



MARCH 2026

THE Lamplighter

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Holy week begins on March 29th with Palm Sunday (including Intergenerational Sunday School and bell choir during service). There will be a Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm on April 3rd and Resurrection Sunday is April 5th with 2 services at 8:45 and 11:00 am.

MARCH 2026 EVENTS

March 1
Mexican Dinner Fundraiser, 5-7 pm

March 2
Trustees, 7:00 pm

March 3
Stewards, 6:30 pm

March 14
Missionary Visit

March 15
Camp Sunday
Care Teams Potluck, noon

March 16
Official Board, 7:00 pm

March 21
Family Bowling, 5:30 pm

March 29
Palm Sunday



In January, we explored the calling of the disciples. Do you remember Andrew? When he first encountered Jesus, he couldn't keep the news to himself. He ran to find his brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah!" And then he brought his brother to Jesus. Philip did the same thing with his friend Nathanael, offering a simple invitation: "Come and see."

That invitation continues this spring as we walk through the Gospel of John. We're encountering Jesus through the eyes of those who walked with him, listened to him, and watched him transform what they thought they knew about God. And this March, we'll discover what it means to truly see Jesus for who he really is.

As we enter the season of Lent, we'll watch Jesus heal a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. Do you remember this story? Jesus asks, "Do you want to get well?" Then we'll witness Jesus giving sight to a man born blind. He had spent his entire life in darkness until Jesus opened his eyes. But this story is about more than physical healing. It's about seeing Jesus for who he truly is. We'll stand with Mary and Martha at Lazarus's tomb. Each story reveals something deeper about Jesus. He's not just a miracle worker or a moral teacher. He's the Light of the World, the Resurrection and the Life, the one who has power over death itself.

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Opened Eyes

On March 29, we will gather on Palm Sunday. John tells us that crowds waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!" as Jesus entered

Jerusalem. But he also tells us that they misunderstand him. They wanted a warrior on a war horse. Jesus rode on a humble donkey. Even with their eyes wide open, they couldn't truly see him. This contrast forces us to ask ourselves how we receive Jesus. Do we want Jesus on our terms, or are we willing to receive him as he actually is?

These aren't just stories about people who lived 2,000

years ago. These are encounters that mirror our own experience with Jesus. Like Nicodemus, we come with questions in the darkness, seeking to understand. Like the woman at the well, we carry shame from our past and wonder if we're beyond grace's reach. Like the man born blind, we need our eyes opened to see who Jesus truly is.

John wrote his Gospel for one reason. He says in chapter 20, "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." He wants us not just to know about Jesus, but to encounter him personally and receive the life he offers. He wants our eyes opened.

Come and see. Join us each Sunday as we walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem. Read the passages ahead of time. Bring your questions, your doubts, your hopes as explore these stories together.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 01 - Jesus our Lord: The Miracle Worker (John 4:43-54)

Additional Readings: Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

March 08 - Stuck No More (John 5:1-18)

Additional Readings: Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11

March 15 - Seeing Jesus (John 9:1-41)

Additional Readings: Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14

March 22 - When God Delays (John 11:1-45)

Additional Readings: Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11

March 29 - The King Nobody Expected (John 12:12-19)

Additional Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Philippians 2:5-11



*I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*

- John 11:25-26

Remembrance

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Ernie McKenzie** for the loss of her sister-in-law, **Elaine Pond** on January 26th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Natalie Clark** for the loss of her mother, **Ethel Simonds** on January 31st. Please keep the Clark family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Mary Beth Fortunato** for the loss of her brother-in-law on February 4th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **John Eveleigh** for the loss of his father, **Steve Eveleigh**, on February 13th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

FAMILY NEWS



Celebrating Shirley B.

Happy Birthday to Shirley, who turns 93 years young on March 8!

Shirley has been part of church life for most of her life and feels especially at home here at the United Church of Canandaigua. One of her favorite hymns is “Hymn of Promise,” and her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, both reflecting her steady faith and hopeful spirit. Before retiring, Shirley spent many years working in the Riverhead school district. She also shared in running two family businesses. With her first husband, Joe Goleski, she co-owned Eastport Beverage Company for 28 years. Later, with her husband John Braun, she helped run the Braun family’s fourth-generation vineyard, Glenside Vineyards. Shirley enjoys spending time with friends, playing cards, watching sports, taking photographs, and playing the keyboard. She also loves nature, reading, and relaxing with a good TV show. Though she once enjoyed baking, she now happily admits she’s “spoiled.” Now in her eleventh year at Ferris Hills, Shirley is grateful for the residents, staff, and the community she calls home. She has also recently joined our Senior Companion Circle, and we are excited to spend time with her, learning from her wisdom and sharing meaningful conversation. Shirley describes herself as content, and that joy and gratitude shine through her life. Happy Birthday, Shirley! We’re so glad to celebrate you!

