

Come, Follow Me
by Elly & Steve Kupferschmid

“Come, follow me,” said the Lord.
Be at peace within my care.
Be as a child. Show me your need.
Take my hand, and I will lead.
“Come, follow me,” said the Lord.

Leave your worldly cares behind,
Free as a bird soaring above,
Filled with my forgiving love.
And share the love you feel this day
With all whose hurt you find.
If all do so, then love will flow
Through all mankind.

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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

**Weekly
Bulletin**
Sunday
JANUARY 18, 2026



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THE
**UNITED
CHURCH**
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
JANUARY 18, 2026



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: "Come To Me, Says God's Son" by Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Jesus invites us to come and see him for ourselves

INTROIT: (11:00) "Jesus, Name Above All Names" (hymn #106)

United Church Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus turns to us and asks, What do you want?

People: We want to know you, Lord.

Leader: Jesus says, Come and see.

People: We come to encounter the one who sees us and calls us by name.

Leader: Jesus promises, You will see greater things.

All: We come to see Jesus, the Son of God, the place where heaven and earth meet.

Come, let us worship.

***HYMN #86: "We Come, O Christ, to You"**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, thank you for inviting us to come and see Jesus for ourselves. Open our eyes to see him clearly and our hearts to receive him fully. As we worship together, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying ... 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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 40:1-11 (page 555) {A.B. page 630}

ANTHEM: "Come Follow Me" by Kupferschmid (words on back of bulletin)
United Church Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 1:1-9 (page 1128) {A.B. page 1258}

Sermon
"Come and See"
(John 1:35-51)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

TESTIMONY: Brenda Cunningham

***HYMN #446: "The Savior Is Waiting"**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Jesus Has Come" by Max Reger

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN #576: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Fuga sopra il Magnificat" by Johann Sebastian Bach

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), Jack Bigos, Maverick Ferrante (Ardell Bigos' grandson), Jackie Brown (Linda Bailey's sister), Preemie baby of Katie (cousin of Karen Roaix), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), Ashley Fry (newborn relative of VanIseghems), Wendy Stoddard, Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, 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 Schermon

Cancer: Donna White (Linda Bailey's sister), Robbie Bass (Linda Bailey's nephew), 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), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), 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, JJ Callard (USN), US Army CPT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Boseski's 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).

The Annual Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the dining room, on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**. Immediately after the 11:00 service, the youth will host a lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2026 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2025, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.

Highlights for This Week

- **All parents are invited to join Parenting Coffee Hour - any Sunday at 9:45am.** We begin each week with social time and then start our "lesson" at 10am. We will be discussing the following topics...
 - Jan 18 - The Goal of Parenting
 - Jan 25 - Forming Character
 - Feb 1 - Applying Discipline
- **Saturday, January 24, 2026 - 1pm-5pm - Youth Ice Skating Event** - 6th grade, and up! Start and end at church! Please register online.
- **Sunday, January 25, 2026 - Annual Meeting Fundraiser** - 6th grade and up, along with young adults, and adults. All those involved in mission trips and experiences in 2026 are asked to participate. Volunteer sign up document has been sent digitally to parents. A physical sign up sheet is also in the Welcome Center.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for January: Bill F.** Please contact Bill if you need help signing up.

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!**



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. (**Please note:** Kids in 6th grade and up are asked to *remain in the service* with their families. Thank you!)



Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during the **late service**. Parents may choose to take their child to the nursery at any time during the service. **All adult volunteers in the nursery are background checked.**

2026 Retreats - Save the Dates!

- **Women's Half-Day Retreat** - Saturday, January 31 (10am-1pm) @ The United Church
- **Youth Retreat** - Saturday, August 15 @ Onanda Park (Crouch Hall)
- **Adult Retreat** - Saturday, October 24 @ Onanda Park (Crouch Hall) - Guest speaker TBA!
- **Other Retreats Proposed** - **Young Adult Retreat and Men's Half-Day Retreat**

Summer Mission Experiences - Save the Dates! **August 17-21**, including youth, young adult, and adults!

Stewardship and Pledging

It's not too late to make your pledge for 2026! So far we've had **\$337,246.50** pledged to Operating and **\$98,879.50** pledged to Missions. To meet the needs of the proposed 2026 budget, we are hoping to have **\$360,200** pledged to the operating side. The Missions team forms their budget after pledges come in. Last year they had **\$101,848** pledged.

Pledge forms are available on the Welcome Center desk. They can be returned to the offering plate or the box in the Welcome Center or you can mail them into the office. You can also submit a pledge form digitally by following this link: <http://bit.ly/48BcbNw> or scan the code to the right. If you would like offering envelopes, but did not yet request them, please ask in the office.

MLK Celebration

Monday, January 19 at Noon at the Congregational Church

Join with the Canandaigua Community to celebrate the life and lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 19 starting at 12 Noon in the Sanctuary of the Congregational Church (the white church across the street). We invite all to hear inspiring words from Dr. King and celebrate the students who have memorialized Dr. King through word and art.

Please call 585-394-2184 with questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



Intergenerational Women's Retreat

Saturday, January 31, 10AM-1PM at The United Church

Women of all ages are invited to connect through faith, fellowship, food! During our time together, we will engage with biblical stories of women how these stories may guide us in our journey today. More details to come, but you can expect a time of learning, engagement through breakout sessions, and open discussion over lunch. **Register now in the Welcome Center (or online) to help us prepare for your attendance!**



Exploring Membership Class

February 15, from 10-11 am in the Fellowship Room/library.

Are you interested in learning more about our church community and what it means to be a member? We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming Exploring Membership class, where you'll have the opportunity to deepen your understanding of our church's mission, values, and community life. Visit the church website or call the church office to register.

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



Habitat for Humanity Volunteers needed

Habitat is still looking for **more volunteers** to work on the Tillotson Street home...yes, the one we framed the walls for last summer! Volunteers are needed for **Mondays and Fridays from 9am - 3pm** with a noon lunch break. Hard hats and safety goggles are provided. Work may be moving to inside tasks. Contact Linda W. to join a work crew.

Chasin the Blues

Called to Care Canandaigua's "Chasin' the Blues" returns this year on February 6th and welcomes back Cool Club and the Lipker Sisters. Enjoy a night of love, music, and delicious treats as you support the work of welcome, resettlement, and support to families within the Canandaigua community. Presale tickets at \$35 can be purchased on Sunday mornings in January or from Regie A., Cathy B., Sonya B., Sarah G., or Linda W.



Food Cart & Card Ministry Location

The collection wagon is in the Missions Collection Center 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. The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in after church to select some. Questions? See Mary Lou or Cathy B.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction to support mission trips is coming **June 7 through June 14, 2026!**



Knitters

The Prayer shawl knitting group will meet on **Tuesday, Jan 20** in the fellowship room at **7:00pm**. Come join us! All skill levels are welcomed.



CPR/First Aid Course

This Saturday, Jan 24 at 9:00 am in the fellowship room American Heart Association Standard CPR/AED for adult, child, and infant, and first aid skills. **Taught to certification level for \$30 per person. Free if no certification is requested.** We will do CPR first at 9am, then start first aid at 11am. Same cost for the combo or

single subject certification. CPR includes choking relief and Naloxone (Narcan) administration. For questions, contact instructor Holger Stave at holger@wfany.net or find answers at www.wfany.net. **Sign up on the office door.**