard (Aug 10-15)

Anna Zajac (Aug 10-15)



# **Pictorial Directory - Another Day added!**

We'd love to have your picture in our directory! Photography dates are coming soon, September 10-13! (Wednesday timeslots were just added) You can sign up for a timeslot on weekdays at <a href="www.ucdir.com">www.ucdir.com</a> (use <a href="ny133">ny133</a> for the church code and <a href="photos">photos</a> for the password) or <a href="sign up at church on Sundays">sign up at church on Sundays</a>! Look for sign-up sheets in the welcome center. Everyone who gets their photo taken gets a free <a href="8x10">8x10</a> and free color directory.

#### **Save The Dates**

Sept 13 - CareNet Chicken BBQ (at Runnings), 10 am till sold out Sept 28 - Called To Care benefit concert (Jim Kerr and Wendy Stoddard), 3 pm

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

#### **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 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 Linda Werts. Or visit Livingwatersfortheworld.org website.

"All Gods Children deserve Clean Water God Bless!"

#### **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.