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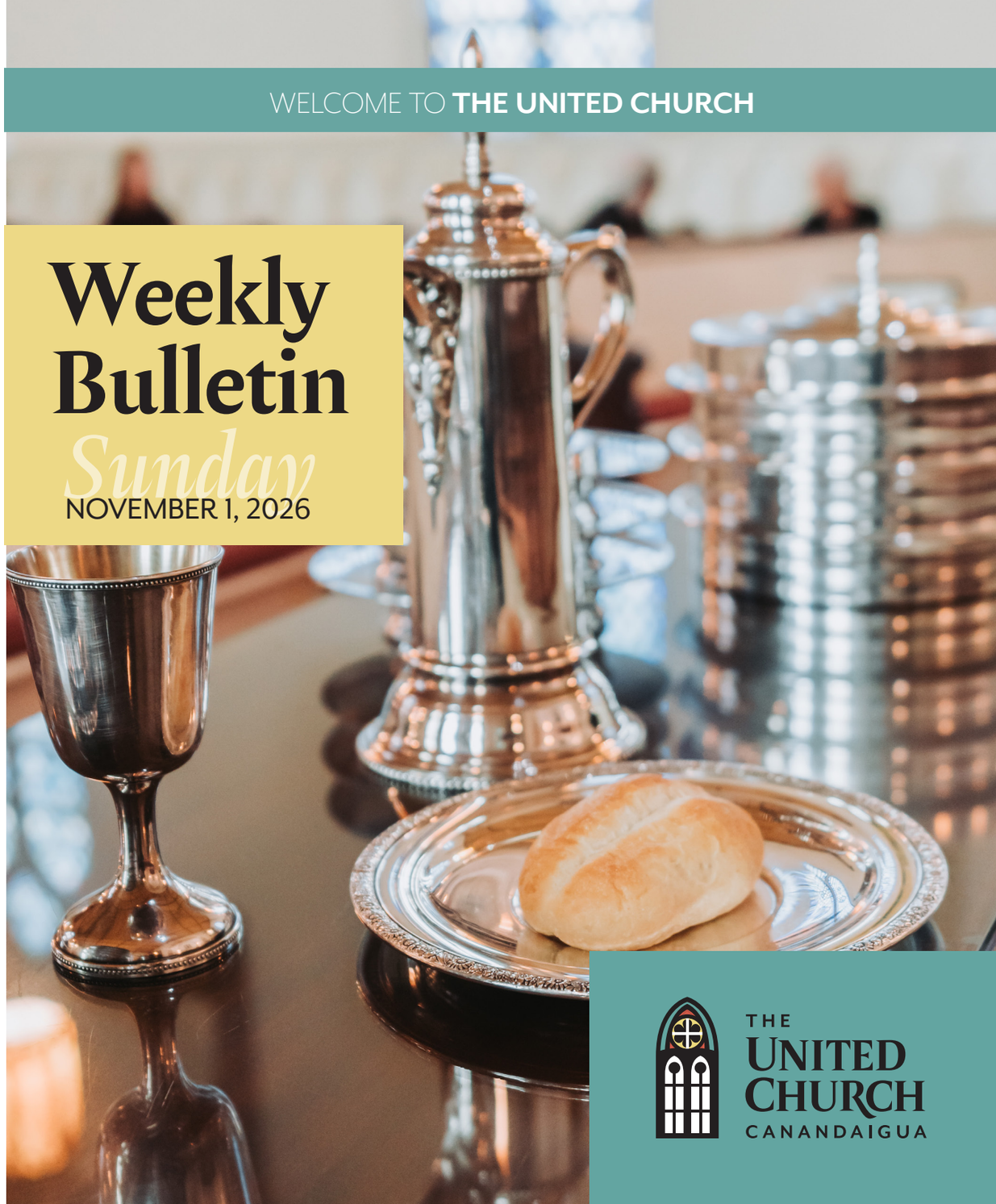
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WELCOME TO **THE UNITED CHURCH**



Weekly Bulletin

Sunday

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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Order of Worship for
NOVEMBER 1, 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: **Choral Paraphrase on "Ein feste Burg" by Homer Whitford**

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God is already at work long before we ever see him show up.

