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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
JUNE 7, 2026



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Order of Worship for
JUNE 7, 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: “We Will Glorify/Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. D. Phillips

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God uses what tries to hold us back to move his gospel forward.

INTROIT: “I Love You, Lord” (hymn #124)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather this morning as people who know what it is to face hard things.

People: And we gather as people who have seen God work through them.

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: The gospel moves forward, even through what tries to hold it back.

All: We worship today because Christ is proclaimed, and that is enough.

***HYMN #609:** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord, we come to you from hard places and hopeful ones alike. Meet us in your Word today, and use what happens here to advance your gospel. We pray together now the prayer Jesus taught us, singing together ...

***HYMN #632:** “The Lord’s Prayer”

***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 46:1-7 (page 559) {A.B. page 634}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Back to the Church in the Wildwood” arr. Mary McDonald
(words on insert) The United Singers

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

Sermon
“Chains and Conductors”
(Philippians 1:12-18)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #618:** “Give to the Wind Your Fears”

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Open Our Eyes Lord”

***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.

COMMUNION

***HYMN #638:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “On Eagles Wing”s arr. M. Ham

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

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Kayce Howard Hance on May 26th. He is the son of Brooke and Dakota Hance, and grandson of Christina and Bruce Hartpence. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Scriptures for next week, June 14

Sermon Scripture: **Philippians 1:19-26**

First Reading: **Psalms 62:1-8**

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: James, Sheppard, 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: Scott Kesel (friend of Sandi D), David Landon (friend of Sue V and Sandi D), 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

- Loose change and other designated gifts will be collected today to support the **Stewards Assistance Fund**, helping provide compassionate assistance to individuals and families experiencing unexpected needs. In recent months, this fund has enabled us to come alongside several people during difficult seasons, offering practical support at just the right time. Those receiving assistance have expressed deep gratitude for the kindness of their church family. Thank you for helping us continue this caring ministry.
- **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:
 - Monday, 6/8, 5:30-7:30 pm
 - 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.
- **VBS Amazon wishlist** - Quick and easy way to purchase and donate supplies for VBS. Check out the Amazon wish list by following this link. <https://a.co/021J8yqF> or using the QR code. Purchase an item from the list, and it will get shipped directly to the church. Thank you for your support!
- **Coffee and Conversation Small Groups** - After Sunday Service - Come and connect about about the sermon! Due to the Silent Auction, we will find a space to meet upstairs. 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!)
- **Graduation Sunday - June 14** - Join us next week as we celebrate our graduates at the end of service and in the Welcome Center!
- **Care Ministers Dinner Gathering** Thursday, June 18 | 5:00 p.m. | at the Allen Home All Care Ministers are invited for an evening of fellowship, encouragement, and ministry discussion. Dinner will be provided. We look forward to spending time together and celebrating the caring ministry you provide to our church family.
- **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.



Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic



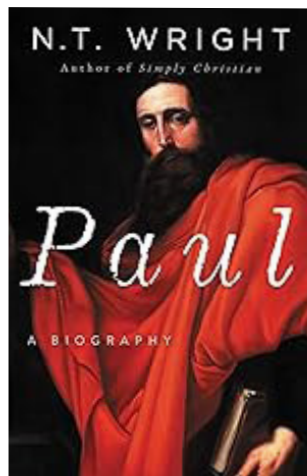
The Annual Church Picnic is TODAY!
Sunday, June 7, 11:30am at Baker Park.

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 Begins Today — June 7!

Our Silent Auction opens **today**, June 7, and the Fellowship Room is filled with wonderful items to support our Mission Trips. Be sure to stop in **after the service—before you head to the church picnic**—to place your first bids.

Auction Hours This Week

- Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 14: Opens at 8:30 a.m.

Bidding Closes:

- Sunday, June 14 at 9:30 a.m. (the start of worship)

Picking Up Winning Bids:

- Return to the Fellowship Room **after the service** on June 14 to see what you've won.
- Payment is by cash or check only.**



Thank you for supporting our mission teams through your generous participation and joyful bidding.

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

Mexico 2027

Yes! planning for a trip next year is underway. Are you curious about our partnership with **Living Waters for the World** bringing clean water to all God's children? Are you considering traveling with us next year? Or do you want to hear more about our time spent with in-country partners at our water plants in Cedralito, Limones, and Tabi? Maybe you'd like to reflect on the developing relationship with Pastor Leo and the the congregation at Iglesia Emmanuel in Bacalar. Please come to a meeting on **Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00pm** here at church as we begin the conversation and planning for next year's trip.

Clean Water U

Registration is now open for the **September 22-26th session at Camp Johnsonburg, NJ.** As we continue Ken's legacy and our history supporting Living Waters for the World in empowering everyday people to change lives through clean water, we are hoping to send a team of 3-5 to train this fall. The cost is \$1,450. **A scholarship and mission trip funds are available.** Two church members have already registered. Please talk with Linda W. to learn more.

Living Waters for the World



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

Supply gathering for our Rain Forest Falls VBS has begun! Please check out the **leaf tags in the welcome center** and donate/lend if you are able. Thank you for your help with this!



