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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
APRIL 26, 2026



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
APRIL 26, 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: “Riposo” by Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: The good shepherd knows you by name and calls you to follow his voice.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Jesus Stand Among Us” (hymn #803) United Church Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world full of noise and confusion, there is a voice that calls us by name.

People: The voice of the one who knows us and loves us.

Leader: He goes ahead of us. He leads us to green pastures.

People: We know his voice and we follow.

Leader: He is the gate through which we find safety. He is the shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

All: Let us worship the good shepherd together.

***HYMN #522: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”** CCLI Song #24078, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Good Shepherd, we thank you for calling us by name and gathering us into your flock this morning. Open our ears to hear your voice above every other voice that competes for our attention. We pray this in the name of Jesus, 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

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 23 (page 544) {A.B. page 618}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “His Eye is On the Sparrow” arr Mark Hayes (words on insert)
United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Peter 2:19-25 (page 1201) {A.B. page 1361}

Sermon
“The Voice You Know”
(John 10:1-18)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: (on insert) “He Knows My Name”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “The Lord is my faithful Shepherd” by Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg

***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 #503: “Now I Belong to Jesus”**
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ORDINATION/INSTALLATION: Randy Bacon and Chuck Lowell

PRAYERS FOR NANCY GERSTNER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Pastorale” by Josef Rheinberger

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Rob Clark, Jenifer Parks (friend of Natalie DeTraglia), Laurie Guyette (friend of the Simpsons), Sandy Cleason, Bill Kenyon, Carly and Brian Ferrante and Baby Stocker (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Marion Sumpter, Lou Verspoor, Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), Jack Bigos, 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: Steve J. (Claire Sheppard's brother), 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), 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: Tech SGT 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).

Scriptures for next week, May 3

Sermon Scripture: **John 14:1-14**
First Reading: **Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16**
Second Reading: **1 Peter 2:2-10**

Highlights for This Week

- **Volunteers are needed this week to help at Youth Club Dinner, Wednesday, April 29 (5:15-7:15)** April 29th is our last day of Youth Club!!!! We like to have all Youth Club children, parents and volunteers join us for pizza dinner and a closing program followed by sundaes. If you are able to help set up, prep and serve dinner, clean up, etc, please sign up on Deb's door. Thanks!
- **The Cause Invitation for 8th Grade Students** - Sunday Evening, May 3, 5:00PM - 7:30 PM - All 8th grade students are invited to our High School Youth Group program! We start with worship and prayer, then onto a Bible study and discussion! At 6:30, we enjoy dinner while sharing weekly "high's and low's". Then, we close the night out with a game! If any food allergies or dietary restrictions, please contact Pastor Mark. (remaining dates after May 3, May 17, May 31, June 7, and June 13).
- Join us for an **all ages Sunday school celebration breakfast on May 17 at 9:45am** in the downstairs dining room. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able.
- **Philippians Sermon Series** - Late May, Pastor Wade will begin a sermon series on Philippians. All are invited to follow along using a Philippians guide book, written by New Testament Scholar Nijay Gupta. Sign-up for a book in the Welcome Center!
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for May: Gail** 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.*



Vacation Bible School

It's time to **register** for **Rainforest Falls VBS!** 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! Feel free to invite friends! You can use the QR code to register.



Tin Giveaway!

There are a few empty VBS tins on Deb's desk from past VBS years (2013-2016). If you would like to take one home, feel free to grab it!



It's Campership Season!

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. Check out the camp info/brochures in the Missions Room.
2. Register your child for the Christian camp. (If its Beaver Camp, please get the discount code from Deb before registering your child.)
3. Pay either the deposit or half of the total cost.
4. Email proof of registration to me at deb.marshall@uccdga.org.

Deb will take care of the rest! Please contact Deb with any questions. **The deadline for campership requests is May 20.**

United Church Softball Team

Are you interested in playing for the **church softball team**? All skill levels are welcome (must be at least 16 years old). This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and recreation. The first game of the season is **May 5**. If you would like to participate please call/text Kevin Vadney at (585) 489-9825. Watch for the game schedule to cheer on the team on Tuesday nights!



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.



Silent Auction: June 7 - 14, 2026

Help Support Mission Trips (Even If You Can't Go Yourself!)



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." — Matthew 25:40

Have you ever wished you could help people in other countries or communities, but aren't able to travel on a mission trip? **You can still make a powerful difference — in TWO meaningful ways!**

1. Donate an Item

Your gifts help send our Youth and Adult Mission Teams to serve where hope and hands on help are needed most. We welcome: ♪ Handcrafted or store bought items ♪ Gift baskets ♪ Antiques or collectibles ♪ Pledges of time or talent (gardening, babysitting, small projects) ♪ Experiences (boat rides, home cooked meals, cottage rentals)

Donation forms are available in the Welcome Center. Completed forms may be placed in the collection box, added to the offering plate, or mailed to the church office.



2. Bid on Items During Auction Week

Even if you don't donate an item, **your bidding directly supports mission work**. Every bid helps send our teams into the mission field — and you might walk away with something wonderful.

We also need **volunteers** to help with setup, displays, and auction week hosting. **A sign up sheet** is available in the Welcome Center.

Questions or want to help: **Nancy Abdallah** — nancycabdallah@gmail.com or 585-749-4313

Family Promise

Family Promise of Ontario County (FPOC) helps families facing or experiencing **homelessness** by providing them a stable place to live, work and financial education, and other support needed to get on their feet. The new FPOC static site on N. Main St is planning to open in May!!!! This will have such a positive impact for families living on the edge. God knows and cares! And so do we!



