

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 20269:30 am

CHIMESConnor Ricotta

INTROIT#185, v. 1 & 3

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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

PRELUDEConnor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOMERev. Shiela Swanger

✚ PRAISE SONGSPraise Band

“Here I Am to Worship”

“I Am”

CALL TO WORSHIPRev. Shiela Swanger

Lector: Rejoice in God always!

People: Rejoice in God’s steadfast love.

Lector: Rejoice in Christ’s enduring grace.

People: Rejoice in God’s saving Word.

Lector: Rejoice in the Spirit’s gentle guidance.

People: Rejoice in God’s healing presence.

Lector: Again, I say, rejoice!

OPENING PRAYERPastor Beth Malone

Holy God, we come into your house with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts.

We come to stand firm in our conviction: that good is stronger than evil, that love is stronger than hate, that truth will ultimately win the day.

We come to be grounded in Christ.

ANTHEM“Power and Glory”Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S TIMEPastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READINGMark 10: 17-27

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

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGEPastor Beth Malone

“Steadfastness and Unity”

OFFERINGRev. Shiela Swanger

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)Rev. Shiela Swanger

God of steadfast love, your blessings overwhelm us.

For the abundant gifts in our lives, we thank you.

For the peace that passes all understanding, we praise you.

For keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, we honor you.

Receive the gifts we bring you this day, and help us stay focused on things that are excellent and admirable, holy and just, righteous and pure. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER#895

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#898

✚ CLOSING HYMN“Be Thou My Vision”#451

ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Shiela Swanger

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), and to Adult Sunday School with Pastor Shiela, in the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen) at 10:45. We hope to see you next week.

PRAYERS FOR: Jim Swanger, Brad and Jean Farthing, Andy Ferguson, Joe Kane, Cheryl Nereau, Peggy Oltz, 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.

LECTORS		USHERS
10/18	Bill Lewis	Jim & Alice Barrett
10/25	Allen Yarton	Ron & Marsha Merrick



The children of the church have been collecting for **UNICEF** to help other children around the world for over thirty years. UNICEF delivers blankets, nutrition, school supplies and vaccinations around the world. In 2025, 3.2 billion doses of vaccines were delivered to children in 103 countries, even in areas of conflict.

Our children will be collecting donations following the service on Sunday, October 25 as you exit the sanctuary. If you wish to donate by check instead of cash, please make it out to UNICEF USA. All donations will be multiplied 5X. A donation of \$20 will be the equivalent of \$100 to help children. Thank you for your help.

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Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. For many, it is their first gift ever! **Shoebox gifts** provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

The ready-made shoeboxes are stacked on a table in the Church hallway, ready for you. Along with the boxes, you will find brochures with instructions, and idea sheets for items to pack in the boxes.

Return your packed box by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026**. **A generous member of our congregation has volunteered to pay the \$10 shipping and handling fee for the first 50 boxes.** It is not necessary to include the shipping and handling fee in your box. However, this is a wonderful organization, doing great work all around the world. If you can donate in any way, it will be put to a great cause.

Any questions? Contact Marsha Merrick at (585)243-5028.



Pull out your lederhosen and dirndls, and your favorite traditional German Octoberfest recipe **and join us on Thursday, October 15th, at 5:00 pm, for a Soup Supper Octoberfest!** We

encourage you to bring a dish-to-pass based on our German theme. (It's okay if you aren't able to, we'll have plenty!)

The evening's entertainment will be the eight-piece Roxy's Accordion Band, which was originally started by Roxy's Music Store in Batavia.

Our newest Praise Band Member and Roxy's member, David Tilley, says **the band will wear their Octoberfest finery and all are invited to come dressed accordingly.** The music will include festive, old-time German favorites and opportunities for all to join in singing familiar tunes.

Contact Linda Weaver with your ideas at 585-880-8613 or llwpiffardny14533@juno.com.

MINISTER
Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADER
Bill Lewis

SUPPORT TEAM
Administrative Assistant
Kathy Rosier
Custodian – Dave Woodworth

NURSERY ATTENDANT
Marissa Ross

MUSIC TEAM
Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist – Connor Ricotta
Praise Band – David Tilley
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski
Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein

LECTOR – Rev. Shiela Swanger
USHERS – Gerry & Linda Weaver

CHURCH HAPPENINGS OCTOBER 11 - 18

Sunday, October 11
The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
No Youth Choir this Sunday
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Adult Sunday School

Monday, October 12
12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 13
1:30 pm Hooks & Needles Ministries
2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Room 2
7:00 pm Board of Trustees – Room 3

Wednesday, October 14
8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
9:30 am Bazaar Sewing & Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm Finance Committee – Room 3
6:00 pm Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 15
1:30 pm Morgan Estates Worship
5:00 pm Soup Supper & Program – Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 16
4:00 pm Calling Hours, Ron Huff

Saturday, October 17
9:30 am UWF Reading Group – Wesley Room
10:00 am Memorial Service, Ron Huff - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 18
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

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.

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Methodist Church
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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
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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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