

8:30 AM WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† GATHERING SONG “Hallelujah - Your Love is Amazing” “Your Grace is Enough”	Praise Band
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN'S TIME <i>Children may leave for Junior Church following Children's Time.</i>	Pastor Beth Malone
† WORSHIP SONGS “Fill My Cup” “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” “I Give You My Heart”	Praise Band
SCRIPTURE READING People: Thanks be to God!	Zechariah 8:14-22
MESSAGE “A Light to Their Neighbors”	Pastor Beth Malone
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone #895
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY	Pastor Beth Malone
† CLOSING SONG “Lord Reign in Me”	Praise Band
CLOSING PRAYER	Gwyneth Jones-Wenninger
† WORDS TO LEAVE BY	Pastor Beth Malone

Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.

† ***Please stand for these portions of the service if you are able.***

WELCOME! If you come as a visitor, it is our hope you will leave as a friend! Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to GUMC, we feel honored to have you. We invite you to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall between the worship services, at 9:30 am. We hope to see you next week at either our 8:30 am Worship and Praise Service, or our 10:30 am Traditional Service.



Support the mission and ministries of Geneseo UMC. In addition to traditional giving, we have an online giving option. Scan this QR code with your mobile phone's camera to be taken to our giving page or visit www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god.

10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "Come Away with Me" Senior Choir
*The congregation is asked to sing with the choir from
the Faith We Sing hymnbook, #2202.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)*

Lector: It is good for God's people to gather together in unity.

People: We are here at the invitation of God.

Lector: In this place, God's love and grace flow into our lives.

People: In this place, God's blessings abound.

Lector: Praise be to God!

People: Praise be to God!

OPENING PRAYER *(read in unison)* Pastor Beth Malone

**Creator God, you call us from our busy lives to find
knowledge and rest in this holy place.**

Center our spirits in your love.

**Open our hearts to your transforming word, for we are
ready to realign our spirits, remember your words, and walk
in your paths.**

**Guide us in wisdom and truth as we seek to follow your
word. Amen.**

ANTHEM "The Prayer/Lead Us Lord" Senior Choir
*This anthem, presented to the choir by Joan Irwin, was first performed
for the Commissioning of our Stephen Ministers on June 27, 1999.*

† HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #126

† PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Zechariah 8:14-22**

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone
"A Light to Their Neighbors"

OFFERING

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center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.*

† OFFERING HYMN by Leonard Sweet *(found in the front of your hymnal)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(read in unison)*

**Holy One, you shape our lives with great beauty, showing
us paths that lead to righteousness and blessing.**

**We bring these gifts with grateful hearts, that you may use
them to build your community of justice and righteousness.**

**We offer you our very lives, knowing that you will lead us
in the path of holy service. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Pastor Beth Malone
#895
#898

† CLOSING HYMN
"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

#2238 TFWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

BENEDICTION
Pastor Beth Malone

† RESPONSE
Shalom (*peace*)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE
Connor Ricotta

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Vineta Johnson, Joe Kane, Jane Krenzer,
Myrt Merritt, Shirley Pascuzzo, Marion Taylor, and Ginny Youtzy

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room (6A) is open for prayer at any time. You
may also drop off your prayer requests there at any time.

GUMC PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a prayer request, joy or concern?
Call Carol Becker (243-2324), to activate the GUMC prayer chain.

USHERS	8:30 SERVICE	10:30 SERVICE
3/10	Lynne Heineman	Chad Putnam & Fred Parker
3/17	Chad Putnam	Brenda Mastin & Ray Ingram

**Join your fellow Geneseo UMC theater fans at the Geneseo Theater
(4180 Lakeview Road) on Saturday, March 9th** to see a commercial
screening of the movie "**Cabrini.**" This PG 13 movie, from Angel Studios,
tells the story of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first U.S. citizen to be
recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church.

The movie starts at 3:30 pm, and is about 2 ½ hours long. We'll meet
in the lobby around 3-3:10 pm. Plan to buy your own tickets and
refreshments. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$7.75 for seniors and children.
Please check the Geneseo Theaters website (<http://tinyurl.com/geneseo-theaters>) to confirm movie times and prices as they can occasionally change
at the last minute.