During **April**, our church family would like to help FPOC by **donating \$25, \$50, or \$100 grocery and/or fuel gift cards, or by writing a check to Family Promise.** Families purchase their own groceries, make their own meals, and fuel their own cars, if they have them. Please consider chipping in! Gift cards may be placed in the offering plate or left with Carolyn during office hours. Questions? Please see Cathy or Mary Lou. Please add your prayers to this and Thank You for your consideration! - The Mission Collection Team

Kid's Kits

In April we will be collecting items and packing Kid's Kits for **Church World Service.** Each kit is filled with school and art supplies that help children feel cared for, supported and ready to learn — at home, in the classroom or wherever life takes them. We have been given beautiful cloth bags to use (thank you Chris P.) and we are asking for the following items to fill the bags. There will be a bin in the mission area to collect the items **through Sunday April 26** and blue bucket tags showing the needed items will be available (you don't have to get everything for a whole kit, we'll assemble them).



- One box of 12 colored pencils
- One 2- pocket folder
- One glue stick
- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip only)
- One 70 page spiral bound notebook
- One 12" ruler
- One hand- held pencil sharpener
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons
- One handmade or store- bought pencil-pouch.

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

One Great Hour of Sharing

It's not too late to contribute to our **annual special Easter offering** for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes were mailed with the March Lamplighter and are also available in the pews. You may also use the Easter envelopes from your box of envelopes or give online by choosing the OGHS fund from the list. Please give as generously as you are able as we serve the most vulnerable around the world, offering aid to people lacking life's basic necessities.



North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

March 28-April 3



Once again many thanks to the congregation for supporting the inter-generational mission trip to North Carolina. It was great to re-establish friendships that were made last year and see the progress (or sometimes lack of progress) in the area 1 1/2 years after Hurricane Helene. Please take a moment to look at the Google Photo Album of the trip.

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Concerts Here Next Weekend

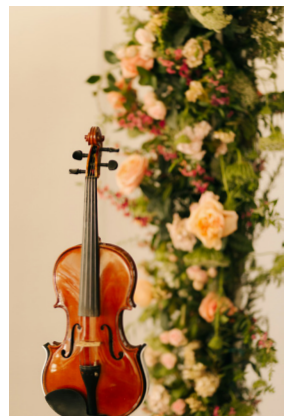
Not church-related but right here in our sanctuary!
If you're looking for musical entertainment next weekend, stop by.

Saturday, May 2 at 3 pm - **Finger Lakes Camerata** (free will offering taken)

Sunday, May 3 at 3 pm - **Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra** (tickets available at the door)

Also, save the evening of May 24th for the **senior recital of Gillian Vit** (violin), which is also here and open to everyone.

Information on all 3 concerts can be found in the May Lamplighter (arriving soon or on the website soon!)



Boyce Memorial Gift Building and Infrastructure Update

A BRIEF REMINDER OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN:

2023: The estate of Lester and Grace Boyce generously provided a memorial gift of \$500,000.

2024-2025: The Boyce Discernment Team was established with a diverse cross-sectional representation of the congregation, including staff, Official Board members, Trustees and other congregation members. The team engaged in an intentional prayerful process to determine how to best steward this gift to meet our congregation's present needs and future ministries, while also reflecting the Boyce family's love for our church.

January 2025: A meeting was held with our congregation to share the Discernment Teams process and to invite feedback.

February 2025: The team presented a comprehensive proposal to the Official Board. Following the Board's approval, the memorial gift was allocated across three areas including \$250,000 to Building and Infrastructure Improvements, \$100,000 to Mission and Spiritual Development Support and \$150,000 to Ministry and Program Support Reserves. **Please see the 2025 Annual Report for specific information regarding these allocations.**

Building and Infrastructure goals were identified and include the following areas: Kitchen renovations, Welcome Center enhancements, technology updates, Fellowship Room updates, essential maintenance projects, historic displays and educational space refreshment.

PROGRESS TOWARDS OUR BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE GOALS:

So much work has been completed already as we enjoy the improvements in our Welcome Center, Fellowship Room and Missions space, along with our new coat room. Refreshment of our educational spaces has commenced with paint in the upstairs chapel, hallway and classrooms. Additional plans for this area of the church include bathroom renovations, some new flooring and new lighting.

We look forward to our kitchen renovations and continued development of our historical display and library in the near future.

Additionally, we have been making improvements in the area of technology and security. A full update will be shared in the near future.

A POINT TO PONDER:

The Ministry and the Feedback Teams have been asked why we are using the Boyce Memorial gift to provide these improvements instead of compensating for deficits in meeting our pledge and donation needs.

Here is the answer: Utilizing this memorial gift to pay our operating expenses would negate the prayerful discernment process the Holy Spirit guided us through. It is also not a sustainable or fiscally responsible approach to managing our budgetary needs. Finally, as a congregation we would risk becoming complacent in our responsibility to faithfully give to meet the needs of our church, as we are called to do.

His Eye is on the Sparrow

by Mark Hayes

Verse 1

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion?
(He's my portion.)
My constant Friend is He.
(He's my friend.)

Chorus

His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow.
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy.
I sing because I'm free.
For His eye is on the sparrow.
And I know He watches me.

Verse 2

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him;
From care He sets me free.

Chorus

Chorus 2

And I know He's protecting,
And I know that He's loving,
And I know He watches me.

He Knows My Name (2nd hymn)

by Tommy Walker

Verse 1

I have a Maker;
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
my life was in His hand.

(chorus)

He knows my name,
He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call.

Verse 2

I have a Father, He calls me His own,
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go. **(chorus)**

