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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
AUGUST 30, 2026



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANADA

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Order of Worship for
AUGUST 30, 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: “Andante Religioso” by Clément Loret

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

Focus of the Day: The church is called to be a sending and supporting body in God’s mission to the world.

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: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

Leader: The Lord Jesus said, Go and make disciples of all nations.

People: And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Leader: Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?

All: Here we are, Lord. Send us.

***HYMN #710: “We Are Called to be God’s People”** CCLI Song #137367, ©1975 Broadman Press, CCLI Lic. #11593017

THE UNITED CHURCH MISSIONS: Pastor Wade Allen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 28:18-20 (page 989) {A.B. page 1092}

TESTIMONY: Mexico (Linda Werts)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: James 2:14-17 (page 1197) {A.B. page 1354}

TESTIMONY: North Carolina (Grace Payne)

***HYMN #593: “The Gift of Love”**

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:36-40 (page 984) {A.B. page 1086}

MOMENT FROM OUR MISSIONARIES: Sally Gates (by video)

TESTIMONY: Youth Missions (Eva Clark and Lily Munson)

OFFERTORY: “Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr” by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

***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.

MOMENT FROM OUR MISSIONARIES: Matt and Meredith Snell

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 (page 680) {A.B. page 758}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Here I Am, Lord” by Dan Shutte (words on center of insert) Dan Frye

***HYMN #653: “Make Me A Servant”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” by Benedetto Marcello

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

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

Scriptures for next week, September 6

Sermon Scripture: **Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi**

First Reading: **Psalms 126:1-6**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 1:1-2**

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), Bill Kenyon, Everest Ferrante and Ardelle Walter (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Martha Ashley, Marion Sumpter, Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), 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), 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

- **Join us following the service today in the Fellowship Room** to welcome the **Snells**, our missionary family. We'll have coffee and snacks and a chance to get to know them better.
- **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!
- **Ferris Hills Connect** - We begin again in September! - September 2nd & 16th, 1pm-2pm. Join us for prayer, scripture reading, a devotional discussion, and (sometimes) worship!
- **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 September: Dan F.** Please contact Dan 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.



Upcoming Sundays for Your Calendar

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.

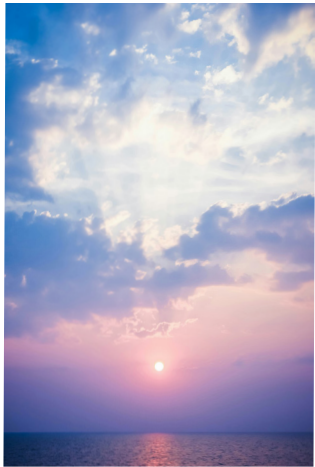
Sept 20 - 3rd Graders receive their Bibles.



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



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 that **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. The group will be limited to 20 people.

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

The group will be facilitated by Nancy Bowllan, Amie M. and Margie W. and held on **Thursdays: 9/24, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17 and 1/21 in the Fellowship Room from 5pm to 6:15pm.** A snack and childcare will be provided.

Nancy can be reached at 585-683-1914 if you have any questions or would be interested in participating.

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



ADULT MINISTRY – SPECIAL EVENTS

Join us September 13 for our **Intergenerational Sunday School Class** to kick-off the ministry year.

Then, join us on September 20 with **Pastor Wally Fleming!**

Check out these other opportunities coming up this Fall.

MINISTRY-YEAR PRAYER

Join us from 9am-10am to pray in preparation for our ministry year

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PASTOR WALLY SPEAKS!

Join Pastor Wally as we consider what it means to Imitate Christ! 9:45am-10:45am

ADULT RETREAT

Pastor Wally will lead our adult retreat at Onanda Park - 9:30am-12:30pm

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EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Join us as we share more about our church family!



Sign-up in the Welcome Center so that we can plan accordingly!

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!



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.



Here I Am, Lord
by Dan Shutte

Verse 1
I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2
I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Verse 3
I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Join Bell Choir!

Do you have experience playing bells or can read music and would love to learn to play?

If interested, please see June Pettit.
Or contact her at 585-730-0775 or
Pettitjune@gmail.com



SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUPS

We pray that the following small group offerings on Sunday morning are faithful ways in which we grow closer to God together. Know that you are invited and welcomed in any of these classes!

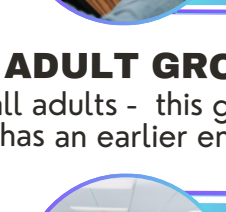
PARENTING COFFEE HOUR

Join other parents
in a relaxed atmosphere!



ADULT GROUP (DOWNSTAIRS)

For all adults - one of our longest running groups on Sunday mornings.



ADULT GROUP (UPSTAIRS)

For all adults - this group started last year and has an earlier end time (10:30am end)



AGES 18-24 - GROUP

Walk to coffee. Catch up with friends.
Pray, and read God's Holy Word!



AGES 25-35 - GROUP

A new group! Join us for coffee,
connection, and faith discussions.



"WHAT WE BELEVE" CLASS

Join Pastor Wade for this 6-week class!
We will be reviewing the Apostle's Creed.



Sign-up in the Welcome Center
so that we can plan accordingly!
Groups start September 27