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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly  
Bulletin  
*Sunday*  
OCTOBER 5, 2025



THE  
UNITED  
CHURCH  
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for  
OCTOBER 5, 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:** “Finale” from Sonata No. 6 by Felix Mendelssohn

**WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: We must recognize and resist false teachers by knowing God’s Word and testing everything against Scripture.

**INTROIT:** (11:00) “Speak, Lord, in the Stillness” (Hymn #585)

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Leader: The Lord our God is faithful and true*

**People: His Word stands forever**

*Leader: In a world of lies and counterfeits*

**People: We anchor ourselves in His truth**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose Word guides us*

**All: Let us worship in spirit and in truth**

**\*HYMN #310: “O Word of God Incarnate”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, as we gather to hear Your Word this morning, open our hearts and minds to receive Your truth with discernment and faith. Protect us from deception and help us to stand firm on the solid foundation of Your Word. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray, and let us sing together...

**\*HYMN #632: “The Lord’s Prayer”**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Jeremiah 23:16-22 (page 774) {A.B. page 853}

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) “Armor of God” by John Ness Beck (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 7:15-20 (page 961) {A.B. page 1060}

### Sermon

“The Enemy Within”

(2 Peter 2:1-3)

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN: “Thy Word” (printed on insert)**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** Improvisation on “MUNICH”

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN #569: “Living for Jesus, a Life That Is True”**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt” by Johann Sebastian Bach

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Wendy Stoddard, 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** - 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
- **The loose offering collected today** (and also the first Sundays in Nov and Dec) will be directed towards the **Stewards Assistance Fund**. These gifts provide confidential support to those in our church family facing unexpected needs, allowing us to extend Christ's love in practical ways.
- Next Sunday, **Oct 12 at 9:45am**, please join us for **Intergenerational Sunday School** in the downstairs dining room. We will enjoy an activity, Bible lesson, conversation, prayer, and fellowship. We will NOT be having breakfast, but if you would be willing to bake some muffins, please let Deb Marshall know. Thank you!
- **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

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.



## Grateful Thanks from Wendy Stoddard

To my church community,  
I am very grateful for all of your love, which has been expressed concretely through prayers, meals and cards. I send my thanks to all of those in this precious community. May your kind spirits be richly blessed. **Love, Wendy**



## 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 **Missions Collection 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 Missions Collections Center. Last year, over \$1,000 of donations from these cards went to support our missions! Pop in before or after church to select some.



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

## World Mission Offering

Today, **Sunday, October 5**, we are 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.

You will find **envelopes in the pews** or you can write WMO in the memo line of a check or choose the WMO fund through our **online giving**.

## 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 **TODAY, 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)).





## Family Promise of Ontario County

The Family Promise new Static Site is **under construction** on N. Main Street in Canandaigua! Meanwhile their ongoing work of helping current families facing homelessness continues. Our church is assisting by collecting **grocery and gas gift cards** to help their guests during the **first half of October**. Walmart, Tops, and Aldi are the most appreciated grocery cards, in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Kwik Fill, Exxon/Mobil, and Speedway gas cards are also very helpful and at Speedway they can be labeled “Fuel Purchases Only.” If you can help these struggling families, please leave the gift cards in the church office or place in a marked envelope in the collection plate **by Sunday, October 26**. If you would find it easier, you can write a check to **Family Promise, mark it FP Gift Cards on the memo line**. Thank you for your support of these families in need. – The Mission Collections Team



## 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 concert** here on **Oct 19**  
**FLCB concert** middle school on **Oct 26**  
**Jennifer Petracchi’s senior recital** at Fredonia on **Oct 18**

## Beaver Camp Fall Events

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

**Young Adult Weekend** Oct 10-12 (ages 18-30)  
**Parenting with Purpose Weekend** Oct 17-19  
**Scrap & Craft Retreat** Nov 7-8



## 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!

Note: October 12, there is no Sunday School small groups. We will be conducting an intergenerational Sunday School class, and then return to small groups on October 19.

### October 5 - SOAP Bulletin Insert (2 Peter 2:1-3)

#### 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 teaching 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.”

The Armor of God

by John Ness Beck

Verse 1

Put on the full armor of God  
That you may be able to stand firm!  
Stand firm, having put on the breast plate  
Of righteousness, and having shod your  
Feet with the Gospel of peace, taking up  
The shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation,  
And the sword of the Spirit, the sword of the Spirit,  
Which is the word of God.

Verse 2

Peace, peace, peace be to you, my brethren,  
And love, love, love with faith, from God  
The Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Peace, peace be to you, my brethren, and love  
With faith, faith, faith from God the Father and  
The Lord Jesus Christ. Grace, grace, grace be with  
All those who love the Lord Jesus Christ with a  
Love, with a love incorruptible!

Verse 3

Soldiers of Christ arise, And put your armor on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies  
Through His eternal Son; Strong in the Lord of  
Hosts, And in His mighty power, Who in the strength  
Of Jesus, trust is more than conqueror.

Verse 4

From strength to strength go on,  
Stand firm, prevail and pray,  
Tread all the powers of darkness down,  
And win the well-fought day.  
Still let the Spirit cry In all His soldiers Come!  
Til Christ the Lord descends from high  
And takes the conquerors home.  
Amen(x7)

Thy Word

Words and Music by  
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

CHORUS

♩ = 70 F C/E F B♭/D C F

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

5 C/E F B♭/D C F Fine

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

VERSE

C Gm Dm Am B♭ C

1. When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -  
2. I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12 B♭/F F C Gm Dm Am B♭ C

side me. Noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me  
wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You

16 C/D D Csus C D.C. al Fine

to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
to the end. \_\_\_\_\_