

GENESE0 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 4, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "We Would See Jesus" Senior Choir

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Julie Buehler

† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band
"Change My Heart, Oh God"
"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*) Julie Buehler
Lector: In the beginning ...
People: God created mortals, and asked us to care for all creation.
Lector: In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus ...
People: Jesus showed us how to love as God loves.
Lector: In our time, and throughout eternity ...
People: Jesus commands us to lead others to follow in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*) Pastor Beth Malone
Loving God, in that first spark of creativity, you set the cosmos in motion. Time after time, your creative presence brings new life and hope.
We experience your love, as we see the marvels of nature.
We experience your love, as we study the ethics and compassion of Christ.
We experience your love through the ever-presence of your Holy Spirit, who was with you in the beginning, was with Christ throughout his ministry, and is with us to the end of the age.
For your loving presence in all your infinite ways, we give you thanks. Amen

ANTHEM Senior Choir
"Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child"

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 1:1-10, John 1:1-14**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone
"God Moved into the Neighborhood"

OFFERING Julie Buehler
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*) Julie Buehler
Light of the world, shine through the gifts we return to you now. Shine through our lives, and shine in your world, that all may be led by the light of your love and grace. Amen.

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

† CLOSING HYMN "More Like You" #2167 TFWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS Julie Buehler

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

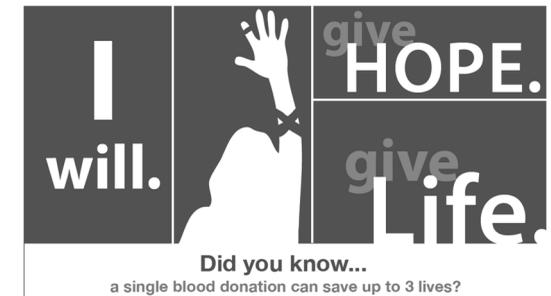
† *Please stand for these portions of the service as you are able.*

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 Adult Sunday School with Pastor Shiela, in the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen) at 10:40. We hope to see you next week.

PRAYERS FOR: Karen Ferguson, Laura Page, Maggie Strout, Karen Brandes, and Ray Ingram.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Brad Farthing, Andy Ferguson, Joe Kane, and Marion Taylor.

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.



Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, January 6
1:00 – 6:00 pm

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. During the holidays many people are "too busy" to give, and the need for donors becomes critical. Won't you take a few hours and give the gift of life?



Pastor Shiela is teaching the **Adult Sunday School Class following our worship service**. Get yourself a coffee and goody and come to the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen). We start about 15 minutes after worship ends and meet for about 45 minutes. We will be very pleased to have you join us.



In order to better serve our clients, the **POC Food Pantry** is adding evening hours! In addition to our regular hours of **Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 12 pm**, beginning January 6th, the pantry will be open on **Tuesday evenings, from 4 – 6 pm**.

LECTORS

1/11 Tom Porter
1/18 Bill Lewis

USHERS

Lynne Heineman & Linda Parnell
Alice & Jim Barrett



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

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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 – Julie Buehler

USHERS – Bruce & Kathy Rosier

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

JANUARY 4 - 11

Sunday, January 4

9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**
10:20 am Youth Choir - Room 2
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10: 40 am **Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room**

Monday, January 5

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 6

1:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
6:15 pm Praise Band – Sanctuary
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 11

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: 40 am **Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room**

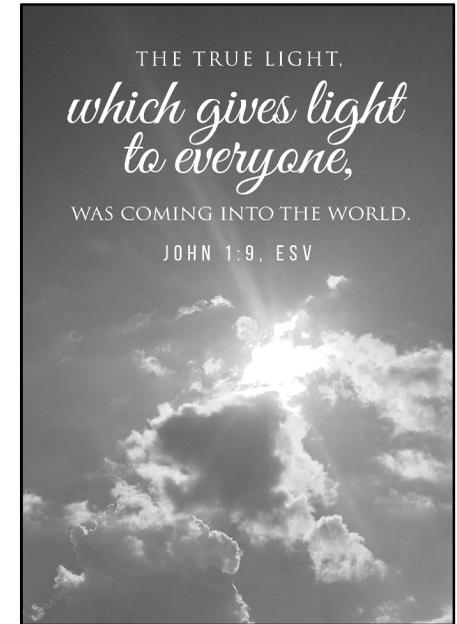
The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Food Pantry is open during Outreach Center hours. **Beginning January 6th, the pantry will also be open on Tuesday evenings, from 4 – 6 pm.**

COMING SOON

1/12 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
1/13 Hooks and Needles Ministry
No Board of Trustees in January
1/14 *No Finance Committee in January*
1/15 Morgan Estates Worship
Newsletter Assembly
Soup Supper
1/17 Youtzy Celebration of Life

Geneseo United Methodist Church

January 4, 2026



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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PHONE: (585) 243-3160

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REV. BETH MALONE

Pastor Beth would love to meet with you!

Please call to make an appointment.

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