GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH September 21, 2025 9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Choir

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Doug Harke

† PRAISE SONGS "Just a Glimpse" Praise Band "You Are My All in All"

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Doug Harke

Lector: Let us gather to listen deeply.

People: Word of God, speak.

Lector: Let us gather with childlike faith.

People: Ageless wisdom, reveal.

Lector: Word of God, speak.

People: Your servants are listening.

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison) Pastor Beth Malone

God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day. Speak words of wisdom and faith.

Open our hearts and minds to perceive your message of love, even when it's hard to hear.

Strengthen our faith to answer your call, even when we don't feel confident or capable.

Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love, that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love to the world. Amen.

ANTHEM "Come, Christians Join to Sing" Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

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

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "I am... I Will" Pastor Beth Malone Being the church means everything we say and do is based on a biblical foundation.

OFFERING Doug Harke

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) Doug Harke You call us to be wise with our riches, O God, that your realm may be blessed for the benefit of all.

May we be found faithful in a little, that you may entrust us to be faithful in much.

We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love. May they bring your healing and light to all those in need. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND Pastor Beth Malone
THE LORD'S PRAYER #895
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #898

† CLOSING HYMN #273
"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Harke

BENEDICTION

† 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.

+ 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 USHERS

9/28 Cindy Varner Paul & Barbara Schmied 10/7 Julie Buehler Allen & Joyce Yarton

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

The **UWF Reading Group** will be meeting on the second Saturday in October (the 11th) so that women may attend the District UWF meeting.

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 19person 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 practice is held **each Sunday, at 10:20** in Room 2. All kids, PreK-College age are invited to join in the fun.

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MINISTER

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 – Doug Harke

USHERS - Doug & Nancy Meyer

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

September 21 - 28

Sunday, September 21

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

9:45 am Sunday School, PreK-2 - Room 8 Sunday School, gr 3-12 - Room 3

10:20 am Youth Choir - Room 2

10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall10:35 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room

Monday, September 22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 am Nominations Committee – Pastor's Study
7:00 pm Staff Pastor Parish Committee – Wesley Room

Wednesday, September 24

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 25

1:30 pm Newsletter Assembly

Saturday, September 27

1:00 pm Ruth Briggs Birthday Open House – Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm Banners and Broken Hearts Concert - Sanctuary

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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

Geneseo United Methodist Church

September 21, 2025



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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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