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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANADA



Order of Worship for
SEPTEMBER 14, 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: “La Veillée de L’Ange Gardien” by Gabriel Pierné

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Learning to use the spiritual resources God has given us.

INTROIT: (11:00) “I Love You Lord” (Hymn #124)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God has given us everything we need for godly living.

People: We have received his great and precious promises.

Leader: Let us not be idle with these gifts.

People: We will make every effort to grow in faith and love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us forward.

All: We praise you, Lord, for your grace and your call to grow!

***HYMN #723: “Revive Us Again”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we come before you grateful for the incredible spiritual inheritance you have given us through Jesus Christ. Help us today to hear your Word clearly and respond with wholehearted effort to grow in faith, goodness, knowledge, and love. 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 119:9-16 (page 607) {A.B. page 681}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Saved by Grace” by Stan Pethel

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Deb Marshall

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 1:7-9 (page 208) {A.B. page 237}

Sermon

“Make Every Effort”

(2 Peter 1:5-11)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #540: “Take Time to Be Holy”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Toccata” by Johann Krieger

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #551: “Give Me Jesus”**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Prelude in Classic Style” by Gordon Young

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Joan Danaher, Martha Ashley, Ernie McKenzie, Karen Sanford, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), 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), 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)

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).

Pictorial Directory

Thank you to all the families that came in last week to have photos taken! If you were out of town or missed your appointment, let us know in the next 2 weeks and we'll tell you how to submit your own photo.

Lost Jewelry?

If you recently lost an earring in the sanctuary, or a necklace in the parking lot, contact the office to describe them.



Highlights for This Week

- **Sunday School for Children and Youth begins today at 9:45am!** Kids ages 3-years-old through high school will meet in classrooms upstairs. Nursery care is provided for our littlest ones.
- **Sunday School Small Group Bible Study Initiative - TODAY @ 9:45AM-** Come down to the Downstairs Dining Hall to hear about our 6-week initiative for small group Bible studies during the Sunday school hour! Our small group series will follow the sermon series on 2 Peter, and we are offering a variety of small groups types to meet the various needs of our church family.
- **The Cause Kick Off - TODAY @ 5PM** - High school students and their parents are invited to our kick off event for our youth ministry! Come and enjoy food, worship, games, and a time for devotions/ministry vision for the coming year.
- **Sunday Morning Church Bell Ringing** - This year, we are inviting youth to pair up with their church friends and ring the big church bell, right at 10:55am, right before service! We plan to start Sunday, September 21, with our high school students having first dibs. Two students plus an adult will team up to ring the bell effectively and safely. A schedule will be created and shared soon! This will be a fun way for our youth to tell all of you that worship is about to start (and before David starts playing the organ!)
- **Youth Club begins Oct 1!**
 - **Parents:** Online registration is open. Mark your calendar to join us for pizza dinner at 5:00pm and parent meeting at 6pm on Oct 1. **Please register by September 22.**
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for September: Gail B.** Please contact Gail 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 both services. We use Room 11 during the 8:45 am service and we use Room 10 and Room 11 during the 11:00 am service.

Children's Time

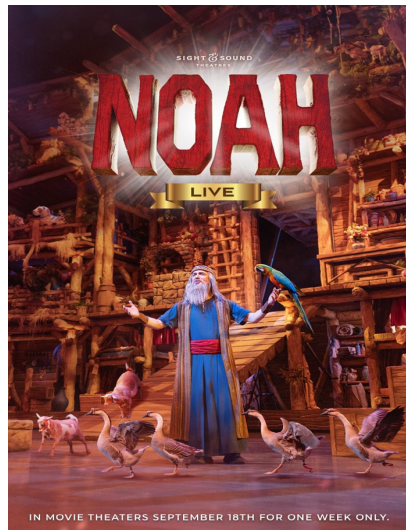
Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon. **Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service.



Noah is coming to Eastview Mall!

See it with a group of us. Regal Cinema at Eastview Mall, the **matinee showing (3:30) on Saturday Sept 20th**. We can carpool from church (meeting at 2:30) or meet at the theater. Purchase your tickets ahead of time. Here's a link: <http://bit.ly/45VWXRy>

Nancy Lamberson (nancy.lamberson@uccdga.org) 585-662-7648



Knitters!

The evening prayer shawl knitting group will resume meeting on **Tuesday, Sept 16 at 7:00pm** in the fellowship room. If you like to knit or would like to learn, please join with us. Learners, please contact me ahead of time for supplies. Rachel at: donrensberger@gmail.com or call: 585-364-4038



2025 Christmas Cantata

The United Church Choir, accompanied by instrumentalists, are presenting an exciting and beautiful Christmas Cantata for our morning worship service on **Sunday, December 21st**, called, "Sing We Noel" by Joel Raney. We encourage you to be a part of this engaging presentation. **Practices will be held Wednesday nights, 7:00-7:40 pm in the choir room starting September 3rd**. Let's spread the word to all your musical friends (both vocal and instrumental). Please contact Georgia Sperano either in person or at gsperano@rochester.rr.com to express your interest.



Yes! Grocery donations still needed!

Look for the black collections wagon in the Fellowship Room. 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.

Pie Fundraiser to benefit Called to Care, Canandaigua

Thank you to all who ordered pies for CTCC to help with refugee resettlement needs. **150 pies** were sold across our community. **Pie Pick up Drive Thru** will be **TODAY, 1:30-4pm at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Main St.** Thank you for supporting refugees while enjoying pie!

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

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

As activities are ramping up at church this fall, would you consider helping with our church's mission work? There will be one-time events, ongoing opportunities and of course mission trips! We are also in need of some new ideas and energies on our mission sub-teams! The Collections team takes care of special offerings, the Angel Tree, the 'shopping cart' and any other collections during the year. The Hands-On team works to offer meaningful ways for the congregation to get involved with, well, hands-on activities. Finally, there is the Missionaries Team. This group stays connected to our missionaries and keeps the congregation up-to-date. These teams only meet on an as needed basis so you wouldn't be committing to a lot of meetings! Please contact Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) if you would like more information or want to join a team!

Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry"

needs volunteers for the **Monday, September 22nd** food distribution from **9:00am-11:00am** at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 58&20. See Linda Werts for more info.



Benefit Concert

"Journeys" a program of original and traditional songs by **Jim Kerr and Wendy Stoddard** will be offered on **Sunday, September 28th at 3:00pm** in our sanctuary. This will be a benefit concert for Called to Care, Canandaigua. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to provide refreshments please sign up on the office door.

A 2026 Mexico Mission Trip is in the planning stage. Want to learn more about traveling or supporting those who do travel? Come to a meeting following the **11:00am service on September 28th**. Light Mexican refreshments will be served. See Linda Werts or Ray McMillen for more info.

2026 NC Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

On Mission Sunday many of you heard the wonderful testimonies of some of the individuals that went on this year's North Carolina mission trip. The work, connections made, and views of destruction were all incredibly moving. While Valley Hope Foundation (the group we worked with) continues their efforts much more needs to be done. We will be having a second inter-generational trip to North Carolina next year, March 29 -April 3 to contribute to these on-going efforts. There will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, Oct. 5** following the second service in the Youth room. Please come and learn about the trip and see if this might be an experience you want to try. There is work for all skill levels! If you cannot attend the meeting feel free to reach out to Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com).

