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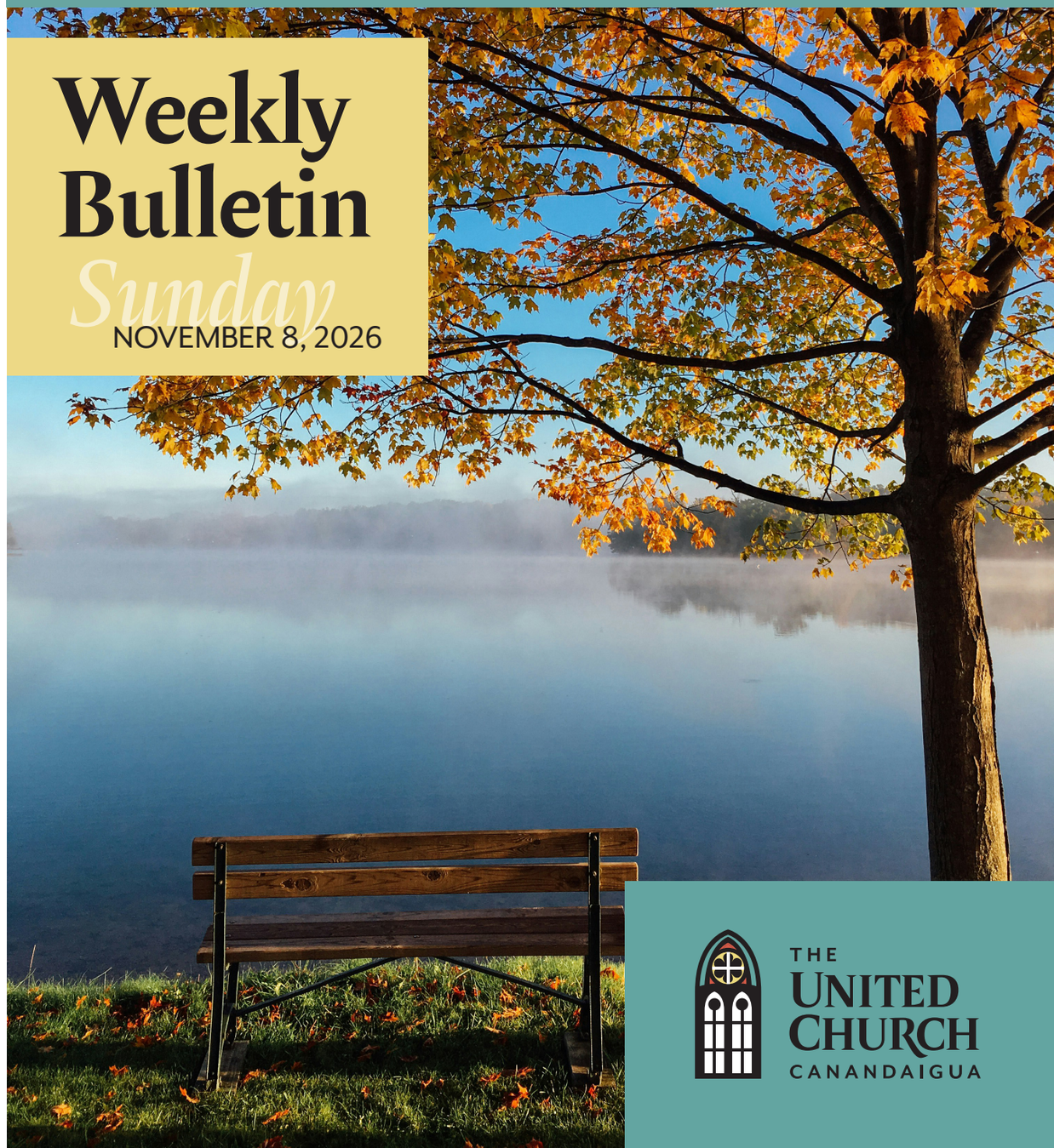
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WELCOME TO **THE UNITED CHURCH**

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday

NOVEMBER 8, 2026



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Order of Worship for
NOVEMBER 8, 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: **"Brother James's Air" arr. Mack Wilberg**

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God's people rejected the shepherd he offered them, but Jesus is the Good Shepherd who was rejected for us and never deserts.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have called us to follow you as your flock.
People: But we confess that shepherds, even good ones, are often refused.
Leader: Still you do not abandon us to wander on our own,
People: You come to seek us, to know us, to keep us.
Leader: So we gather this morning to worship the shepherd who stays,
All: Ready to hear what your word has for us today.