Celebrating Mary Lou H.

Happy 90th birthday to Mary Lou H. on March 10th!

Reflecting on the memories and milestones of her membership in the United Church, Mary Lou recalled that she was baptized, along with her daughter, Michelle, in 1957. She joined the church that same day, and has served in various capacities during her 68 year membership, including the Board of Stewards, the Official Board, and the Missions Committee (which holds a special place in her heart).

Asked how she has been “the hands and feet” of God, Mary Lou recalled the special mission trips to Mexico, her continued involvement in Cameron Ministries in Rochester, baking desserts and providing food for church events, and especially her personal connections for the Senior Companions during her tenure as a Steward.

Mary Lou comes from a large family, and has a large family, but she is very grateful and thankful for her church family, who have provided her with much love and support throughout the years. *written by friend Nancy G*



Celebrating Mary O.

On March 17th, Eleanor “Mary” O. is celebrating her 102nd Birthday!!

It’s no surprise that she’s our oldest member! Mary enjoys the staff at The Friendly Home, where she recently moved, and the staff loves her smile and beautiful spirit. She still reads the Daily Messenger where she looks for the Sudoku puzzle! She’s sharp as a tack when discussing family news, politics, and world news; what a gal, born in 1924! Happy 102nd Birthday dear Mary! *written by Virginia H*

Celebrating “Mac”

We are excited to celebrate “Mac” M.’s 98th birthday this month.

Mac and his lovely wife Ernestine have 7 sons with many grand and great grandchildren which they love spending time with them. They have a nice apartment attached to their son & daughter in law’s home (John & Jen E.). Mac lived in Hilton NY for 50 years before moving to Canandaigua. During the warmer months, he and Ernie enjoy staying at their camp at Cape Vincent overlooking the Saint Lawrence River. He was a guide on a tour boat for a few years that took customers around the islands. Just ask him any questions about the Thousand Island region, he knows the answer! Another thing Mac is known for are the model ships that he builds for his family members. These ships are 2 ½’ feet wide by 18” high and are very intricate and time consuming to construct. His grandson Scott, received the last one. It has 18 sails, 43 cannons and is called the USS America. It takes Mac about 8 months to complete each ship. So far, he

has made 7 ships of this size. Mac is a joy to talk to, and always has entertaining stories to share. We wish him a big Happy 98th birthday on March 22nd! *written by Margie W.*



MISSIONS



Mexico Trip and Dinner

Plans are coming together for our trip to Mexico to work with **Living Waters for the World** and our sister church in **Bacalar, Iglesia Emmanuel**. We're looking forward to worshipping with them and going with them to serve in their mission community in San Fernando, though precisely how is still a bit hazy. Details are also emerging of what support is needed at each of the water plants we will be visiting. So far, we know that a new generator needs to be purchased and installed at one site, education programs need our support at another and the idea of a tech project to help make all the data entry a little easier for those who manage the sites is being planned. Have you ever tried to enter data into a lengthy form on your phone - on a site that is not designed for mobile? We're hoping to help with that while we're there. We have limited information on the phones and networks that they use...so wish us luck on that side quest! Better yet - remember us in prayer that we will have the insight we need into their needs as we prepare in order to serve them well while we're there.

Your support, fellowship and encouragement can also be shared with us by attending the **Mexican Night Dinner** on **Sunday, March 1st from 5-7pm**. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased on Sunday mornings or by calling 315-447-0276. More information on that is available in your weekly bulletin insert.

We're so grateful for your prayers and support thus far and look forward to opportunities to share this adventure with you.

