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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

# Weekly Bulletin

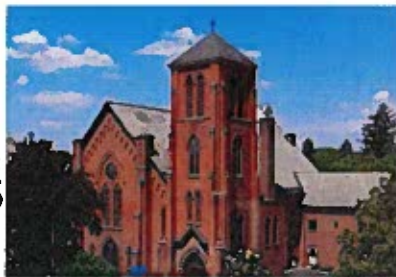
*Sunday*  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



THE  
UNITED  
CHURCH  
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for  
SEPTEMBER 28, 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:** “Souvenir” by Marcel Dupré

**WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: We can trust what we’ve been told about Jesus because it’s based on eyewitness testimony, historical evidence, and God’s reliable Word.

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Leader: We gather to hear God’s reliable Word*

*People: Your Word is a light shining in a dark place*

*Leader: We trust not in clever stories, but in eyewitness testimony*

*People: The apostles saw Jesus in his glory*

*Leader: Scripture comes from God himself*

*All: Let us worship the God whose Word we can trust!*

**\*HYMN #312:** “How Sure the Scriptures Are!”

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we come before you today seeking truth in a world full of confusion and deception. Help us to trust in your reliable Word and the eyewitness testimony of your apostles, letting Scripture be our guide until Jesus returns. 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**

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 17:1-8 (page 973) {A.B. page 1073}

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) “Ancient Words” arr. Mary McDonald (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 19:7-11 (page 541) {A.B. page 616}

**Sermon**  
“Eyewitness to the Truth”  
(2 Peter 1:16-21)  
Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #309:** “Wonderful Words of Life”

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** Prelude on “DARWALL” by Healey Willan

**\*DOXOLOGY:** #809

**\*HYMN #316:** “For Your Holy Book We Thank You”

**DEDICATION OF LOGOS VOLUNTEERS**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “Fuga” from Sonata No. 2 by Felix Mendelssohn

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

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Ann Peck, whose husband, Jim Peck, passed away on September 23rd. His memorial service will take place here this Friday at 1:00 pm. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

*The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Ethan James Vadney on September 25th. His parents are Kevin and Hollie Vadney, and Harper is his proud big sister. Holger and Julie Stave and David and Susan Vadney are his grandparents. Please keep the whole family in your prayers during this special time.*



## 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).

## 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** - Our adult and young adult small groups continue 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:** Mark your calendar to join us for pizza dinner (at 5:40pm) and parent meeting at 6pm on Oct 1. **Please RSVP for pizza by September 29.**
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for October: Dan F.** Please contact Dan 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.



## Friends & Fellowship: 85 & Up Fall Event

**Saturday, October 18 at 11:00 am**

We're excited to host a special fall gathering for all in our church family who are **85 and older**. This meaningful event begins in the sanctuary with a time of music, devotion, and Communion, followed by lunch and shared fellowship.

Whether you are a Senior Companion or simply part of this cherished age group, we hope you'll join us for a morning filled with encouragement, connection, and celebration.

RSVP to Christy @ [christy.allen@uccdga.org](mailto:christy.allen@uccdga.org) or the Church office



## Youth Fall Event

**Sunday, October 26** - MS & HS students are invited for lunch (bring your own) after the 11 AM service, a trip to the **Pick'n Patch corn maze**, and pumpkin carving back at church with prizes, snacks/dinner and a devotion. Cost is \$14-17 (depending on group rates). Parent pick-up at 6 PM. (Note: there will be no high school youth group that same evening).

## Food Pantry Donations, Please!

The black collections wagon is in the **Mission Collections Center** located in the south side of the newly remodeled Fellowship Room. We continue to collect needed food staples for **CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action)** and the **Salvation Army food pantry**. Our donations continue to be needed. Thank you for so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. Questions? Please see Mary Lou Havens or Cathy Bush.



## Card Ministry Location

The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available in the Mission Collections Center. Last year, over \$1000 of donations from these cards went to support our missions! Pop in before or after church to select some.



## 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.

## 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 **TODAY at 3:00pm** in our sanctuary. This will be a benefit concert for **Called to Care, Canandaigua**. Light refreshments will be served.

### A 2026 Mexico Mission Trip

A 2026 Mexico Mission Trip is in the planning stage. Join us **today, in the fellowship room at noon**, to learn more. Light Mexican refreshments will be served.



### 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)).

## World Mission Offering

On **Sunday, October 5**, we will be receiving our annual special offering for the **World Mission Offering** which will be shared equally with the **American Baptist World Mission Offering** and the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program**. This offering provides an opportunity for churches like ours to participate in God's life-changing mission around the globe.

American Baptist Global servants share the gospel in ways that are understandable in their unique places of service. For instance in places like Ukraine, International Mission's Global Consultant Kristy Engel has served internally displaced persons who are suffering the impact of war by helping to create sustainable medical systems. And, International Mission's Mike Mann's ministry uses coffee, a common commodity, to help hill tribe communities in northern Thailand build a sustainable life.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. There are many circumstances outside our control: wars, natural disasters, disease, accidents, and other people's actions and decisions. Our gifts enable sharing the healing love of Christ through communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. By sharing our resources we can respond to the needs around the world, tending to those who are suffering.

## Check Our Bulletin Boards

The bulletin boards between the Gibson Street door and the nursery contain flyers for many events and meetings that, though not directly church related, are near and dear to church members! Thanks for checking them occasionally. (Please check with the church office before posting anything here.) A sampling of upcoming events:

**FLSO concerts** here on **Oct 19**

**FLCB concerts** middle school on **Oct 26**

**Jennifer Petracchi's senior recital** at Fredonia on **October 18**.

## Beaver Camp Fall Events

Go to [Beavercamp.org](http://Beavercamp.org) or call **315-376-2640** for info or to sign up

**Fall Family Retreat** October 3-5

**Young Adult Weekend** October 10-12 (ages 18-30)

**Parenting with Purpose Weekend** October 17-19

**Scrap & Craft Retreat!** November 7-8



World Missions Offering



## 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 28 - SOAP Bulletin Insert (2 Peter 1:16-21)

#### S - Scripture

What verse stood out to you?

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#### O - Observation

Why does Peter highlight the Transfiguration?

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How does he describe Scripture's reliability and origin?

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#### A - Application

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

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

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

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#### P - Prayer

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



**S - Scripture**

What verse stood out to you?

**O - Observation**

What strategies do false teachers use?

How does their influence damage both believers and the church’s witness?

**A - Application**

How can I better recognize counterfeits?

How can I help protect our church from deception?

What does resisting false teachings look like in our time?

**P - Prayer**

“Lord, keep me alert to lies. Ground me in your Word, and keep me faithful in truth and love.”

**Ancient Words**

by Lynn DeShazo/Arr. Mary McDonald

**Verse 1**

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world,  
They resound with God’s own heart;  
Oh, let the ancient words impart.  
Give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where’re we roam,  
The ancient words will guide us home.

**Chorus**

Ancient words every true,  
Changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts;  
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

**Verse 2**

Holy words of our faith,  
Handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice,  
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.

*Notes and Doodles:*