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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
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Order of Worship for
SEPTEMBER 13, 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: Our priorities reveal what we actually treasure, not what we say we believe.

INTROIT: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (hymn #60 - refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.*

People: Lord, we come to build our lives on you.

Leader: *Give careful thought to your ways, says the Lord Almighty.*

People: Search us, Lord, and set our hearts toward you.

Leader: *Come, let us worship the God who is patient, present, and worthy of first place.*

All: We set our hearts toward you today, Lord Almighty. Receive our worship.

***HYMN #447: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”** CCLI Song #1352, ©1972 CCCM Music, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord Almighty, you are patient with us even when we let other things take priority over you. Search our hearts today and show us where we have built our own houses while neglecting yours. Turn our attention toward you, we pray, and set our hearts firmly on what matters most. Let us pray together the prayer 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 127:1-2 (page 614) {A.B. page 688}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “To God Be the Glory” arr. Ed Hogan
Woodwind Trio - Madison O’Brien (flute), Bethany Cripps (oboe),
Karen Gardner (clarinet), Georgia Sperano (piano)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:19-21, 33 (page 960) {A.B. page 1058}

Sermon
“Priorities”
(Haggai 1:1-15)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN (on insert): “More Precious Than Silver”**

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

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.

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #568: “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”** CCLI Song #1390, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BAPTISM: (11:00) Kinley Freja Foster

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

PRAYER SUPPORT IN THE NARTHEX: (11:00) Trained Care Ministers are available following the service to pray for anyone desiring prayer

Please turn to the Prayer Requests page on the back of the bulletin insert for births and deaths.

Scriptures for next week, September 20

Sermon Scripture: **Haggai 2:1-23**

First Reading: **Psalms 46:1-7**

Second Reading: **Matthew 8:1-4**

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Clara Ann Parsons on August 21st. Her parents are Dan and Lexi Parsons. Her grandparents are Ric and Ellen Parsons. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Dawn Doebler for the loss of her daughter, Alyssa Dinh, on September 1st. Please keep the Doebler family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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

- **Intergenerational Sunday School Kick-Off - TODAY at 9:45 AM** - Join us in the Downstairs Dining Hall for our annual celebration!
- **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!
- **Ministry Year Prayer Gathering - Saturday, September 19, 9am** - Join us for prayer before our ministry year goes into full swing! 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.
- **Registration for Youth Club is open!** You can register by using the QR code. Look further inside the bulletin for more information about Youth Club.



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!**

Celebrating Our Staff

Today we celebrate **Deb Marshall's ten years as our Family Ministries Director**. There will be a recognition during the Sunday School breakfast, as well as a **card to sign in the Welcome Center** following both services today.





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.



Youth Club

Youth Club is our weekly **after school ministry** for kids in **2nd-8th grade.** Youth Club **begins** on **Wednesday, October 7** and ends on Wednesday, April 28, 2027.

How it works: Adults from our church pick up 6th-8th grade students from Canandaigua Middle School and drive them to the church. Different adults from our Church pick up 2nd-5th grade students (who are dismissed with walkers) near the Elementary cafeteria/elevators. These kids and adults walk up to the church together. Students from other schools/districts and homeschooled students are welcome to join Youth Club if their parents are able to provide transportation.

Our Youth Club time includes: snacks, Recreation (crafts/games), Bible study, Worship, and Family Time (dinner). **Parents pick up their kids at 6:30pm.** Questions? See Deb Marshall. Register here: <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3871551> **Please note:** All adults working with children in any capacity are background checked.



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

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!

Would You Join Our Care Ministry Card Team to Send Cards of Care?

Help send cards to people in our church family experiencing illness, surgery, loss, or joyful occasions. Volunteers take turns, so the time commitment is small. A few handwritten words can make a meaningful difference. You do not have to make the cards yourself; purchased cards are welcome.

To learn more, contact Christy at 765-717-5229 or christy.allen@uccdga.org, or Sue Vadney at 585-739-8615 or seavad@rochester.rr.com



Prayer Shawl Knitters

The prayer shawl ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, September 15th at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

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



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



More Precious Than Silver

Words and Music by
Lynn DeShazo

CHORUS 1

D A/C# G/B D/A D A/C# G/B Asus A D A/C#

Lord, You are more pre-cious than sil-ver. Lord, You are more cost-ly than gold. Lord, You are more

VERSE

G/B D/A G D/F# Em G/A A D Em D/F# G G/F# Em D/F#

beau-ti-ful than dia-monds, and noth-ing I de-sire com-pares with You. And who can weigh the val-ue of

know-ing You? Oh, who can judge the worth of Who You are. Lord, who can count the bless-ing of

G D G G/F# Em7 A2sus A D/F#

lov-ing You? Who can say just how great You are, how great You are? You. Oh,

CHORUS 2

E B/D# A/C# E/B A F#m7 E B2/D# B/D# A/C# F#m E/F# Bsus B E B2/D#

Lord, You are more pre-cious than sil-ver. Lord, You are more cost-ly than gold. Lord, You are more

beau-ti-ful than dia-monds, and noth-ing I de-sire com-pares with You. Ooo, noth-ing I de-

-sire com-pares with You. Ooo, noth-ing I de-sire com-pares with You.