Missionary Visit

On **Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 PM**, you are invited to come and hear **Mayra Giovanetti**, half of "the BGs", speak about her and Carlos' work as missionaries. Mayra and Carlos are a missionary couple that our church has supported for over 10 years. They are engaging speakers who will explain their work as regional consultants for discipleship in churches and with ethnic groups in Colombia, Nicaragua, Spain, Chile, and throughout Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. Their ministry includes working with the Wayuu people in the Guajira, the northern region of Colombia. From the BGs:

As of September 10, 2020, we were reassigned as regional consultants for discipleship. We continue to serve with our Chile, Spain, Nicaragua, and Colombia siblings. In 2025 the Dominican Republic was added. Next year Cuba is being added. We have prepared discipleship materials to be used in small groups and one-on-one settings. We are sharing them with those who are implementing it with their own. In May/June we'll be in Spain for two months shared with 15 new congregations the convention there is establishing in their "15 by 2030" initiative. A blessing to see how God is using what He's given us to bless others.



Please join us to learn more about their important work, ask questions and have some dessert!

North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

March 28-April 3

The planning continues and the mission trip team is getting excited to share the United Church's love for others with the western North Carolina community as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene. We are once again going to be helping Valley Hope Foundation located in Black Mountain, NC. They are thrilled we are returning! Trip participants are Louise and Kerry V., Deb and Bruce G., Kristy and Amelia A., Grace P., Anna Z., Mark S., and Sonya B.



We are looking for 10 prayer partners! We would like a prayer partner for each person going on the trip - we'll match you up. This entails praying specifically for the individual before and during the trip and providing three notes to them to be opened during the trip. Email Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooksgg@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate. **Of course, we would like everyone to be praying for the group and the people we will be helping!**

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our annual **Easter Offering** will be taken on **Easter Sunday, April 5**, for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Both of our denominations, Presbyterian USA and American Baptist, use what we give by funding ministries of **disaster relief, hunger, poverty, climate change, and refugee assistance**, serving individuals and communities in need. This offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are underway in more than 100 countries, including United States and Canada.

An envelope is included in this Lamplighter, or, simply indicate on your gift that it is to be used by OGHS. The needs of our world are great. As we receive this Offering, please give generously. Remember, if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Canandaigua Churches in Action

CCIA is one of the local organizations we support with our Mission Budget and with our food donations, serving the Canandaigua community and Ontario County.

In 2025:

- The food pantry served 3,825 families with emergency food.
- In addition to walk-in services, the CCIA Resource Room was able to assist 26 families in making partial rent payments, helping them to stay in their current housing situation.
- The Resource Room handed out 3,850 bus passes to those with transportation needs.
- Supply A Smile Free Dental Program and Free Smile Day provided free dental care with cleanings, fillings, extractions and dentures to 100 adults.

Director Jeff Lippincott reports:

The last few months of 2025 brought some challenges. More families came seeking emergency food with the temporary loss of benefits and changes made to SNAP. Keeping the pantry shelves stocked with a variety of food was a priority. Through food drives and financial donations, we were able to purchase needed food from Foodlink and our local grocery stores. We did not have to close or shorten any of our open pantry hours.

Your kindness and generosity have been a lifeline in helping serve families in our community and throughout Ontario County. For more information, see churchesinaction.org

Silent Auction 2026

To Benefit Mission Trips

Spring is in the air...some days more than others ... and that means the Missions Trip Fund Silent Auction is getting closer! Make sure the dates are on your calendar - Sunday, June 7 through Sunday, June 14.

We are looking for **volunteers** to help plan and/or work at our Bi-Annual Silent Auction. Our first planning meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Room. If you would like to help and cannot attend this meeting, watch for the next meeting or contact Regina Allen at (585) 260-4060 or regieallen@gmail.com



We also need **donors** of items such as: home crafted items, store bought items, gift baskets, pledges of your time or talents to help someone [such as 1 or 2 hours of gardening or babysitting time]; antiques, a boat ride on Canandaigua Lake, a home cooked meal for a group of people, a cottage rental, etc.

The funds raised for our Trip Fund will assist our Youth and Adults as they go out into the mission field. For example: Mission trips by the Youth Group; Adult Mission Trips to Mexico to install clean water plants through Living Waters for the World; and Mission Trips to Nicaragua with AMOS to provide health clinics, Computer labs and libraries.

Prayerfully consider how you can help us raise money for our Trip Fund. It takes a lot of planning and many hands to make this happen. We would appreciate any help you can give us. Thank you.

Donation forms and collection box will be in the Welcome Center beginning March 29th.



