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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
JANUARY 25, 2026



THE
**UNITED
CHURCH**
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
JANUARY 25, 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: “Adagio” from Sonata No. 8 by Gustav Merkel

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Jesus reveals his glory through signs so that we might see him for who he truly is and believe.

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

United Church Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus revealed his glory through signs and wonders.

People: We gather to see his glory.

Leader: At Cana, water became wine and disciples believed.

People: Open our eyes to see who Jesus truly is.

Leader: He transforms the ordinary into something extraordinary.

All: Come, let us worship the one who reveals his glory to us.

***HYMN #95: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we come this morning asking you to open our eyes to see Jesus clearly. As we worship together, reveal your glory to us through your Word. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who 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

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (page 546) {A.B. page 620}

ANTHEM: “For All the Saints” arr. Dwight Elrich (words on insert) United Church Choir

REMEMBRANCE: Ken Allen, Alex Clark, Ron Czadzeck, Rita Ebersol, David Gerstner,
Anne Kraft, Jim Peck, David Sanford

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 1:10-18 (page 1128) {A.B. page 1258}

Sermon
“Seeing His Glory”
(John 2:1-11)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #187: “Jesus Come! for We Invite You”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Fugue in D Minor” by David Kraft

***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 #130: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Abide With Me” by Philip G. Kreckel

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with Gloria Baker for the loss of her husband, John, on January 18th. Bonnie Ritts is their daughter. The memorial service will be here on Saturday, February 7th at 2:00 pm. Please keep the Baker and Ritts families in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Brooke Merenuk (daughter of Mary Beth Fortunato), 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 Schermond

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 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).

The Annual Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the dining room, **today, 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

- **Today is Remembrance Sunday.** During our worship, we will remember those in our church family, along with their spouses and children, who passed away in **2025**.
- **TODAY - Annual Meeting Fundraiser** - 6th grade and up, along with young adults, and adults. Proceeds go to supporting our youth program (this year, including our Faith Journey - a special event for seniors and juniors) and various mission experiences.
- **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 25 - The Goal of Parenting, Forming Character
 - Feb 1 - Forming Character
- **Lenten Devotionals** - Check out the Lenten devotionals in the Welcome Center! Sign up for the book you would like, and it will be ordered for you. Please consider donating via the QR code provided on the sign up sheet, or through the church website (marking it as "Adult Ed. Fund").
- **Sunday, February 8 - Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser** - We are collecting shelf-stable food items for CCIA. All items will be collected in the Missions Room (where the donation shelves are located!).
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for February: Gail B.** Please contact Gail 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.*

For All The Saints

by Dwight Elrich

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might:
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!(X2)
Alleluia!

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!



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...

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.

Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry"

Volunteers needed for the **Monday, January 26th** food distribution from **9:00am-11:00am** at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5820.

Food Cart & Card Ministry

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: June 7-14, 2026

As our Bi-Annual auction approaches we ask you to please consider participating as a **donor** of an auction item, a member of the **planning committee**, or an **auction worker.** It takes a lot of planning and many hands to make this happen. We would appreciate any help you can give us. After 20 years of running our auctions, this will be Regina's final year. We are looking for someone to take over for the next auction in 2028. This need not be a long term commitment, it could be just for 1 auction. Prayerfully consider if you could be this person. Thank you. Please notify Regina Allen or any member of the Mission Committee if you can help. Thank you.

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.

