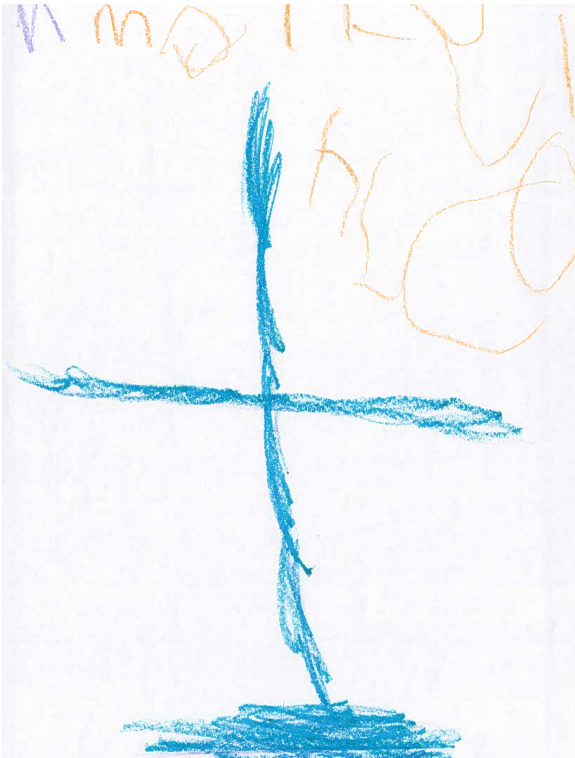
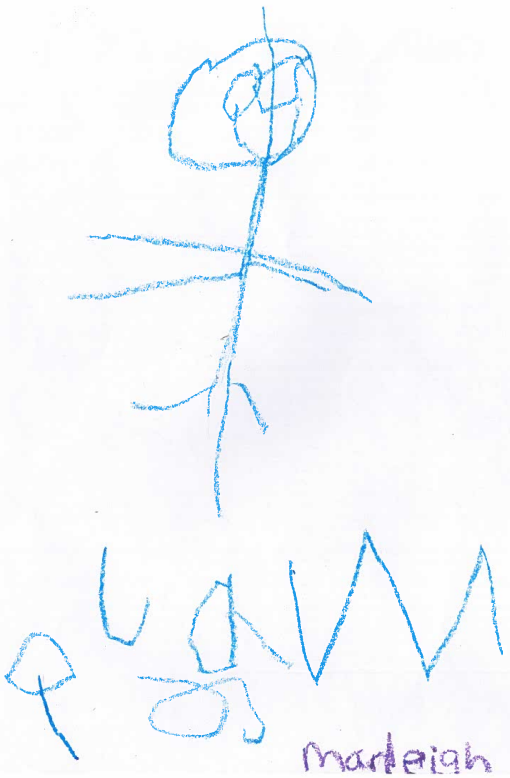




# Children's Day Bulletin

*Sunday*  
MAY 17, 2026



*“Let the little children come to me ... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*  
**Mark 10:14**



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THE  
**UNITED  
CHURCH**  
CANANDAIGUA

Order of Worship for  
MAY 17, 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:** Sarabande in G Major by Bach

**WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Jesus prays for all who believe, inviting us into a life of knowing God personally.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On the night before the cross, Jesus prayed for all who would believe in him.

Congregation: He prayed for us.

Leader: That same Jesus is still praying for us today.

Congregation: Holy Father, hear our praise.

Leader: Let us worship the one who intercedes for us.

Congregation: We belong to him and he belongs to us.

**\*(8:45) HYMN #77: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** CCLI Song #43073, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

**\*(11:00) HYMN: "Is He Worthy" (see yellow packet)**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Holy Father, we come to you this morning as people who have heard the word of Jesus and believed, and we ask that you open our hearts as we overhear Jesus praying today. We do not come because our faith is perfect, but because we have heard and we have believed, and that is enough. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together...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 68:1-10, 32-35 (page 570) {A.B. page 645}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** (11:00) "Jesus Strong and Kind" by Townsend/arr. Shackley (words on insert)  
Sunday School Singers

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** (11:00)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (page 1203) {A.B. page 1362}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** (11:00) "Abide" by Keyes, Williams, Fauber (words on insert)  
Elise Cunningham and Adele Marshall

### Sermon

"The Prayer Before the Cross"  
(John 17:1-11)  
Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #484: "The Old Rugged Cross"**

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY:** Improvisation on "Wachet Auf"

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.