INTROIT: **(11:00) "Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"** **United Church Choir**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Long before we ever see him, the Lord is already at work among us.
People: He keeps watch over his people, and never again will an oppressor overrun them.
Leader: See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, gentle and riding on a donkey.
People: He comes not to conquer us, but to give himself for us.
Leader: Rejoice greatly, for the King who was hidden has now been revealed.
All: We welcome the King who comes in humility.

***HYMN #43:** **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** CCLI Song #42964, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** **Lord Almighty, you sent us a King whose hands are the hands of a healer, who came not for the healthy but for the sick, not for the righteous but for sinners. Heal what is broken in us this morning, and remind us again that we belong to you. Meet us in your word, and nourish us at your table. We pray together now the prayer Jesus taught us, singing together.**

***HYMN #632:** **"The Lord's Prayer"**

***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 40:1-5 (page 555) {A.B. page 630}**

ANTHEM: **(11:00) "Holy Forever" arr. Jay Rouse (words on insert)** **United Church Choir**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: **(11:00)**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Philippians 2:5-11 (page 1162) {A.B. page 1304}**

Sermon
"Your King is Coming"
(Zechariah 9-10)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #370:** **"God of Our Life"**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: **"Was mein Gott will, das gscheh allzeit" by Max Reger**

***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

***HYMN #78:** **"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"** CCLI Song #43152, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: **Choral Paraphrase on "St. Anne" by Homer Whitford**

** 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**

The flower today is to celebrate the birth of Colin Paul Marlin on October 29th. He is the newborn son of Tyler and Andy Marlin and the grandson of Ali and Phil Boseck. He joins big brother, Emerson at home. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Scriptures for next week, November 8

Sermon Scripture: **Zechariah 11**
First Reading: **Psalm 78:1-5**
Second Reading: **Philippians 2:5-11**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Bev Fehrenbach, Kathi Nacca, Chris Van Riper (nephew of Jeff and Joy), Marion Sumpter, 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, Deanna Stocker and Everest Ferrante (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Martha Ashley, 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: Pat Barden, 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), 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: 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 month of November we make the **Stewards Assistance Fund** a special focus of our giving. Any **loose offering received on the first Sunday** is also directed to the fund. These gifts provide confidential support to those who are part of our church family and facing unexpected needs, allowing us to share Christ's love in practical ways. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Stocking stuffer donations** for our Youth Club stocking project, are **due TODAY**. There's are collection bin in Deb's office. More info can be found inside the bulletin.
- Are you a **veteran, first responder, or active military?** We'd love for YOU to be our special guest THIS Wednesday at Youth Club dinner. Interested? Please see Deb Marshall today!
- **Friendsgiving Potluck Gathering** - 18-35 year olds - Wednesday, November 25 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM. RSVP to Mark (Headcount & what you're bringing). Feel free to invite a guest!
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for November: Bill 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!**

Stewardship Update

We are finishing up the **pledge season for the 2027 year**. We have had **80** pledges returned, with **$274,038** pledged to Operating and **$54,322** pledged to Missions.

There are extra pledge form packets in the Welcome Center. Feel free to place them in the offering plate, mail them in, or put them in the box marked "Pledges". You can also pledge online by scanning the QR code below of following the link on the website.

It would be helpful to return pledge forms **as soon as possible**, to assist our Trustees in preparing a budget for approval. We have a goal of 120 pledges, symbolized by our rose window poster. Each 10 pledges returned colors a new segment. The rose window is turning beautiful! If we go over 120 pledges, I may just need to install twinkle lights on it.





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.

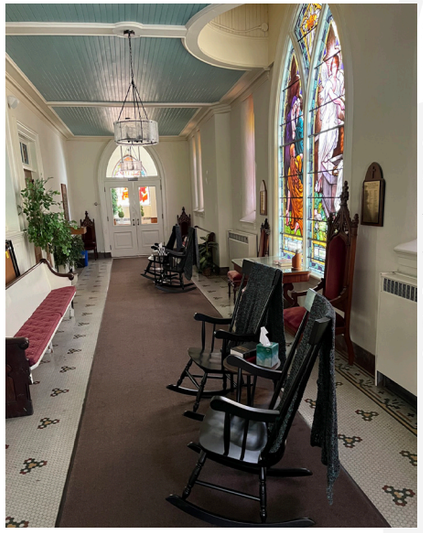
Nursery care is available during the service. **Children (infants through 5-years-old) are welcome in the nursery at any time during the service.** All nursery volunteers are background checked. The infant nursery, which is located adjacent to the preschool nursery, is also open and available for parents to use during the service for diaper changes, nursing, etc.



