

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 14, 20259:30 am

CHIMESConnor Ricotta

PRELUDEConnor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOMETom Porter

† PRAISE SONGSPraise Band

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

“Everlasting God”

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)Tom Porter

Lector: Gathered in this place,

People: We are the body of Christ.

Lector: The hands and feet,

People: The eyes and ears,

Lector: The heart and lungs–

People: All parts of the whole,

Lector: Participating in the miraculous body.

People: Together we are a body that worships,

Lector: A body that sings,

People: A body that works,

Lector: A body that rests,

People: A body that rejoices in the wonder of serving and loving God together.

Lector: We are the body of Christ,

People: Gathered in this place. All: Thanks be to God!

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)Pastor Beth Malone

O God of heaven and earth, bless us with your mercy and grace.

Enter our hearts and make us holy.

Be our Shepherd and guide us in your ways, that we might not wander alone.

Hear our cries and gather us to yourself, that we may be one with each other, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S TIMEPastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING1 Corinthians 12:27-28

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGEPastor Beth Malone

“What Keeps Our Heart Beating?”

Being the church means we are different but we still work together.

OFFERINGTom Porter

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

† OFFERING HYMN (found in the front of your hymnal)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)Tom Porter

Most gracious God, we bring these gifts, as we bring ourselves. We are nothing special in ourselves. But you seek us, you gather us together; and in your arms, our lives come together.

Bless us and these gifts, that together we may be a blessing and return your glory to you, where it belongs. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER#895

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#898

† CLOSING HYMN#348

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

ANNOUNCEMENTSTom Porter

BENEDICTION

† RESPONSEShalom (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.

† Please stand for these portions of the service as 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 after the service, and to a discussion of today’s message at our Adult Sunday School in the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen) at 10:40. We hope to see you next week.

PRAYERS FOR:

Karen and Andy Ferguson, Laura Page, Maggie Strout.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Brad Farthing, Vineta Johnson, Joe Kane, Marion Taylor, and Ginny Youtzy

PRAYER ROOM:

Our Prayer Room (Room 2) is a space for quiet, private contemplation. It is open for your use on Sunday mornings (except when the Youth Choir is practicing) and whenever the church building is open.

LECTORS

9/21Doug Harke

9/28Cindy Varner

USHERS

Doug & Nancy Meyer

Paul & Barbara Schmied

Join us for Soup Supper on Thursday, September 18th,

beginning at 5:00 pm for a delicious meal of homemade soup, salad, breads, and desserts.

Our speaker for the evening is Anna Campbell, director of Teresa House, the “comfort care” home here in Geneseo.

All women of the church are invited to the **Genesee Valley District UWF Annual Meeting** at the Greece UMC, on **Saturday, October 4, 2025**. Registration begins at 9:30 am, with the meeting beginning at 10:00 am, followed by lunch.

The registration deadline is September 27th. See Sue Arney to sign up. Our local Geneseo UWF will cover the registration/lunch cost of \$10, for anyone interested in attending. Car-pooling is available

Paul Gaston and Ryan McNally present ***Banners and Broken Hearts***, a concert premiering two, all-original pieces – “American Dream,” and “Rolling the Dice,” here at GUMC on Saturday, September 27th at 4:30 pm. Both works feature a 19-person ensemble with McNally on organ and Gaston conducting.

This performance is free and open to the public – with donations greatly appreciated. A reception will follow, along with a meet-and-greet with the composers and performers.

Calling all kids! Join us for Junior Choir! Practice, led by Beth Feuerstein, will begin on Sunday, **September 14th**, **beginning at 10:20** in Room 2. All kids, PreK-College age are invited to join in the fun.

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Rev. Beth Malone
- LAY LEADER**
Bill Lewis
- SUPPORT TEAM**
Administrative Assistant
Kathy Rosier
Custodian – Dave Woodworth

- MUSIC TEAM**
Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist – Connor Ricotta
Praise Band - Randy Bigelow
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski
Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein
- LECTOR** – Tom Porter
- USHERS** – Bruce & Kathy Rosier

CHURCH HAPPENINGS **September 14 - 21**

Sunday, September 14

- 8:15 am The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
- 8:30 am Praise Team Warm-up
- 8:50 am Choir Warm-up
- 9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**
- 10:20 am Youth Choir - Room 2
- 10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
- 10:35 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room

Monday, September 15

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 16

- 10:00 am Disciple 1 Bible Study – Youth Room
- 7:00 pm Church Council – Wesley Room

Wednesday, September 17

- 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
- 9:30 am Bazaar Sewing & Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 18

- 11:00 am Morgan Estates Worship
- 5:00 pm Soup Supper – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 21

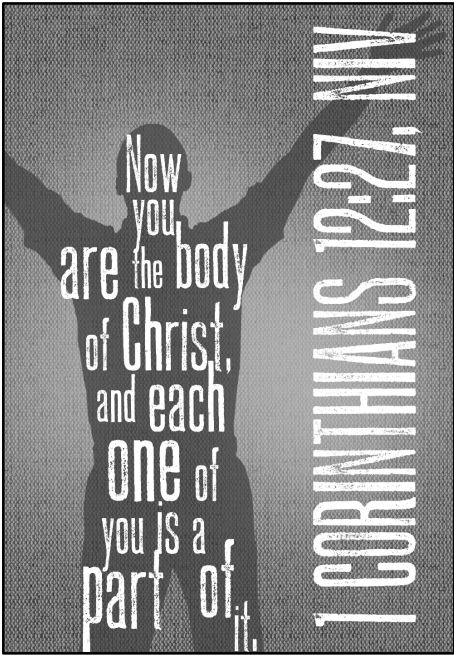
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The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COMING SOON

- 9/21 Children’s and Youth Sunday School
- 9/22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 9/23 Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee
- 9/25 Newsletter Assembly
- 9/26 Banners and Broken Hearts Concert

Geneseo United
Methodist Church
September 14, 2025



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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
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REV. BETH MALONE
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