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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
MARCH 8, 2026



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
MARCH 8, 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: “Vision” by Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Jesus asks if we want to get well and offers his power to heal what keeps us stuck.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”
Men’s Quartet (Earl Pettit, Jim Boseck, Dan Frye, Ryan Marshall)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus comes to us in our brokenness and asks, Do you want to get well?

People: We come seeking the one who heals and restores.

Leader: Jesus works alongside the Father, bringing life and wholeness.

People: We come to worship the one who has power to make us whole.

All: Come, let us worship Jesus, the healer of body and soul.

***HYMN #532: “Be Thou My Vision”** CCLI Song #2431387, ©1974 Hope Pub. Co., CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we come to you this morning acknowledging the places where we are stuck and need your healing touch. Open our hearts to hear Jesus’ question and to respond with faith. 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 95 (page 591) {A.B. page 665}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “He Keeps Me Singing” arr. Mary McDonald (words on insert)
Men’s Quartet

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-11 (page 1116) {A.B. page 1244}

Sermon
“Stuck No More”
(John 5:1-18)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #460: “Search Me, O God”**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Trio No. 2 “Moderato” by Josef Rheinberger

***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 #463: “Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”** CCLI Song #3479496, ©1990 Hope Pub. Co., CCLI Lic. #11593017

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW LEADERS (11:00) See list on back of bulletin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Carillon” by Léon Boëllmann

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

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Stanley Grey Eveleigh on February 25th. His parents are Scott Eveleigh and Danielle Sutton. His grandparents are John and Jen Eveleigh. Mac and Ernie McKenzie are his great-grandparents. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Financial update

As stated at the annual meeting, we had to take \$23,997.80 out of savings to continue our 2025 programs, and the pledges we've received so far for 2026 are less than the donations received in 2025. None of the Boyce memorial funding is available for operating expenses. We are asking that you **prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for 2026 (or making one if you haven't already done so)**. You can do this by completing a pledge form available in the Welcome Center and writing "revised" at the top and returning it to the office or dropping it in the offering plate. Our staff have done an amazing job of holding costs down as much as possible, but we need your help to be able to sustain these programs. Thank you!

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it" -- Malachi 3:10

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Sandy Cleason, Bill Kenyon, Carly and Brian Ferrante (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Marion Sumpter, Lou Verspoor, Charlie Cox (Regina Allen's son), Martha Ashley, Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), Jack Bigos, Jackie Brown (Linda Bailey's sister), Premie baby of Katie (cousin of Karen Roaix), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), 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), 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), 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), Rev. Nancy and Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather (South Sudan), Sally Gates (UK), Matt and Meredith Snell (Fort Drum, NY).

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...
 - Mar 8 - Applying Discipline (continued)
 - Mar 15 - Building Relationships
 - Mar 22 - Building Relationships (continued)
- **Ferris Hills Connect** - We have made a slight adjustment to the frequency of our connect - We will be meeting *every other Wednesday* during the school year. We will be conducting a devotional, including prayer, Bible study, and (when available) worship music. Keep an eye on the calendar!
- **Registration for Rainforest Falls VBS is open!** All children, ages 4-years-old through those entering 6th grade (Fall 2026) are welcome to participate. Our VBS is scheduled for **July 13-17, 9am-12pm**. We hope you can join us and invite a friend! Use the QR code to register.
- Join us for **Camp Sunday on March 15!** Representatives from various camps will be here to speak to Sunday school kids about camp (during the Sunday school hour). They will also be available to talk with parents after the late service. **We are excited to learn more about summer camps and send lots of kids to camp using camperships!!**
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for March: Margie W.** Please contact Margie if you need help signing up.



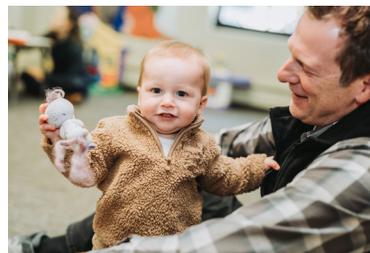
Are You Visiting Us Today?

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

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.



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.*

Getting Involved

Are you interested in **Children's Ministry**, but not able to make a regular commitment? Great news! **We are in need of subs** for many areas of Children's Ministry. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Deb Marshall.

School Teacher Appreciation

Are you interested in helping with **School Teacher Appreciation Sunday**? For many years, children/teens from our church have invited a school teacher to attend church with them on a Sunday. We have flowers for them during the service and a cookie and punch reception for them after the service. **We are looking for a few people to organize this event**, which is scheduled to happen on **April 19th** during and after the **11am service**. Please let Deb M know if you are interested in helping.

Campership Season Begins Today!

Our church believes deeply in the impact of Christian summer camp, so we offer **camperships** to help make it possible for every child to attend. A campership is **available to any child** who participates in Sunday mornings, Youth Club, or The Cause. It covers:

- **Half the cost** of one week of any Christian day or overnight camp
- **Up to the full cost**, if there is financial need

If you'd like to use a campership:

1. Register your child for the Christian camp.
2. Pay either the deposit or half of the total cost.
3. Email proof of registration to me at deb.marshall@uccdga.org.

