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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
AUGUST 9, 2026



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
AUGUST 9, 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

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: The peace of God is not a feeling to be achieved but a guard to be received through prayer and trust in Christ.

INTROIT: “Lord, Be Glorified” vs 1 (hymn #537)

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather in an anxious world, carrying the weight of worry and fear.

People: But the Lord is near to all who call on him.

Leader: We come to the One who promises peace that passes all understanding.

People: Guard our hearts and minds, O God, as we seek your presence.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, in every circumstance and every season.

All: We lift our eyes to the God of peace, who is with us now and always.

*HYMN #604: “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” CCLI Song #27484, © 1973 Pilot Point Music, CCLI Lic. #11593017

*OPENING PRAYER: Gracious God, we come before you this morning as people who know what it means to worry. We ask you to meet us in your Word today, and to do what only you can do: calm our anxious hearts and fill us with the peace that only you can give. We pray together now the prayer that Jesus taught us ... 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 34:1-8 (page 550) {A.B. page 625}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Black Sheep” by Fuller, Farren and Wood (words on insert) Mike O’Brien

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:25-34 (page 960) {A.B. page 1058}

Sermon

“The Peace That Guards”
(Philippians 4:1-9)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN #598: “Peace, Perfect Peace”

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*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 #594: “Like a River Glorious”

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BAPTISM: Asher Emmanuel Blanco

DEDICATION: Ethan James Vadney

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

PRAYER SUPPORT IN THE NARTHEX: Trained Care Ministers are available to pray for anyone desiring prayer

Scriptures for next week, August 16

Sermon Scripture: **Philippians 4:10-20**

First Reading: **Psalms 23:1-6**

Second Reading: **1 Timothy 6:6-10**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Beth Smythe, Claire Sheppard and family, Linda Gilbert, Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Cheryl Casey, Jenifer Parks (friend of Natalie DeTraglia), Sandy Cleason, Bill Kenyon, Everest Ferrante and Ardelle Walter (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Martha Ashley, Marion Sumpter, Lou Verspoor, Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), Jack Bigos, Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, 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: Sumer Miller, Bruce G (brother-in-law of Kathi Nacca), 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), David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Military Service: USAF Lt. Colonel Matthew Carpenter (Sarah Gross' nephew) deployed to Middle East, 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).

Highlights for This Week

- **Coffee and Conversation Small Groups** - After Sunday Service weekly! Come into the Fellowship Room after service and connect 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!)
- **Summer Gathering (25-35 year-olds) - Saturday, August 15, 6:30p-8:30p** - New for this year! Join us at Onanda Park (Crouch Hall) for dinner (Chipotle!) and relaxing time by the lake! This will be a casual gathering for fellowship and connection. Register online (via the church website) to RSVP.
- **Youth Retreat** - August 15 - *Registration closing soon*
 - Youth 6-12 grade invited!
 - Enjoy fun, fellowship, and faith formation at Onanda Park!
 - Theme: Hearing God's Voice
- **Mission Experiences Week** - August 17-20 - *Registration closing soon*
 - Sign up either online or in the Welcome Center for a variety of service opportunities during this week! Check out the bulletin insert for more information.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for August: Becky B.** Please contact Becky 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.



Red Wings Baseball Game at ESL Ballpark

Sunday, August 30 – Game Time 1:05 pm, but come at least ½ hour early so you don't miss the **National Anthem sung by our very own Youth Choir!** (The photo below is from a few years ago.) Tickets are \$11 per person and are on sale now through August 16. **Scan the QR code or see Mary Beth Fortunato to purchase tickets.**

Following the game, kids are invited down to the field to run the bases with Spikes & Mittsy!



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

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!



Back to School Angel Tree – **Look for the apples!**

As moms and dads know, buying all those school supplies for the fall can really add up! Let's give several families connected with our church a great start to the school year!



From now through August 16, school supply tag apples will be up on the Welcome Center giving trees. We invite you to please choose a tag and return the items **with** the tag to church **by Sunday, August 23**. Supplies are needed by this date so we can sort and get to these families before Labor Day. Last year we were able to help 8 students with this boost. Thanks for your generosity! Questions? See Cathy Bush, Carolyn Russell or Mary Lou Havens. If YOUR children need school supply assistance, please let us know!