FAMILY MINISTRY



Youth Club

In late February, the Youth Club children filled **Birthday Bags**. These bags are given to families in need who use our local food pantries and have a child in their family who is celebrating a birthday. We were able to donate 47 bags. **Thank you to all who donated to this service project!**

On **March 11th**, the **Youth Club kids** will go **bowling** at Roseland Bowl. After we arrive at church and have a snack, we will divide up into cars and head over to the bowling alley.. We will bowl for about an hour and then have pizza and soda. **Parents**, please note, **pick up** your children **early at 5:30pm** at the **Roseland Bowl**. It's always fun to take a Youth Club field trip!



We will celebrate **Easter** together on **March 25** with a **resurrection egg**

hunt. This special event helps focus our kids on the beautiful story of Easter. The eggs tell the story of Holy Week through Jesus' resurrection. **Please pray that the hearts of all Youth Club children will be open to hearing the Gospel on this special night.**



Sunday School

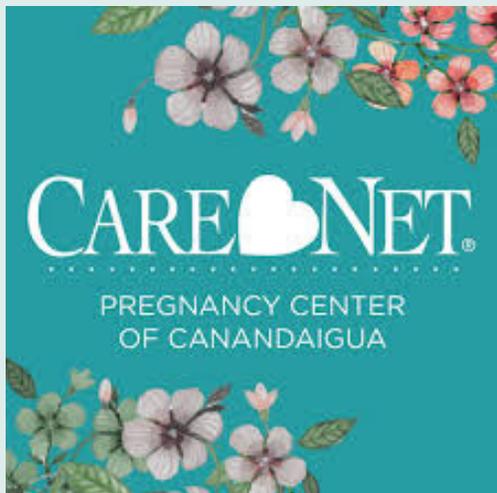
Sunday school kids received age-appropriate **Lenten** devotionals. It is our hope that providing these devotionals to children and youth will give them an opportunity to grow closer to our

Lord and Savior Jesus. It is also a special time that families can engage in **faith conversations at home**. Parents are encouraged to set aside daily time to use the devotionals together. Please join me in **praying for our families** as they engage in faith conversations through this Lenten season!



During the month of March, **Sunday school children** will be collecting

diapers, wipes, and formula for CareNet Canandaigua. With spring and Easter reminding us of new life, we thought it was appropriate to celebrate and support new life by collecting these donations. We appreciate all who support this special Lenten offering! We will be collecting items in the upstairs chapel.



On **March 29**, we will have an Intergenerational Sunday school class in the downstairs dining room. We will enjoy light snacks, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Please plan to join us this Palm Sunday for our final lesson in the Compassion series we've been using this school year.





Summer Camp

On **Sunday, March 15**, **representatives** from some **Christian summer camps** will be joining us to share about all the wonderful experiences children and youth can have at camp! We are excited to hear about the many different offerings they have planned for this summer. Sending a kid (or multiple children) to camp can be expensive, and that's why we have **camperships!** *Our church will pay for half of the full cost of one week of ANY Christian camp.* (We have special full tuition camperships for those in need). Be sure to get some information about summer camps and start planning which camp works best for your family. **You can request a campership beginning March 1 and all campership requests must be submitted by May 15.** Questions? Please see Deb Marshall.



FAMILY MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School

Rainforest Falls VBS: Exploring the Nature of God

Registration opens March 1!!

Kick-off: Sun., July 12, 2026 at 6:30pm

July 13-17, 2026, 9am - 12noon

Contact Deb Marshall with any questions

Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into the beginning or a continuation of a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God.

They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

All children, ages **4 years old** through those who **completed 5th grade**, are welcome to **participate!**

Tweens/teens who **completed 6th - 12th grade** are *encouraged* to **volunteer!**

Adults are needed as **volunteers**, too!





Sunday School

Our **Middle School** and **High School classes** continue. MS/HS activity time at the beginning of Sunday School also continues (it has been received well). Both groups continue to use the LIVE curriculum, with Middle School going through “Bible 101” and “Growing Closer to Each Other”; and High School going through “God wants to Restore You” and “The Ordinary Becomes the Extraordinary”.

High School Youth Group (The Cause)

We have moved onto Philippians and then onto Revelation in our studies. We are currently using a small group format, with large group sharing and teaching at the end. Our youth band continues to practice and grow, with plans for Sunday morning worship!