MINISTER

Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADERS

Witness – Peggy Oltz
Planning – Bill Lewis

SUPPORT TEAM

Administrative Assistant - Kathy Rosier
Custodian – Dave Woodworth
Nursery Attendant - Marissa Ross

MUSIC TEAM

Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist – Connor Ricotta
Praise Team – Gwyneth Jones-Wenninger
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski

USHERS

8:30 - Lola Hardy
10:30 - Linda Parnell & Brenda Mastin

Our **United Women in Faith** organization will host the organization's **Genesee Valley District UWF Communion Brunch on Saturday, March 23rd**, beginning with reservation check-in at 9:30 am. Our worship service shall begin at 10:00 am, followed by a delicious brunch. The theme for the day will be "Food, Faith, and Fellowship."

The reservation deadline is Saturday, March 16th. Our local UWF organization is "picking up the tab" for anyone, from our church, who wishes to attend. To make a reservation, call Joan Herring (585-330-8077) or Sue Arney (585-721-1302).

March Newsletter Corrections: Soup Supper will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 5:00 pm (not the 25th as stated in the newsletter).

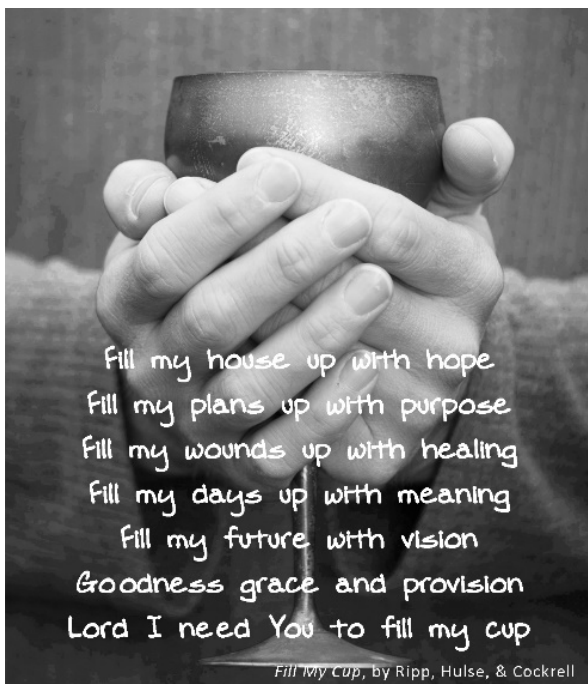
The former owner of farm upon which our current church building was built, was owned by for Mr. J.W. Wadsworth. The Johnson family worked at the farm, and knew it well.

Day Apart Retreat
March 13, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
It's Only Just a Matter of Time – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Come and spend a day apart from the stresses of everyday life and focus in on God with us at the Asbury Retreat Center on Silver Lake.

The program, led by Bonnie Kreutter, will be held from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Registration is \$30, which includes lunch, and can be made at www.asburyuny.org/program.

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to provide hope for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. The special offering on **UMCOR Sunday, March 10th**, underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost. UMCOR wouldn't be able to do this work without your support. Please look for a special UMCOR envelope in next week's bulletin and give generously. You may also give online at www.GeneseeMethodist.org/giving-back-to-god.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

MARCH 3 - 10

Sunday, March 3 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

7:30 am Praise Team Warm-up

8:00 am The Prayer Room (6A) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

8:30 am PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

8:45 am Junior Church - Room 8

9:30 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall

10:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

Monday, March 4

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room

9:30 am Bazaar Sewing and Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Morgan Estates Worship

6:00 pm Praise Band - Sanctuary

7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 7

10:30 am Worship Leaders - Wesley Room

6:30 pm Adult Study, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* - Wesley Room

Friday, March 8

10:00 am Adult Study, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* - Wesley Room

1:30 pm Adult Study, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* - Wesley Room

Sunday, March 10 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, UMCOR SUNDAY, and DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

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8:00 am The Prayer Room (6A) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

8:30 am PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

8:45 am Junior Church - Room 8

9:30 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall

9:35 am Adult Sunday School, *Encounters in Prayer and Love* - Wesley Room

10:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - Sanctuary

The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

COMING SOON

3/12 Hooks & Needles Ministry

Board of Trustees

3/13 Day Apart Retreat

3/17 Children's & Youth Sunday School

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

11:00 am - 4:30 pm, weekdays, except for Wednesdays

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REV. BETH MALONE

Pastor Beth would love to meet with you!

Please call to make an appointment.

PHONE: (585) 721-0661

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**Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024**



**Following in Jesus' footsteps as a
welcoming, caring, giving, and
prayerful community of faith.**