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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
AUGUST 16, 2026



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
AUGUST 16, 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: “Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten” by Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: True contentment comes not from circumstances or willpower, but from participating in God’s mission and trusting his promise to provide.

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: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

People: In plenty and in need, his goodness follows us.

Leader: He calls us to open our hands and trust his provision,

People: to give freely, knowing that he owns all things.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is both faithful and generous,

All: the One in whom we find true and lasting contentment.

BAPTISMS: Logan Gibson and Luke Sanford

***HYMN #636:** “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” CCLI Song #564215, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we come as people who know both plenty and need, yet often struggle to find contentment in either. Teach us this morning that true peace is found not in our circumstances but in you alone. We pray together as 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**

***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 23:1-6 (page 544) {A.B. page 618}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” June Pettit and Joy Van Riper (piano duet)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-10 (page 1177) {A.B. page 1326}

Sermon

“The Secret of Contentment”
(Philippians 4:10-20)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #635:** “He Leadeth Me”

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Pastorale” by Humphrey John Stark

***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 #619:** “God Will Take Care of You”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Fugue in E-flat Major” by Johann Ludwig Krebs

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with Claire Sheppard, whose mother, Dorine Jelensperger, passed away on August 11th. Her service will be on Saturday, August 29th 1 p.m. at Penfield Presbyterian Church (1881 Jackson Road, Penfield, NY). Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Scriptures for next week, August 23

Sermon Scripture: **Philippians 4:21-23**

First Reading: **Psalms 67:1-5**

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 13:11-14**

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

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), 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 DeVillano (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!)
- **Mission Experiences Week** - August 17-20 - *This week! Thank you for all those who are planning to participate in our activities. Keep us in your prayers!*
- **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!**



Nursery Toy Cleaning

If you are willing and able to **take home a bin or 2 of toys from the nursery to clean/disinfect** and bring back, we would appreciate it! Louise will be in the Welcome Center following the service today to pass out the bins. Many hands make light work! Our nursery volunteers work hard to spot things needing cleaning on a weekly basis, but we like to make sure they occasionally get a more thorough cleanse. Thank you!

Thank you from Marion

I have had the procedure to help heal the pain from my back fractures and it seems to be a success. I am so very grateful for the cards and prayers. I miss coming to Church so much! These help keep me feeling close. I watch the service every Sunday. Thank you from my heart, Marion S.



Financial report through July 31st

- Total expenses match the budget, but **total income is down 5.77% from 2025 and 8.02% from budget.**
- During the first seven months of the year, donations were \$12,810.35 less than budgeted and \$15,882.86 less than the same period in 2025.
- Net income for the first seven months was \$23,952.41 less than budgeted and \$31,004.41 less than the same period in 2025.

This report is just on the operating funds. All the renovations taking place are paid from the Boyce Memorial Fund which is not available to pay our general operating costs. Operating funds pay the church staff, the building insurance, heat, electricity, and all the supplies needed to create the programs that are so important to so many of us. **Please prayerfully consider increasing your donations to the operating fund.**

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!** Tickets are \$11 per person and **today is the last day to register!** Mary Beth Fortunato will be in the Fellowship Room to help with tickets or seat selection. Tickets will be distributed starting next

Sunday. **You can also scan the QR code to register.**

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



Caregiver Coffee Klatch

The Caregiver Coffee Klatch will continue into the fall. We provide a caring place of conversation and encouragement. Any and all caregivers are invited to join us. We encourage our church family to share information and a flyer with caregivers you might know in the community.

Fall meeting dates: 9/14, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 12/7, 12/21

Questions? Contact Kory: korymassey3@gmail.com



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

Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry" has an **extra mid month food distribution** and is in need of additional volunteers on **TUESDAY, August 18th from 9:00-11:00am at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn.** This worthy program, managed through Ontario Cares, offers fresh produce, dairy, and more to food insecure individuals and families. Working "hands-on" alongside other community volunteers we package food items from the Foodlink truck and load them into vehicles as recipients drive through the barn.



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!

This is the last day 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.



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 - Final week!

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.



Part Time Custodian Position Opening

Position Summary

The United Church of Canandaigua is seeking one or two dependable, self-motivated custodians to help maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for worship services, ministries, and community events. The ideal candidate takes pride in their work, has a servant's heart, and enjoys supporting the mission of the church through facility care.

Responsibilities

- Clean sanctuary, classrooms, offices, restrooms, kitchens, dining room, windows, glass doors, and common areas
- Vacuum, sweep, mop, dust, and remove trash
- Set up and tear down tables and chairs for church events and activities
- Monitor and replenish cleaning and restroom supplies

Qualifications

- Previous custodial, janitorial, or cleaning experience preferred
- Ability to work independently and manage time effectively
- Physically able to lift 25-40 pounds and perform routine cleaning activities
- Reliable, trustworthy, and attentive to detail
- Ability to work flexible hours, including occasional evenings or weekends
- Supportive of the church's mission and values

Desired Characteristics

- Positive attitude and strong work ethic
- Friendly and respectful interaction with church members and visitors
- Dependable
- Commitment to maintaining a welcoming house of worship

Position Details

- \$16 per hour
- 20 hours per week, or 2 positions splitting job responsibilities
- Flexible hours

To Apply

Please email SRC@uccdga.org to indicate your interest, or to obtain more information.