***HYMN #87:** **"His Name is Wonderful"**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** **Lord Almighty, we come to you as sheep in need of a shepherd who will not leave us. Search our hearts today, and show us where we have placed our trust in leaders and voices that cannot truly care for us. Renew our confidence in you, the shepherd who stays, and open our hearts to receive your word. 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 78:70-72 (page 581) {A.B. page 655}**

ANTHEM: **(11:00) "Thirty Pieces of Silver" by Lani Smith (words on insert)**
United Church Choir

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 26:14-16 (page 985) {A.B. page 1086}**

Sermon
"The Rejected Shepherd"
(Zechariah 11)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #615:** **"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"**

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: **"Ah, holy Jesus" (Anonymous, 18th c.)**

***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 #500:** **"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"**

BABY DEDICATION: **John Milo Emmal**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: **"Pastorale" by Domenico Zipoli**

* *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**

Scriptures for next week, November 15

Sermon Scripture: **Zechariah 12-13**
First Reading: **Psalm 32:1-5**
Second Reading: **1 John 1:7-2:2**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Kathy Allen Brown (Wade's mother), 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

- **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!
- **Advent Devotionals** - Check out the samples in the Welcome Center! Use the sign up sheet (online or in-person) with the samples if you'd like us to order for you. Cost of each book is provided. Please pay in full online or at the time of pick-up. Need cost support? Contact Pastor Mark.
- **Would you like to sponsor a Youth Club scholarship?** We have 6 kids on scholarship for Youth Club. Would you like to sponsor one of them? Contact Deb Marshall for details.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for November: Bill F.** Please contact Bill or the office if you need help signing up.

Are You Visiting Us Today?

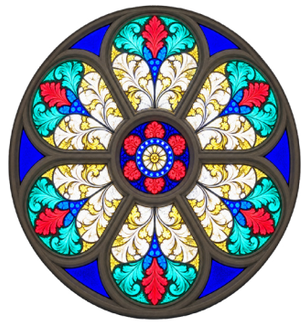


If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

Stewardship Update

We are finishing up the **pledge season for the 2027 year**. We have had **94** pledges returned, with **$334,940** pledged to Operating and **$63,850** 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 or 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.

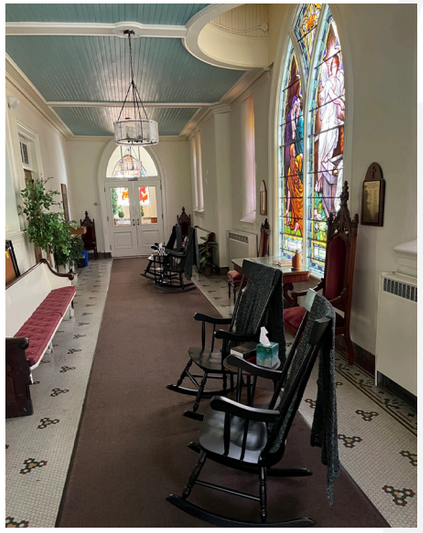
Nursery care is available during the service. **Children (infants through 5-years-old) are welcome in the nursery at any time during the service.** All nursery volunteers are background checked. The infant nursery, which is located adjacent to the preschool nursery, is also open and available for parents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

Understanding Your Faith is offered after the Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of each month **for children in 3rd through 5th grade.** On the other Sundays, they can join Children's Time or remain in the service.

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!



Thanksgiving Offering/Mission Project

During the month of November, our Sunday morning families are invited to take part in our Thanksgiving Offering/Mission Project. This year, we are collecting items for the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Our goal is to collect 50 items for these pantries. **Children and youth are encouraged to bring donations to Sunday school or the shelf in the upstairs chapel during the month of November.** We began receiving items on November 1 and we will count up our donations on November 29. The **most needed items are**: cereal, tuna fish, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, boxed pasta, mac-n-cheese, canned pork-n-beans, canned meals, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo.

Community Organ Concert for Christmas



Please join us here on **December 11th at 7:00** with our very own organist **David Kraft** and accompanying musicians for a night of festive Christmas music! Watch for more details in the December Lamplighter newsletter.



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:** _____
   Given by: _____
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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

Thirty Pieces of Silver (11:00 service) Anthem

by Lani Smith

Thirty pieces of silver
Was all they had to pay
To get the man to do the deed,
His Master to betray.

Thirty pieces of silver
Was all that it would take
To change the course of history
And seal the Savior's fate.

Thirty pieces of silver
Was all that it was worth
To Judas to betray the Christ,
The Lord of heaven and earth.

Thirty pieces of silver
Was all it had to be
To tempt a man to sell his soul
For all eternity.

Thirty pieces of silver
Would buy betrayal's kiss.
Who'd think the Son of man could meet
An end such as this?

Thirty pieces of silver;
It seems a meager fee,
But then how much more
Would it take to purchase
You or me?



Save the Dates!

Holiday musical events to put on your calendar now

Saturday, Dec 5 - FLSO concert, 3 pm, Wrong time listed last week (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