I'll take care of the rest! **The deadline for campership requests is May 20.**



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

Missionary Visit

On **Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 PM**, you are invited to come and hear Mayra Giovanetti, half of "the BGs", speak about her and Carlos' work as missionaries. Mayra and Carlos are a missionary couple that our church has supported for over 10 years. They are engaging speakers who will explain their work as regional consultants for discipleship in churches and with ethnic groups in Colombia, Nicaragua, Spain, Chile, and throughout Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. Their ministry includes working with the Wayuu people in the Guajira, the northern region of Colombia.

Please join us to learn more about their important work, ask questions and have some dessert!



North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

March 28-April 3

The planning continues and the mission trip team is getting excited to share the United Church's love for others with the western North Carolina community as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene. Trip participants are **Louise and Kerry V., Deb and Bruce G., Kristy and Amelia A., Grace P., Anna Z., Mark S., and Sonya B.**

We are looking for 10 prayer partners! We would like a prayer partner for each person going on the trip - we'll match you up. This entails praying specifically for the individual before and during the trip and providing three notes to them to be opened during the trip. Email Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate. **Of course, we would like everyone to be praying**

for the group and the people we will be helping!

Thank you

The Mexican Dinner fundraiser was a sold-out success! Thank you to all those that bought tickets, volunteered, and cooked or baked. Next Sunday, March 15, during the 11:00 service, we will commission those going on the mission trip to Mexico later that week.



Abundant Life Fellowship Donations

You may have read in the news that the church building of Abundant Life Fellowship, located in Boonville, NY, **tragically burned to the ground February 17th**. We, at the United Church, are able to reflect upon our history in remembering the fire that destroyed the First Baptist Church of Canandaigua nearly 85 years ago.

The daughter of **Paul and Beth Johnson**, long time members of our church who served in an exemplary number of ministry capacities throughout the years, serves as the Office Manager at Abundant Life. **Lydia, her husband Andy** (they met at Beaver Camp!) **and four children** are likewise involved in many ministries at Abundant Life. We, and Abundant Life Fellowship, know ‘the church’ is the people within. However, while sitting in our beautiful sanctuary, consider how heartbreaking it would be for us to lose our church building!

Our Mission Team has committed \$500 toward Abundant Life Fellowship’s recovery. Additionally, if you are able, **we are encouraging our congregation to contribute toward the rebuilding** of this valuable ministry in upstate NY. Marked envelopes are available at the sanctuary doors as well as the Missions area. These envelopes, with cash or check made out to The United Church with “ALF” in the memo, can be put into the offering plates or left in the office. An on-line giving option is also available at our website. <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/giving> Select the “Missions - Abundant Life Fellowship” fund.

Thank you for praying for everyone who was injured (some are still in the hospital at last report) as well as for the congregation as a whole during this time of healing and rebuilding. We are looking forward to seeing God’s plans unfold for Abundant Life Fellowship.

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. **Especially needed by CCIA: pasta sauce, tuna, cereal – not always available through FoodLink**. 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.



LILY ORDERS



Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Lilies (at \$15 each)

They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:

1. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

2. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

3. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

4. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

5. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate WITH your check made payable to “The United Church”. List in the memo section “Easter Lily”. You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 22.

Please pick up your lily after church on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

Transportation Team – Volunteers Needed

As Care Ministry continues to grow, so does the need for practical support.

Our Transportation Team helps members of our church family get to doctor's appointments and Sunday worship when driving is not possible. We are looking to add more volunteers so rides can be shared among a wider group. When a need arises, a message is sent out. If it fits your schedule, you respond, if not, that's okay.

Volunteers need a valid driver's license and proof of registration and insurance.

We are also forming a small "urgent" call list for last-minute needs (less than two days' notice).

If you feel nudged to help, please contact Christy or Margie W.



Care Team Ministries Volunteers.....Pull Up a Chair!

If you serve on any Care Ministry team, this gathering is for you!

Join us for a **Care Team Ministries Potluck** on **Sunday, March 15, from 12-2 pm** in the United Church Dining Hall.

This is a relaxed opportunity to enjoy good food, connect with other Care Team volunteers, and build friendships across teams. Whether you serve as a **Steward, Care Minister, Transportation driver, Meal Train volunteer, Visitation team member, Hospitality helper, Card Ministry writer, Support Team member, or Prayer Shawl creator** -- we would love to have you there. We'll share a short, creative time of interaction around caring for others, woven naturally into fellowship and conversation. Most of all, this gathering is a chance to feel supported and connected with others who serve. **Newer volunteers are especially welcome! This is a great way to meet others serving in Care Ministry.**

Bring a dish to pass and come enjoy being together. Please contact Christy with any questions.

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.



He Keeps Me Singing (11:00 service)

Arr. Mary McDonald

There's within my heart a melody,
Jesus whispers sweet and low.
"Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still"
In all of life's ebb and flow.

(chorus)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest Name I know.
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me.
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free.

Sing O sing, of my Redeemer
With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free.

Soon He's coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown
I shall reign with Him on high. (chorus)

Five Year Celebration!

Today the Staff Relations Committee invites ALL to celebrate **Pastor Wade's Five Year Anniversary with The United Church** after both services in the Fellowship Area. Cake and refreshments will be provided.