Additional odds and ends also needed to borrow: **butterfly net, mosquito netting or several yards of tulle, 5 balloon pumps, heart shaped cookie cutters, white Christmas lights, 3 16 ft long jump ropes, 3" wye joint (T or Y), 2 3x3 cardboard mailing tubes, an antennae headband, a pair of oversized sunglasses.**



We have also created an Amazon wishlist for some items. Please see <https://a.co/021J8yqF> if interested.

Please keep checking this list as more items may be added! Thank you for contributing to the success of our VBS! Questions about supplies? Please 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!



Caregiver Coffee Klatch

The next Caregiver Coffee Klatch will be held on **Monday, June 15, from 10:30-11:30** in the fellowship room. This group is open to any caregiver from our church family or the community. Anyone may join us at any time. Flyers are available in the Gathering Area. Feel free to share a flyer with anyone you know who might find a time of rest, gentle conversation, and laughter a source of encouragement. Questions: Contact Kory at korymassey3@gmail.com



Mother-Daughter Movie Night

Want to spend more quality mother-daughter time together while connecting with others across generations? Join us for a night of fellowship, a movie, conversation, and snacks. Mothers and daughters of all ages, beginning with those entering 3rd grade, are invited on **Saturday, June 20 after dinner from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Teen Room (Room 22)**. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Watch your bulletin for more information!



Marilynn Frost's Memorial Service

Marilynn's family invites you to a celebration of her life on **Tuesday, June 16th at 10:00 am** here at the United Church. There will be light refreshments in the Welcome Center following the service.

United Church Softball Schedule

Come cheer on our team! **All games start at 6:45 pm**. Any questions, ask Sue V or Sandi D!

Week	Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Field
6	6/9/26	Home	Zion Fellowship	Farmington #3
7	6/16/26	Home	Farm-Shire	New Hope Field
8	6/23/26	Away	Good Shepherd	Farmington #1
9	6/30/26	Home	Calvary Chapel WZXV	Farmington #1
10	7/7/26	Away	Farm-Shire	Farmington #1
11	7/14/26	Away	Farmington Comm. 1	Farmington #3
12	7/21/26	Home	Calvary Chapel WZXV	Farmington #2
Playoff 1	7/28/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Playoff 2	8/4/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Playoff 3	8/11/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Championship	8/18/26	TBD	TBD	Farmington #1

Summer Campers

Miracle Mountain Ranch

Jules C - July 5-10, Horse Mania

Beaver Camp

Eva C - July 5-10, Bears

Paige M - July 19-24, Bears

Sophie M - July 19-24, Wilderness Outpost

Elise C - Aug 2-7, Bears

Adele M - Aug 2-7, Bears

Isaiah S - Aug 2-7, Bears

Josiah S - Aug 2-7, Beavers

Aubrey B - Aug 9-14, Teen Camp

Lily M - Aug 9-14, Teen Camp

Amelia C - Aug 9-14, Teen Camp*

Anna Z - Aug 9-14, Teen Camp

LeTourneau Christian Camp

Hagen C - Jun 29-July 3, Sports Camp

Reed C - Jun 29-July 3, Sports Camp

Jamie C - July 6-10, Puddle Jumpers

Alison M - July 6-10, Wave Riders Camp*

Mackenzie M - July 6-10, Arts and Crafts Camp*

Billy C - July 13-17, Pickleball/Basketball Camp

Rowan B - July 20-24, Kingdom Conquest (overnight)

Joy C - July 20-24, Kingdom Conquest (overnight)

Sydney C - July 20-24, Kingdom Conquest (overnight)

Kailynn S - July 20-24, Kingdom Conquest (overnight)

Sam Q - July 27-31, Knights and Riders

David Q - July 27-31, Knights and Riders

Jesse C - Aug 3-7, Wacky Water Camp

Wyatt P - Aug 3-7, Wacky Water Camp

Levi A - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp

Lizzie A - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp

Asher A - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp

Graham B - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp

Carter S - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp

Camp-in-Daigua

Jed C - July 20-24

Aria H - July 20-24

Ian R - July 20-24

*not receiving a campership

Below find a list of our summer campers. Each child attending camp gets a campership for one week of camp. Please pray that the campers below have a safe week and that their experience is an impactful part of their faith journey. We have 34 campers attending Christian camp this year! Praise the Lord!



Back to the Church in the Wildwood arr. Mary McDonald

Take me back to the church in the wildwood
Where the folks make me feel so at home
How I love going back to my childhood
Where we'd sing all the old, old songs.

It was there where I first met Jesus
It was there where I knew I belonged
How I love going back to the old, old church,
Where we'd sing all the old, old songs.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

There's a church in the valley by the
wildwood,
no lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood,
As the little brown church in the vale.

O come, come, come, come,
Come to the church in the wildwood
O come to the church in the dale
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

It was there where I first met Jesus
It was there where I knew I belonged.
How I love going back to the old, old church,
Where we'd sing all the old, old songs.
Where we'd sing all the old, old songs!

