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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly  
Bulletin  
*Sunday*  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



THE  
UNITED  
CHURCH  
CANADA





Order of Worship for  
SEPTEMBER 21, 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

## WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Living with an eternal perspective and leaving lasting reminders of faith for those who come after us.

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Leader: We gather as pilgrims living in temporary tents, heading toward our eternal home.*

**People: We come to be reminded of truths that save our lives.**

*Leader: When storms of doubt surround us, God’s Word is our sure foundation.*

**People: When feelings deceive us, His promises remain faithful.**

*Leader: Let us stir up one another’s faith and remember what we know to be true.*

**People: Let us worship the God who gives us everything we need for life and godliness.**

**All: Come, let us worship and strengthen one another while we can!**

**\*HYMN #749: “Rejoice in God’s Saints”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, as we gather today we acknowledge that our time on this earth is brief, like living in temporary tents on a journey toward our eternal home with you. Stir up our hearts to remember your faithful promises and help us to strengthen one another while we can. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 90:10-12, 14-17 (page 589) {A.B. page 663}

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) “Find Us Faithful” arr. Jack Schrader (words on insert)  
The United Church Choir

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (page 178) {A.B. page 203}

**Sermon**  
“A Lasting Reminder”  
(2 Peter 1:12-15)  
Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #498: “I Love to Tell the Story”**

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN #733: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”**

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Jim Peck, 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).

## 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](mailto:feedback@uccdga.org).

## Highlights for This Week

- **Sunday School Small Groups Bible Study** - We are excited to start our adult and young adult small groups today! All are welcome! We are studying 2 Peter (the same passages as the sermon series!) See below for groups and locations. Signage and greeters will assist you, too!
  - **Young Adults Small Group** - Bell Tower Room
  - **Parenting Small Group** - Fellowship Room
  - **Choir Small Group** - Upstairs in Room 26
  - **United Small Group** - Downstairs Dining Room
- **Youth Club begins Oct 1!**
  - **Parents:** Online registration is open. Mark your calendar to join us for pizza dinner at 5:40pm and parent meeting at 6pm on Oct 1. **Please register by September 22.**
  - **Needed: Pizza Servers and Kitchen "Cleaner Uppers"** For the first Youth Club, **October 1**, from 5:15-6:15ish, 2 *pizza servers* are needed in the fellowship room to serve parents stopping by for a quick bite before our opening program. AND from 5:30-6:30ish 5 *to work clean up* in the downstairs dining room kitchen after our pizza dinner (we'll use paper products this night), so YC students, workers and parents can all be part of our opening program in the sanctuary. **Please sign up on Deb's door. Thank you!**
- **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.

## Shirley Kem's temporary address.

She will be doing rehab at the Jewish Home, but we don't know how long yet. Her daughter recommends calling before visiting to confirm her availability and no conflicts with PT/OT...

**Shirley Kem, 2021 S Winton Rd., Room 261, Rochester, NY 14618**



## 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 started in September and are held Wednesday nights, 7:00-7:40 pm in the choir room.** 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](mailto: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.

## 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 5&20. See Linda Werts for more info.



## What's Happening in Haiti?

"**Haiti a Country in Crisis**" hosted by Called to Care Canandaigua on **September 22nd, 6:30pm at Wood Library**. Pastor Paul Oska, of the Rochester Haitian community will speak about the country's unrest which impacts the lives of our United Church Haitian community. All are invited.

## Ken's Afghan

Thank you to **Christine Palmer** for completing the afghan started by **Ken Allen** for Amalia Depies! Amalia's parents are Doug and Mary Laura Depies, **Living Waters for the World** Yucatan Network Coordinators and our good friends from **Mexico travels**.



## Save the date

CareNet's **Baby Blessings Tea, Saturday, Oct 4, 2-4 pm** at Crosswinds. See the flyer on the bulletin board for ticket information.

## World Mission Offering

On **Sunday, October 5**, we will be receiving our annual World Mission Offering. Our gifts to this offering is a way we can serve and reach people for Christ. Envelopes and more information will be found in the October Lamplighter.

**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](mailto:sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com)) if you would like more information or want to join a team!

## 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](mailto:sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com)).

Notes & Doodles:



Small Group Bible Study Bulletin Insert

Our young adult and adult small groups are following the sermon series on 2 Peter. Use this bulletin insert to follow along with sermon notes. You are encouraged to use these inserts during the small group Bible studies as well! The insert structure follows the **S.O.A.P. Bible Study Method** - an easy but structured way of studying the Holy Scriptures! We have provided this week and next week’s inserts (back side), for your use.

September 21 - SOAP Bulletin Insert (2 Peter 1:12-15)

S - Scripture

What verse stood out to you?

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O - Observation

Why do even mature believers need reminders?

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How does Peter describe his life in this passage?

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A - Application

Which truths do you often forget?

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How can we stir one another’s faith?

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P - Prayer

“Lord, remind me of your truth, stir up my faith, and help me leave a lasting witness.”

S - Scripture

What verse stood out to you?

O - Observation

Why does Peter highlight the Transfiguration?

How does he describe Scripture’s reliability and origin?

A - Application

When doubts arise, do I trust feelings, opinions, or God’s Word?

How can I let Scripture be a light in my daily life?

What practice can I adopt this week to take God’s Word more seriously?

P - Prayer

“Lord, thank you for eyewitnesses and your Word. Help me pay attention to your light until the day dawns.”

Find Us Faithful  
by Jon Mohr & Jack Schrader

Verse 1  
We’re pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,  
And those who’ve gone before us line the way;  
Cheering on the faithful. Encouraging the weary,  
Their lives a stirring testament to God’s sustaining grace.

Verse 2  
Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
Let us run the race not only for the prize;  
But as those who’ve gone before us, let us leave to those behind us  
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives.

Chorus  
O may all who come behind us find us faithful;  
May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,  
And the lives we live inspire them to obey;  
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Verse 3  
After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,  
And our children sift through all we’ve left behind;  
May the clues that discover and the memories they uncover  
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.

Chorus(X2)