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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

# Weekly Bulletin

*Sunday*  
MAY 31, 2026



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Order of Worship for  
MAY 31, 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: “O God, Thou Faithful God” by Johannes Brahms**

**WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: The God who began a good work in this church 155 years ago is still at work, and he will see it through to completion.

**INTROIT: “Glorify Your Name” (hymn #10)**

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Leader: We gather this morning because God is faithful.*

**People: He began a good work in us, and he will see it through to completion.**

*Leader: We come not because we have it all figured out, but because we trust the One who does.*

**People: We come with joy, with gratitude, and with open hearts.**

*Leader: Let us worship the God who holds our past, our present, and our future.*

**All: We come to worship the God who never lets go.**

**\*HYMN #723: “Revive Us Again”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we thank you for bringing us together on this day to worship you and hear your Word. You are the God who is faithful across every generation, and we trust that you are at work in us still. Fill us now with open hearts and willing spirits as we seek you together. We pray this in Jesus name, 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 145:1-9 (page 621) {A.B. page 696}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Come Thou Fount” arr. G. Poehlmann  
Jen Petracchi (clarinet), acc David Kraft (piano)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Romans 8:28-39 (page 1119) {A.B. page 1247}

### Sermon

“155 Years and Counting”  
(Philippians 1:1-11)  
Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #708: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY: “If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee” by Johann Sebastian Bach**

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**

**\*HYMN #710: “We Are Called to Be God’s People”**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: “Pièce pour Grand Orgue en la majeur” by César Franck**

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

## Scriptures for next week, June 7

Sermon Scripture: **Philippians 1:12-18**

First Reading: **Psalms 46:1-7**

Second Reading: **Romans 8:28-39**

### 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:** Michael M. (friend of Kathi Nacca), 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 Boseck'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), Rev. Nancy and Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather (South Sudan), Sally Gates (UK), Matt and Meredith Snell (Fort Drum, NY).



### Spring into Service!

Please sign up to serve as a **greeter or to collect the offering** during the month of June. Your help is a blessing. Sign up online or contact Marion or the church office.

## Highlights for This Week

- **Correction for error in the June Lamplighter:** The Care Ministry Teams Ice Cream Social is **Wednesday, July 29** (not Tuesday). Sorry for the mixup!
- **The Cause Worship Night - TONIGHT -** Parents and The Cause families are invited to join us for our last youth group for the year! The youth will be facilitating a worship service, with the modified agenda below:
  - **4:00 PM** - Band Practice
  - **5:00 PM** - Rest of the youth arrive; dinner for all high school students.
  - **5:30 PM** - Rehearsal (all high school students).
  - **6:00 PM** - Worship - Parents and families are invited!
  - **AFTER SERVICE** - Enjoy snacks and desserts in the Welcome Center!
- **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:
  - Saturday 5/30, 10-12
  - Monday, 6/8, 5:30-7:30 pm
  - Tuesday, 6/16, 10-12
  - Saturday, 6/27, 10-12
  - Look for more dates coming the week of 7/6 as we decorate around the church
  - If you'd rather take on some smaller **at-home projects**, please look for plastic bags of ready-to-cut crafts (with instructions!) in Deb's office or in front of the trees in the Welcome Center.
- **Coffee and Conversation Small Groups** - After Sunday Service - Weekly! We are now expanding our group to include youth to make our group intergenerational! Come into the Fellowship Room after service and enjoy treats while we converse about the sermon! We also have a young adult group that will walk to town for coffee and back (they will also chat about the sermon along the way!)
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for June: Marion** Please contact Marion or the office 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!**



## Families & Children

Do you have little ones with you? **We're glad you're here!** We offer several options to help families worship comfortably together.

We invite each family to choose the worship option that works best for them. *At the same time, we kindly ask that if a child becomes disruptive during the service, they be taken from the sanctuary until they are settled.* Thank you for helping us create a welcoming worship environment for all.

**Nursery care** is available during the service. **Children (infants through 5-years-old) are welcome in the nursery at any time during the service.** All nursery volunteers are background checked.

**Children's Time** is offered after the Children's Sermon on most Sundays for **children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.**

**The narthex** (the area through the back doors of the sanctuary) is also **available throughout the service for children and a caregiver.** This space allows you to continue seeing and hearing the service while giving your child the freedom to move around or make a little noise.



## Annual Church Picnic

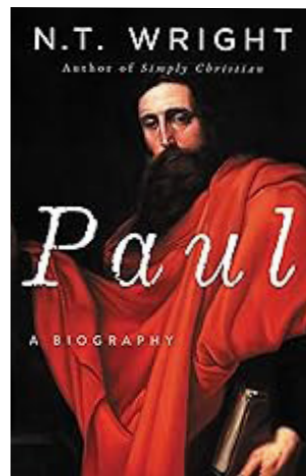
**Sunday, June 7, 11:30am at Baker Park.**

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

## New to the Church Library!

We have started our summer sermon series on Philippians using on Nijay Gupta's book 'Reading Philippians' as a resource. In it the author recommends N.T. Wright's book 'Paul: A Biography'. The book tries to help us know Paul better so that we understand his letters and it works to answer two questions. The first challenge is to get inside the mind, the understanding and the ambition of Paul. What motivated him, in his heart of hearts? Second, is understanding Paul's background and zeal for his Jewish traditions and trying to understand why that changed. What exactly happened on the road to Damascus?

If you want to gain more insight into Paul's life, check out our library's copy of **'Paul: A Biography' by N.T. Wright!**



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

### The Silent Auction is Almost Here!

We're just about ready — and the excitement is building! A preview of this year's Silent Auction items is now on display in the Mission designated area of the Fellowship Room. Come take a look at the wonderful things waiting for your bids: custom crafted pieces, creative services, beautiful pictures and baskets full of surprises you didn't even know you needed.

But most importantly, remember *why* we do this: **Your generosity supports our mission teams as they serve, build, encourage, and share Christ's love in communities near and far.**

The silent auction will start on June 7th and conclude on June 14th. Thank you to those who have generously donated items for the auction.

Questions? Please contact: **Nancy Abdallah** — nancycabdallah@gmail.com or 585 749 4313

*"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



### Vacation Bible School

Registration for **Rainforest Falls VBS** is filling up! 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.



### VBS Supplies needed for donation or borrowing

We are beginning to gather supplies needed for our Rain Forest Falls VBS! Please check out the **leaf tags in the welcome center** and donate/lend if you are able. **Additional odds and ends** also needed to borrow: **electric leaf blower, butterfly net, mosquito netting or several yards of tulle), 5 balloon pumps, heart shaped cookie cutters, white Christmas lights, 16 ft long jump rope, 3" wye joint (T or Y).** Please keep checking this list as more items may be added! Thank you! Supply contact: Cathy Bush.

### Mission Grocery Donations

Food costs are going up and families are experiencing more food insecurity. CCIA is experiencing a large jump in the number of 1st time families. Food donations tend to go down during the summertime. If able, please continue to donate to local food pantries. Food contributed here is taken to the **Salvation Army** and **CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) Food Pantries.** CCIA currently needs staples such as **spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, and cereal** (which is not always available through FoodLink). Thank you for sharing!