Children's Time is offered after the Children's Sermon on most Sundays for **children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.**

Learning to Worship/Understanding Your Faith is offered after the Children's Sermon every Sunday through Nov 1 **for children in 3rd 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.



For children who remain in the service, the worship activity cart will be available in the narthex every Sunday. Please be sure to return reusable items.

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.

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

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!

Beaver Camp Fundraising Dinner

November 7, 2026 @ 5:30 pm in The United Church Dining Room

An opportunity to support and learn about the place that has changed the lives and faith of many in our congregation.
Tickets are complimentary, and we graciously ask guests to make a donation to help support the event and its mission. Your generosity is appreciated. See Bob or Brenda Cunningham for tickets. **Last chance today!**

Youth Club Mission Project



Christmas Stockings for NYC. We are preparing for the Youth Club stocking project. These stockings are given to children along with a presentation of the Gospel message. **Donated items must be new, small and able to fit into a 5"x 9" stocking.** Stocking stuffer ideas: toy cars, yo-yos, small games, bouncy balls, gum, socks, hard candy, hair accessories, jump ropes, coin purses, jewelry, trading cards, pencils/pencil sharpeners, gloves, hats, small stuffed animals or dolls, etc! ***Note***: Coloring books and most small puzzles are too large for these stockings. Please no toy weapons or violent action figures. Please bring your donations to Deb's office. Items need to be donated ***by November 1***. Thank you!!

Notes & Doodles:

Poinsettia Order From



Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias at $13.00 each.
They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:

1. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____
2. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
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   Given by: _____
7. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate WITH your cash in an envelope or check made payable to "The United Church".
List in the memo section "Poinsettias". You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after church on Christmas Eve or on Dec 27th. Thank you!

Exploring Membership Class



In 1942, fire destroyed the First Baptist Church of Canandaigua. A few years later, the Presbyterians down the street opened their doors. That invitation became The United Church.

We'd love to tell you more of that story. Join us for our **Exploring Membership class on Sunday, November 15, from 9:45 to 10:45 AM.** We'll share our history and how our two traditions shape our life today. We'll also walk through the ways you can become a member. Bring your questions!

Whether you're ready to join or just want to learn more, you're welcome.

Sign up online at uccdga.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3937216 or call the church office.

Harvest Potluck Gathering & Advent Decoration Night - A celebratory gathering with our church family...

Join us at **5 PM on November 22** for Christmas worship music, a potluck dinner, and Advent decorating! ***Everyone is invited!***



Here is our agenda:

- **5:00pm - Welcome and Worship**
- **5:30pm - Thanksgiving-Themed Dinner Potluck**
- **6:15pm - Church Advent Decorating (all ages)**
- **7:45pm - End**

We need your help! ***Sign-Up in the Welcome Center OR Online!***

- Dining Hall Room Set Up and Clean Up
- Potluck Set Up and Clean Up
- Worship Tech Support
- Christmas Tree Assembly & Decorating
- Various Advent Decorations (Sanctuary, Welcome Center, etc.)
- Upstairs and Youth Room Decoration
- Support of Children ornament creation activities

Holy Forever (11:00 service) Anthem

arr Jay Rouse

Verse 1
A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb;
And all who've gone before us and all who believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.



Pre-chorus
Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all;
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1
And the angels cry, "Holy!"
All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high, Holy!
Holy forever

Verse 2
If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb;
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb;
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2
Hear your people sing, "Holy!"
To the King and kings, Holy!
You will always be Holy!
Holy Forever!

Save the Dates!

Holiday musical events to put on your calendar now

Saturday, Dec 5 - FLSO concert, 4 pm (purchase tickets at door)
Friday, Dec 11 - Community Organ Concert, 7 pm (free will offering)
Saturday, Dec 12 - Grace Choir Cantata, 4 pm (free will offering)
Sunday, Dec 13 - Bell Choir plays in service, 11 am
Sunday, Dec 20 - Children's Christmas Pageant, 10 am