CareNet - Baby Blessings Event

October 3, 1pm - 3pm

We are looking for **5x youth volunteers** to support the event as servers (bringing tea, water and goodies to the tables). Let Pastor Mark know directly if your student is interested! Located at Crosswinds! Deadline for volunteer sign ups is September 1.





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!

Summer Campers

Beaver Camp

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

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

*not receiving a campership



Upcoming Sundays for Your Calendar

Aug 30 - Mission Sunday. A special service where we will hear testimony from our mission trip participants as well as some of the missionaries we sponsor! (the Red Wings game is also this day!)

Sept 6 - Our last summer service! We didn't go to Onanda this year, so join us for a more **relaxed** Labor Day weekend service as we look forward to our fall programming and a new sermon series. Communion will be observed.

Sept 13 - Sunday School Kick-off breakfast and return to 2 services at 8:45 and 11 am.



SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCES

Loving Jesus and our neighbor in thought, word, and deed



**AUG
17**

DAY 1 - MONDAY

CareNet & Cleaning

9am - 1230 / 1pm

CareNet & Welcome Kits Assembly

Our youth group will be splitting their time between helping CareNet organize clothing and assembling Welcome Kits to be given to Family Promise, CareNet, and Salvation Army!

Church Closet Cleanout

Join the Trustees in cleaning out the clutter in the various church closets! A dumpster will be provided, as big moves are expected!

Balcony Cleaning & Organization (Day A)

Join the Decorations team in providing the Balcony area a little TLC! This small group of people will do big things in getting our Balcony area and the decorations back in shape!

DAY 2 - TUESDAY

Intergenerational Relationships

9 am - 1230 pm

**AUG
18**



Senior Companion Lunch

Our Senior Companions, youth, stewards, and others will enjoy each other's company in an intergenerational setting! We will enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, games, and a meal!



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**AUG
19**

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

Cleaning & Service Work
9am - 1230pm / 3pm

Youth Cleaning Day

Our youth group will be tackling a variety of cleaning throughout the church, including getting the church ready for the program year!

Habitat for Humanity Service Project

Those 16 & older will be performing a variety of "finishing touches" to the local home we help start at the Framing Frenzy! We will work onsite at: 128 Tillotson Street.

DAY 4 - THURSDAY

Cleaning & Youth Fun Day
9-1 cleaning; all-day at Seabreeze!

**AUG
20**



Balcony Cleaning & Organization (Day B)

Join the Decorations team in providing the Balcony area a little TLC! This small group of people will do big things in getting our Balcony area and the decorations back in shape!

Seabreeze Fun Day

Did your youth support any of our previous service days? They are invited for a day out a Seabreeze! We will end the day with dinner out in town before heading back to church.




**Event
Registrations**



Black Sheep

by Fuller, Farren & Wood

(Verse 1) You broke through a thousand fences
Been rescued from a thousand ditches
You still swear you don't fit in
So you kick and scream and you're gone again
Wandering off into the devil's wind

(Chorus 1 & 2) But how's it going out there?
Acting like you ain't scared
How's that heart of stone?
Ain't so hard when you're alone
Crying tears you hope nobody sees
Guess the good news is He'll never leave you be
Jesus loves you black sheep: Jesus loves you black sheep **(2nd time only)**

(verse 2) You hate everything about you
You think we're better off without you
You wear your pain out on your sleeves
And you paint it on in rebel ink
But the alcohol and pills ain't fixed a thing **(to chorus 2)**

(verse 3) Can't tell you when, I ain't no prophet
But there'll come a point in time when you can't stop it
The Good Shepherd's love smells like smoke
There ain't no hell so low
Where He won't let the hounds of Heaven go
Sic 'em, let the hounds of Heaven go

(chorus 3) So how's it going out there?
Acting like you ain't scared
How's that heart of stone?
Ain't so hard when you're alone
Crying tears you hope nobody sees
Guess the good news is He'll never leave you be

And amazing grace is a pesky, pesky thing
But the good news is He'll never leave you be
Jesus loves you black sheep
Jesus loves you black sheep