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*(8:45) HYMN #708: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"**

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**\*(11:00) HYMN: "Rest On Us" (see yellow packet)**

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**PRAYERS FOR DEB MARSHALL AND SUMMER CUNNINGHAM**

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** "Heroic Polonaise" by Chopin

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

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Cynthia Davies for the loss of her husband, Robert Davies, on May 10th. Please keep the Davies family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

*We also mourn the loss of long-time member Marilyn Frost, who passed on May 9th. Please keep Marilyn's friends and family in your prayers during this difficult time.*



### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Marcell Greer (Linda Bailey's grandson), 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), 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)

**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 24 (at 9:30!)

Sermon Scripture: **John 20:19-23**  
First Reading: **Psalms 104:24-34, 35b**  
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

## Highlights for This Week

- **Parents, don't forget: the deadline for Campership requests is May 20!** 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](mailto:deb.marshall@uccdga.org).
- **Chicken BBQ Fundraiser - THIS Saturday, May 23, (Runnings Plaza)** - Come and support our youth and young adult missions and ministries! 11am 'till sold out! \$15/meal.
- **Next Sunday** begins the summer worship schedule with **one service at 9:30 am!**
- **Summer Sunday Small Groups** - We are offering adult and young adult small groups after service during the summer! These will be relaxed groups (no homework!) that will follow the sermon series (Philippians). If you are interested in attending but need childcare, reach out to Pastor Mark. **We begin after service on Sunday, May 24!**
- **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

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.*



## Vacation Bible School

Registration for **Rainforest Falls VBS** is half-way full! 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 by June 20.



## 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!



## Ministry Immersion Internship

The Ministry Staff, with approval from the Official Board, has developed a Ministry Immersion Internship experience. The Ministry Immersion Internship provides hands-on exposure to the full scope of church ministries for individuals discerning a call to ministry, allowing the intern to observe and participate in the day-to-day life, rhythms, and responsibilities of ministry as they are lived out within the church. This experience focuses on spiritual formation, relationship-building within the church and community, insight into the planning, leadership, and collaborative nature of church ministry, and opportunities to deepen the intern's understanding of, and relationship with, Jesus Christ. This opportunity has been designed to support one of our own congregation members. Following an interview, **Summer Cunningham** has been welcomed into this position and she has gratefully accepted. Summer will have an opportunity to work with all of our ministry staff, many of our teams and with a variety of leaders within our congregation. She has been assigned a Staff Relations Liaison and she will receive direct supervision by Pastor Wade and Christy Allen.

Summer begins this new role on May 17th and will complete this 12 week experience on August 15th.

It is a special blessing to see how God chooses to guide and transform one of our own. As Summer's church family, let us surround her with prayer and support as she engages in this discernment journey.

Paul wrote

*'For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in good work, growing in the knowledge of God,'*

Colossians 1:9-10



## Deb Marshall's Sabbatical

The United Church recognizes the demanding nature of ministry and believes that sabbatical leaves are vital for the long-term health, effectiveness, and spiritual vitality of its ministry leaders. Sabbatical leave provides ministry leadership with an opportunity to step away from their regular duties with the purpose of spiritual and relational renewal, refreshment and rejuvenation, and personal and professional development.

We trust that this opportunity will enhance the personal ministry of the leader and benefit the church by promoting renewed vision, energy and creativity in ministry. Our Sabbatical Policy, was approved by the Official Board this past year and details the qualifications and process for applying for this leave.

**Deb Marshall** meets all of the criteria and her sabbatical leave request has been approved by the OB. She will begin her leave on **May 22** and she will return on **September 4**.

Deb has established a plan during her absence that will support her ongoing duties during her leave. She has identified a team of people that will safeguard these plans so our congregation's families will continue to be supported throughout her leave. Deb's work email will be monitored. Please continue to send communications to Deb's email address and those will be distributed to the appropriate decision makers.

