

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 20269:30 am

CHIMESConnor Ricotta

INTROIT“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”#277, v. 1 & 2
The congregation is invited to join the Choir in singing the introit.

PRELUDEConnor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOMEAllen Yarton

✚ PRAISE SONGSPraise Band
“Grace Like Rain”
“My Life Is in You, Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIPAllen Yarton
Lector: In their wilderness wandering, the Israelites grumbled. The Lord lighted their way and provided nourishment.
People: In our life journeys, we will give thanks for the providence of the Holy One.
Lector: In their daily work, the laborers in the field grumbled with resentment over gracious giving.
People: In our daily lives, we will rejoice at generosity shown to others.
Lector: As we seek to live our lives by the example of Christ, may we delight in God’s grace.
People: We will offer caring presence and abundant generosity. We will even endeavor to give up our grumbling.

OPENING PRAYERPastor Beth Malone
Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the many ways we see your abiding presence throughout scripture and within our own lives. You hear not only our praise but also our complaints.
Teach us to hear our own grumbling as a signifier to redirect our thoughts and lives to gratitude and generosity. In hearing our own

complaints, may we look to Christ Jesus for examples of grace and may we follow your Holy Spirit to offer presence to one another, as we walk in faith together. Amen.

ANTHEM“Jesus Is My Shepherd”Senior Choir
In honor of Jim and Beth Feuerstein’s work with the GUMC youth.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S TIMEPastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READINGMatthew 20:1-16
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE“Seeing Life as a Gift”Pastor Beth Malone

OFFERINGAllen Yarton
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)Allen Yarton
We offer these gifts, O God, in gratitude for your provision in our lives. We offer tangible gifts of money, where we are able, and tangible gifts of our time, our prayers, our service, and our witness to your abundant grace. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER#895
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#898

✚ CLOSING HYMN“God Will Take Care of You”#130

ANNOUNCEMENTSAllen Yarton

BENEDICTIONPastor Beth Malone

✚ 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.

POSTLUDEConnor Ricotta

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

WELCOME TO ALL! If you come as a visitor, or if you have been attending for years, it is our hope you will leave today as part of our church family. We feel honored to have you. We invite you to join us in a time of community immediately after church in our Fellowship Hall (turn right on exiting the sanctuary and follow the crowd)! We hope you will join us for mid-week activities and/or for church services next week!

PRAYERS FOR: Jim Swanger, Sue Arney, Brad and Jean Farthing, Andy Ferguson, Ron Huff, Joe Kane, Laura Page, Maggie Strout, 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.

PRAYER CHAIN: Call or text Peggy Oltz (585-519-7614) to activate our prayer chain if you have a particular request that you would like our prayer warriors to pray for. These prayers are kept confidential unless you indicate otherwise.

LECTORS9/27 Carol Carey
10/4 Julie Buehler

USHERSAllen & Joyce Yarton
Chad Putnam

Sunday School will be offered every third Sunday for students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, beginning TODAY, September 20th! Students will leave the worship service after the children's moment and go to their classroom.
Our Teachers this year will be Leslie Sams and Tammy Price who will be teaching Junior and Senior High School in the Youth Room, and Janet Lamb, who will teach our littles, will meet in Room 8 next to the Nursery

Come join us for a **video tour of John Wesley’s England and learn about Methodist history**. We will gather on Sunday mornings, beginning **TODAY!** We will be using the book and DVD, “Revival” by Adam Hamilton.

Meet me in the Wesley Room, across from the kitchen, about 15 minutes after worship ends. Grab some coffee and goodies to bring with you.
Pastor Shiela



Youth Choir, with Mrs. Feuerstein, begins **TODAY**, in Room 2, **following Children’s Time**. Practice will last about ten minutes, with kids going to Sunday School immediately afterwards. All youth are invited to lend their voices!

The Genesee Valley District of **United Women in Faith** invites all women to attend the **District Annual Meeting, Saturday, October 3rd**, at the Rush UMC, 6200 Rush-Lima Road, Rush. Registration will begin at 9:30 am, with the meeting and luncheon to follow. This year’s guest speaker, Erma Perkins, will share information about the Zululand Hospice Association in South Africa.

Make your reservation on our sign-up sheet located just outside of the sanctuary doors. Our UWF treasury will cover the \$12 registration cost/person. **Registration deadline is Saturday, September 26th.**



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.

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 – Allen Yarton
USHERS – Dave & Pam Klingman

CHURCH HAPPENINGS SEPTEMBER 13-20

Sunday, September 20
The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
9:45 am Youth Choir (following children’s time) – Room 2
9:45 am Sunday School, PreK-5 - Room 8
 Sunday School, gr 6-12 – Youth Room
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Adult Sunday School

Monday, September 21
12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Office

Tuesday, September 22
2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Room 2
7:00 pm Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations – Wesley Room

Wednesday, September 23
8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
9:30 am Bazaar Sewing & Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 24
1:00 pm Newsletter Assembly – Room 3

Sunday, September 27
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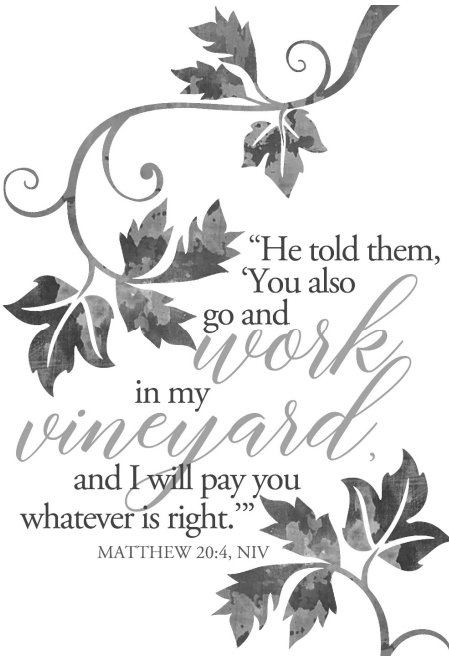
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The **Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc.** is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm. The Food Pantry is open during Outreach Center hours and on Tuesday evenings, from 4 – 6 pm.

COMING SOON
10/1 Morgan Estates Worship
10/2 Panic & Anxiety Support Group
10/3 District United Women in Faith meeting

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*Geneseo United
Methodist Church
September 20, 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.
PHONE: (585) 721-0661
EMAIL: bsmalone7@gmail.com

We need volunteers! A new “**Coffee Hour Sign-up**” sheet has been placed on the clipboard at our coffee station in the Fellowship Hall and we need volunteers to fill in the blanks! Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and lemonade are available in the cupboards. We ask that you also provide a snack, if possible. Please contact Laurie Perry (585-615-2507) with questions