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Youth Club Middle School Group Bible Study

This class is following the same studies as the high school group. We have recently changed how we conduct our Bible study; now, we move the students upstairs early for announcements, and then into a longer Bible study, splitting the group into 4 small groups, before ending with large group sharing and teaching (like the HS’ers). We are thankful for our facilitators (Ed Blance, Jen Callard, and Lauren Slomski).

School District Connects

Our mid-week connects continue, with Victor, Marcus Whitman, and Canandaigua school districts. Our Canandaigua connect in February saw numerous new students and parents show up!

Special Events (Recap & Looking Forward)

- **Youth Ice Skating Event** - Our middle-school heavy group enjoyed their time at the ice rink, and also enjoyed games and a devotional at church.
- **Annual Meeting Fundraiser** - This was well-supported by our youth; with a little under \$400 raised. Proceeds are split between youth missions and ministries.
- **Chicken BBQ Fundraiser** - We were offered one Saturday (May 23) for a chicken BBQ. We are sending the contract to them shortly, and are raising funds for Youth missions and ministries.
- **Retreats & Dates** - Youth (Aug 15 @ Onanda); Adult (Oct. 24 @ Onanda); Men (TBD); Young Adult (TBD)



Youth Ministry Activities - Also on the church calendar online

Youth Club - All of March!

Sunday School - All of March (3/29 Intergenerational Sunday)

The Cause - All of March (except 3/29)

Connects - 1x month per school district

- **Canandaigua** - Thursday, March 12, 6:45AM (Tim Hortons, North)
- **Marcus Whitman** - Monday, March 16, 2:30PM (Gorham Free Library)
- **Victor** - Thursday, March 19, 6:45AM (Dunkin’, Main Street)



Sunday Morning Small Groups

Our **young adult/adult ministries** continue as scheduled. Our **Young Adults Group** continue through select passages in Romans, then onto Philippians. The **Bible Study Group** that meets in the Downstairs Dining Hall continues with their study on James. The new **Choir Group** meets on the second floor (Room 26), and is now following the sermon series in the Gospel of John. The **Parenting Group** continues to meet in the Fellowship Room, and are currently in a curriculum titled “The Art of Parenting”.

Mid-Week Connects

Our Ferris Hills group has been meeting monthly, which includes worship and a devotional. There are now conversations to move this to weekly. Quail Summit group continues, and will attempt to meet monthly through the end of the school year.

Adult Ministry Bible Studies

As a reminder, we have a men’s group that meets every Wednesday morning at 7am at the church for breakfast, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. We also have a group of women that meet every Thursday at 1pm at the church - also a Bible study. The church calendar provides additional information for open events in the church.

25-35-Somethings Small Group

We started this group in February - we meet weekly on Tuesdays, 4pm-5pm. This includes people who grew up in our church, and those who have not! We are using a curriculum called “Alpha” for a few weeks, and then move onto a study in Philippians.

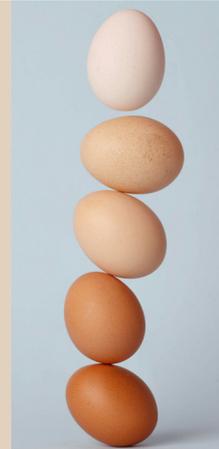


Name: Amelia A.

Grade: 11th

School:

Canandaigua Academy



My favorite way to spend a Saturday is by hanging out with friends. I love driving around and going places, and being able to just chill without having to think about school.

If I could travel anywhere, I would go to Italy. I’ve always loved learning about other cultures and have always wanted to travel the world. Italy, in particular, intrigues me because of the food, language, and architecture. I love Italy’s culture of “the sweetness of doing nothing”, il dolce far niente.

A food that I could eat every day and never get tired of is eggs. It sounds weird, but I love eggs. Plus, you can cook them so many different ways. I often eat eggs for breakfast, but also before practice. Or pasta. I also love pasta.

I’m really looking forward to college, where I can be around people with similar interests, goals, and dreams. I’m excited to meet new people who share my faith and to hopefully someday travel the world.

Faith & Reflection

A Bible verse that has always meant a lot to me is Romans 12:2, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”. It really highlights the importance of daily renewal of the mind through His Word. You can’t stand firm in God’s truth when you don’t know it. This verse has taught me the importance of reading your Bible every day and filling your mind with truth. The more you fill your mind with God’s truth, the more discernment you’ll have, because you’ll know what is true and be able to stand firm in that truth and in your faith.

