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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
AUGUST 23, 2026



THE
**UNITED
CHURCH**
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
AUGUST 23, 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: “Pastorale-Improvisation on TIDINGS”

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: No place is too closed, too powerful, or too unlikely for the gospel to reach, including the ones you’ll walk into this week.

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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ has reached us in every place we have wandered.

People: We gather now as those who belong to Christ, near and far, known and unknown.

Leader: No wall could contain the gospel of Jesus, not chains, not distance, not power.

People: We come rejoicing that the good news has found us here.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose grace is with us still, wherever we go.

All: We worship the Lord together, sent by grace, held by grace, and set apart for grace.

***HYMN #731:** “O Christians, Haste”

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord, thank you for your grace, a gift we did not earn. As we close this season in Philippians, remind us that your gospel is still moving in our lives and our world. Give us open hearts to hear you this morning, and open hands to carry your gospel this week. Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying ... 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 67:1-5 (page 570) {A.B. page 645}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “He Will Hold Me Fast” by Habershon, Merker, arr. Koerts (words on insert)
Vocal Ensemble with Joy Van Riper (cello), David Kraft (piano)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (page 1150) {A.B. page 1286}

Sermon

“Where the Gospel Goes”
(Philippians 4:21-23)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #697:** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Intermezzo” by Wilson Manhire

***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 #543:** “Christ Beside Me”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Chasse” by Guillaume Lasceux

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

Cover art: *Life-Size Black Bass* (1904) by American painter Winslow Homer. This watercolor currently resides in the Art Institute of Chicago. (cropped to fit cover)

Scriptures for next week, August 30 (Mission Sunday)

Sermon Scripture: **Matthew 28:18-20**

First Reading: **Psalms 96:1-9**

Second Reading: **Isaiah 6:1-8**

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 and Braeden Flynn, 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 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

- **Office closed this Friday** - Due to scheduled work on the sewer line, the water to the building will be off and the office will be closed on Friday, August 28th. Please leave a voicemail or email if you need anything.
- **Mission Experience Week** - Thank you to all who participated last week! Between cleaning the church, fellowship across generations, and service in partnership with local organizations, a lot was accomplished and the experiences were impactful!
- **Stewards Meetings Return!** As our fall programming begins after the summer break, Stewards Meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing all of you again!
- **Annual Downstairs Kitchen Deep Cleaning** - Saturday, September 12, at 10:00AM - We need help getting the Downstairs Kitchen ready for the Ministry year after all that construction! Please use the sign-up on the Welcome Center desk so we know who to expect. Once signed-up, Mark will ask the group what they'd like for food/treats as a sign of gratitude for the groups hard work!
- **Intergenerational Sunday School Kick-Off** - Sunday, September 13, at 9:45 AM - Join us in the Downstairs Dining Hall for our annual celebration! We need help with set up, serving, clean up, and providing food/drink for the breakfast. Sign up is on the Welcome Center Desk!
- **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!**



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.

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...

Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is **next Sunday, August 30th!** Our new missionaries, **Matt and Meredith Snell**, will be taking a few minutes to introduce themselves and their work at Fort Drum. After the service, they will be in the Fellowship Room to provide more detail about their work and answer any questions. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to meet this missionary couple!!



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 – Due back today!

This is the day to return the items **with** the tag. If you forgot your items, please get them to church ASAP. Supplies are needed so we can sort and get to these families before Labor Day. This year we are helping 6 students with this boost. Thanks for your generosity! Questions? See Cathy Bush, Carolyn Russell or Mary Lou Havens.

Habitat Has Urgent Need for Restore Volunteers

They need **Cashiers on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9am-1pm** and **Sorters on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm.** They are looking for a “regular” for any of these shifts. Both positions require some training, the ability to stand for at least two hours, and the ability to lift up to 20 pounds. If you are available for any one of the shifts please contact Kim Fisher, 585-546-1470 ext. 603.



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.



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.

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.



Intergenerational Women's Group



In the spring of this year the United Church hosted an Intergenerational Women's Retreat. It was well attended and the feedback we received was very positive. Many commented on the fact **when women gather support is shared, relationships are built and faith is strengthened**. With such a wonderful response and an interest in continuing these gatherings we are offering an Intergenerational Women's Group monthly this fall, September through January. Our hope is to foster relationships across generational boundaries to provide faith, encouragement and shared wisdom. Mothers & Daughters, Friends across generations and all individuals

are invited. Prayer, open discussion, individual experiences and small break-out activities will be included.

The group will be facilitated by Nancy Bowllan and held the **third Thursday of each month from 5pm to 6:15pm**. Location at United Church TBD. A snack and childcare will be provided.

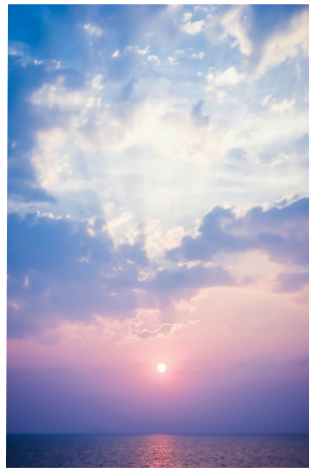
Nancy will be available at 10:40 after church today in the Welcome Center if you would like to discuss further. She can also be reached at 585-683-1914 if you have any questions or would be interested in participating.

Attention Photographers and artists of all ages!

If you have any photos or artwork that you'd like to see on bulletin covers or in the monthly newsletter, feel free to email them to office@uccdga.org. I love to use photos of God's beautiful creation (local or from your travels) or from our building or activities.

For cover pictures, vertical works best and the text blocks end up obscuring parts, so I sometimes need to crop, flip or zoom to get a good fit. I'm happy to give photo credit for any submitted cover art that I use! (and if there's a story to go along with the photo, I'll include if space permits!) Thanks -- Carolyn

Notes & Doodle Space



He will Hold Me Fast

by Habershon, Merker, arr. Koerts

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Refrain

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Refrain

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Refrain

