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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANADA



Order of Worship for
SEPTEMBER 6, 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: “This Is My Father’s World/He’s Got the Whole World” arr Johanna Miller
June Pettit & Georgia Sperano (piano duet)

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

Focus of the Day: Before four centuries of silence, God gave His people one final word: return to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The seasons turn at Your hand, Lord, and we sense a new one dawning.

People: Prepare our hearts, that we might be ready for what You want to say.

Leader: You have not left us without a word, in seasons past or the one ahead.

People: Open our ears, Lord, that we might truly listen.

Leader: As we step into this new season of ministry together,

All: Lord, make us ready. We come to worship You.

***SONG:** “It Really Is (Amazing Grace)” (in music packet)

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SKIT: Georgia & friends

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 126:1-6 (page 613) {A.B. page 688}

***SONG:** “Goodness of God” (in music packet)

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 1:1-2 (page 1184) {A.B. page 1339}

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Sharon Erb & Kathy Eagan

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Dusty Bible” by Thomas, Howell, Queen, & Lawson (words on insert)
Worship Band

Sermon
“Preparing for the Fall”
(Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi)
Pastor Wade Allen

OFFERTORY: “My Jesus” by Wilson, Pardo & West (in music packet)

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***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: “Let Us Break Bread Together” (in music packet)

***SONG:** “In Christ Alone” (in music packet)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “This Little Light of Mine” arr Joel Raney
June Pettit & Georgia Sperano (piano duet)

** 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

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Laena Storie on August 26th. Her parents are Oliver and Emma (Arthur) Storie. Her grandparents are John and Tracy Arthur. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Scriptures for next week, September 13

Sermon Scripture: **Haggai 1:1-15**

First Reading: **Psalms 127:1-2**

Second Reading: **Matthew 6:19-21, 33**

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

- **The church office is closed tomorrow for Labor Day.**
- **Ferris Hills Connect** - Reminder our next connect is **September 16th, 1pm-2pm**. Join us for prayer, scripture reading, a devotional discussion, and (sometimes) worship music!
- **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!
- **Kick-Off Breakfast for Intergenerational Sunday School - 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! **Please bring a breakfast dish or pastry to pass.**
- **Ministry Year Prayer Gathering - Saturday, September 19, 9am** - Join us for prayer before our ministry year goes into full swing! We will be praying in a variety of ways and locations within the church, for the variety of ministries that occurs in and through our church. Sign-Up is in the Welcome Center, or online.
- **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!**



Game Night Returns!



Looking for something fun to do? Join us for a Game Night on **Saturday, September 12, from 6:30-8:30 pm**. This family friendly event offers an opportunity for church members of all ages to come together and enjoy a variety of board games, card games, and friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned game master or just looking to have fun, there's something for everyone. **Snacks and refreshments will be available** to enjoy as you engage in lighthearted fun and connect with others in the church community. Bring your friends, family, or come solo -- game night is a great way to meet new people and build lasting relationships. We look forward to seeing you there!



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 Dates for Your Calendar

Sept 13 - Sunday School Kick-off breakfast, 9:45
Return to 2 services at 8:45 and 11 am.

Sept 20 - 3rd Graders receive their Bibles
Georgia Sperano's 20 year milestone celebration
The Cause begins

Oct 7 -- Youth Club begins

Oct 17 -- Fall, Fellowship, & Fun (85+ event)

Oct 24 -- Adult Retreat



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.

If you'd like to help with child-care, we need a baby sitter at the church during the first meeting (Sept. 24, 5pm-6:15pm).

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

A Thank You

I want to thank all who served us in the **luncheon on August 18th.** It's a blessing to remember as the young people served us lunch, sang songs, played games and sat and talked with us. Thanks to each one.

Mary Jane Laird



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...

Mexico Mission Trip 2027

Our dates are set...**March 14-24, 2027!** But our team is still forming. We are especially seeking a Spanish speaking team member. Generous funds from the United Church "trip fund" help to cover some of your travel expenses. Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, September 17th at 7:00pm** to learn more. RSVP to Linda Werts.



Diaper and Wipes Collection for Care Net



September's Mission Collection is asking for donations of **baby wipes and diapers (all sizes)** to benefit the Care Net ministry here in Canandaigua. One way Care Net supports new moms is by providing diapers, wipes, and formula so they can make it to the next paycheck. Let's also support these moms in this way and with your prayers. Please place your donations in the marked tote in the Mission Center.

Mission Grocery Donations

With rising food costs, more families are turning to food pantries to help put food on the table. Some are going into credit card debt with grocery expenses. CCIA is experiencing a large jump in the number of 1st time families. Your food donations here will help supply the Salvation Army and CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) Food Pantries. CCIA needs staples such as **spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, tuna, and cereal** (which is not always available through FoodLink). Donations can be placed in the Mission Center. Thank you for sharing out of what God has given you!



Back to School Angel Tree

Thank you to all who generously donated school supply items! Together, we were able to provide **6 students** with school supplies!

Dusty Bibles

by Dylan Thomas, John Michael Howell, Josiah Queen, Zachary Lawson

Intro

We got dust on our Bibles
Brand new iPhones
We wonder why we feel this way

Verse 1

Hey how you been
It's been a while and I'm just checking in
I miss the way things used to be back in 2017
And I just miss my friend

Verse 2

Hey I've been fine
I've been struggling to find some peace of mind
It's the problem of our nation and in our generation
We're too busy and can't find the time
Are we busy or is it all a lie

Chorus

We got (With) dust on our Bibles
Brand new iPhones
We wonder why we feel this way
We walk with our eyes closed
Blind leading blind folks
I'm done with those idols and dusty Bibles

Verse 3

We only get this one life
I don't want to sit and watch it pass me by
I'm so done being complacent
There ain't no replacement
For a life in the light of Your way
Oh I'm done had enough of my way

Verse 4

I miss the way things used to be back in 2017
And I just miss my friend
Oh I just miss my friend



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.



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so that we can plan accordingly!
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