My faith has grown over the past year through asking questions. I’ve learned the importance of asking God questions, and through this, I’ve learned more about God’s character. Over the past couple of years, I’ve learned what it means to make my faith my own and to truly seek God in everything.

Young Adult and Adult Ministry Activities - Also on the church calendar online

- **Sunday School** - All of March (3/29 Intergenerational Sunday)
- **25-35-Somethings Small Group** - Every Tuesday, 4:00 PM.
- **Men’s Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Breakfast** - Every Wednesday, 7:00AM
- **Weekly Adult Bible Study** - Every Thursday, 1:00PM
- **Connects** -
- **Ferris Hills** - Wednesday, March 4, 1:00PM
- **Quail Summit** - Tuesday, March 24, 3:00PM

TREASURER



Treasurer's Report for January 2026

During January, we received donations totaling \$47,703.30. This was \$7,319.97 above the amount we budgeted, but \$8,824.29 less than last year. We took in \$2,368.25 more than we spent, which is \$4,336.69 more than budgeted but \$5,346.42 less than last year. As stated at the annual meeting, we had to take \$23,997.80 out of savings to continue our 2025 programs and the pledges we've received so far for 2026 are less than the donations received in 2025. None of the Boyce memorial funding is available for operating expenses. We are asking that you prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for 2026 (or making one if you haven't already done so). You can do this by completing a pledge form available from Carolyn Russell in the church office and writing "revised" at the

top and returning it to Carolyn or dropping it in the offering plate. Our staff have done an amazing job of holding costs down as much as possible, but we need your help to be able to sustain these programs. Thank you!

Nancy Lamberson, Treasurer

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it". Malachi 3:10

CHEERFUL CIRCLE



Spotlight on Cheerful Circle

Cheerful Service Circle meets at **7:00 pm on the second Monday** of each month from September through May in the Fellowship room. In June we all go out for dinner together.

Our meetings include devotions, a short business meeting, an interesting program and a delicious homemade dessert provided by the hostess of the month. Our programs this past year included videos, a discussion of birthdays past and present, playing games, book reviews, sharing our travels, a talk by the director of the Ontario County Historical Society, and assembling school kits for Church World Service.

Members of our group provide food and help for memorial services, supply items for the back to school and Angel tree projects. We try to live up to our name by cheerfully providing service to our church and community and beyond. Our offerings have helped in supporting an American Baptist school project in Tijuana, Mexico and through the Presbyterian Least Coin Offering.

We currently have 12 members and we always have room for more. **All women of the United Church are welcome to join us**, especially those who would like to spend time with some very cheerful women!

Stampin' Up

March 21st from 10:00-noon

Come join us to create some cards. No experience is needed. Cost is \$20 for 4 cards and envelopes. Please bring a tape runner or glue. I will have everything else needed. Please let me know if you are coming by the Monday prior.

Email Nancy Burt-Preece: nancyburtprece@gmail.com



Care Team Ministries Volunteers: This One's for You

If you serve on **any Care Ministry team**, this invitation is for you!

CARE MINISTRY

You are warmly invited to a **Care Team Ministries Potluck** on **Sunday, March 15, from 12--2 p.m.** in the **United Church Dining Hall.**

This gathering is for anyone who serves on a Care Ministry team, including: **Stewards, Care Ministers, Transportation, Meal Train, Visitation, Hospitality, Card Ministry, Support Team, and Prayer Shawl.**

Come enjoy good food, meaningful conversation, and a short, creative time of interaction centered on caring for others -- all woven together with fellowship, laughter, and connection.

This gathering is our way of saying thank you for the many ways you faithfully care for others within our church family.



Women's Retreat, A Day Well Shared

The Women's Retreat was a lively and well-attended day. It was a gift to see the room filled with women with tables full, conversations flowing, and laughter rising throughout the space. There was a real sense of being together in a way we don't often get to experience.

A special thank-you to all the women who showed up, leaned in, and helped create the energy and connection that made the day what it was.

Many thanks to **Nancy B.** for her role as a presenter and for her partnership in bringing the retreat together.

We're also grateful to the **Men's Prayer Breakfast group** for providing lunch and helping with cleanup, to **Connie F.** for the beautiful bakery-style desserts, to **Steven F.** for designing the PowerPoint presentation, to **Julie S.** for running the presentation, to **Adele M. and Isaiah S.** for providing childcare, and to **Mark S.** for his support and guidance throughout. Each played a part in making the day what it was.





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