Ministry is a lifestyle and it is very difficult to not live in "ministry mode". The nature of Deb's job merges tasks with social relationships. For these reasons, a successful sabbatical leave requires the ministry leader to completely disconnect from their duties, disengage from conversations and temporarily pause these relationships. Please do not be offended when Deb steps back from not only work duties but also church member contact. Doing so will allow Deb to maintain focus on rest and her other sabbatical goals and not on ministry.

We are grateful for our congregation's support to not only provide sabbatical for our ministry team, but to respect these boundaries to promote the success of our leaders. We truly hope that this time Deb takes away will allow her to return not only rested, but rejuvenated and energized to continue serving our congregation with the love and care she has shown over the last ten years.

Blessings,

The United Church Official Board and Staff Relations Committee



## Benefit Concert

“Journeys,” a program of original and traditional songs by **Jim Kerr and Wendy Stoddard** is offered **this afternoon, in our sanctuary at 3:00pm.** Please join us with your friends and family for this very special afternoon. A free will offering to benefit Called to Care Canandaigua will be gratefully received and light refreshments will be served.

# A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CALLED TO CARE, CANANDAIGUA

## JOURNEYS

A PROGRAM OF ORIGINAL AND TRADITIONAL SONGS BY  
**JIM KERR AND WENDY STODDARD**

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 17, 3:00 PM  
WHERE: UNITED CHURCH, 11 GIBSON STREET, CANANDAIGUA

FREE WILL OFFERINGS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED  
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## Save the Date

- Sunday, May 24 at 7:30 pm for the **senior recital of Gillian Vit** (violin), open to everyone.

Information on can be found in the May Lamplighter.



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

## Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry"

will appreciate volunteers at tomorrow's food distribution **Monday, May 18th from 9:00-11:00am** at the **Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Routes 5 & 20.**



## POP-UP PANTRY



## Hands On Mission Planning

The “Hands On” mission planners will meet this **Tuesday, May 19th at 4:00pm.** Please join us as we review past and ongoing activities, consider opportunities for the rest of the year, and begin planning for next mission trips.

## Silent Auction

**June 7-14, 2026**

*“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*



Thank you for the wonderful items already donated — your generosity is a blessing to our Mission Auction! If you'd still like to contribute, donations forms are welcome through May 24. Items may now be dropped off whenever the church office is open or on Sundays. To help us prepare, **all items must be received by June 3.** We also need **volunteers** to help with setup, displays, and auction week hosting. A **sign up sheet** is available in the Welcome Center.



Questions? Please contact: Nancy Abdallah — [nancycabdallah@gmail.com](mailto:nancycabdallah@gmail.com) or 585 749 4313

## 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.

## Jesus Strong and Kind

(11:00)

by Townsend/ arr. Shackley

### Verse 1

Jesus said  
That if I thirst  
I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to him

### Verse 2

Jesus said  
If I am weak  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to him

### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind

### Verse 3

Jesus said  
That if I fear  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to him

### Verse 4

Jesus said  
If I am lost  
He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

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## Abide (11:00)

by Keyes, Williams, Fauber

### Verse 1

For my waking breath  
For my daily bread  
I depend on You  
I depend on You  
For the sun to rise  
For my sleep at night  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

### Chorus 1

You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

### Verse 2

Where the Spirit leads  
As I'm following  
I depend on You  
I depend on You  
For the victories  
Still in front of me  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

### Chorus 2

You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength my song in the night  
Be my all my treasure my prize  
I am Yours forever You're mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

### Verse 3

When I pass through death  
As I enter rest  
I depend on You  
I depend on You  
For eternal life  
To be raised with Christ  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

### Tag 1

Oh would you teach me  
Would You teach me to abide

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## Come help with VBS scenery!

If you are willing, we have a place for you. Come for a short time, or stay the whole time - whatever your schedule allows. Questions? Please contact Sandi Munson or Becky Boseck. VBS scenery work days:

**Tuesday 5/19 10-12**

**Saturday 5/23 10-12**

**Wednesday 5/27 4:30-6:30**

**Saturday 5/30 10-12**



## Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, June 7, 11:30am at Baker Park.**

Please join us! Drinks and table service will be provided.  
**Bring a dish or dessert to pass,** and games if desired!

