

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 20269:30 am

CHIMESConnor Ricotta

INTROIT#381, v. 1 & 2

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The congregation is invited to join the Choir in singing the introit.

PRELUDEConnor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOMECarol Carey

✚ PRAISE SONGSPraise Band

“Change My Heart, Oh God”

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

CALL TO WORSHIPCarol Carey

Lector: Moses listened to the guidance of the Lord rather than the quarreling of the people.

People: We will set aside our grumbling and quarrels, that we may hear the voice of God more clearly.

Lector: The poetry of the psalmist invites us to “give ear” to Divine teaching.

People: We will incline our ears, and listen for ways to share the presence of God.

Lector: The letter to the Philippians encourages them and us to have the same mind as Christ, and to empty ourselves, that we might be filled.

People: We will humble ourselves as Christ was humble, opening our very lives to the ongoing call of God.

OPENING PRAYERPastor Beth Malone

Guiding God, you led our ancestors in faith through the wilderness as a pillar of cloud by day and a fiery pillar by night. You quenched their thirst and shared manna to satisfy their hunger.

We often wish we could see you now in such celestial wonders. Yet we know you are near. We feel your Spirit presence, sustaining us along life’s journey. Amen.

ANTHEMSenior Choir

“The Lord Will Be My Shepherd”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S TIMEPastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READINGPhilippians 2: 1-11

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

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE“Imitating Christ”Pastor Beth Malone

OFFERINGCarol Carey

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)Carol Carey

We offer these our gifts, Holy One, and we also offer our lives in mind, body, and spirit. We endeavor to have the same mind as Christ, that our actions, through faith, might serve you with humility. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER#895

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#898

✚ CLOSING HYMN“We Gather Together”#131

ANNOUNCEMENTSCarol Carey

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.

LECTORSUSHERS

9/27Carol CareyAllen & Joyce Yarton

10/4Julie BuehlerChad Putnam

The UWF Reading Program for October will be held on Saturday, October 10 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room. The 2027 reading program catalog has come out from the national UWF program! We already have at least one of the books on our shelves, "Eve Isn't Evil." Come join the meeting and help us pick some books to order for the 2027 reading year!

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.

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. **LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

This year’s mission collection will benefit children and families served by KidStart in Livingston County and Action for a Better Community (ABC) in Rochester.

We invite everyone attending to bring one or two items from the wish list (crayons, glue sticks, craft items like pompoms or cotton balls, glitter, washable markers, and disposable paint trays) to help fill our collection bins.

All church members and visitors are welcome to contribute to supporting these local HeadStart programs.

World Communion Sunday is one of six church-wide Special Sundays United Methodists join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language, or culture.

But it’s more than just worship. On **Sunday, October 4th**, a special offering will be received here at Genesee UMC, combined with those of churches throughout the Genesee Valley District, UNY Conference and beyond, to support scholarships and leadership training for students from under-represented communities—helping the Church become more inclusive and better equipped to serve. **Look for a special offering envelope next week.**

Support the mission and ministries of Genesee 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** – Carol Carey
- USHERS** – Allen & Joyce Yarton

CHURCH HAPPENINGS **SEPT. 27 – OCT. 4**

- Sunday, September 27**
The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
- 9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Adult Sunday School
12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Office

- Monday, September 28**
12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

- Tuesday, September 29**
2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Room 2

- Wednesday, September 30**
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, October 1**
1:30 pm Morgan Estates Worship

- Friday, October 2**
1:00 pm Panic and Anxiety Support Group – Room 3

- Saturday, October 2**
9:30 am Annual District UWF Meeting – Rush UMC

- Sunday, October 4 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
- 9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Adult Sunday School
4:00 pm Youth Group – Youth Room

The **Genesee 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**
10/10 UWF Reading Group

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*Genesee United
Methodist Church
September 27, 2026*



*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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