

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor**

Second Sunday After Pentecost  
Marty Daniels, Lay Reader

June 11, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

**We Welcome Rev. Jessilou Vaccarelli**

PRELUDE *To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray* D. Buxtehude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy for what the Lord has done!

**People: We praise the Lord and sing to God a new song!**

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

**People: God loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of God's steadfast love.**

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; our hearts are glad because we trust in God's holy name.

**ALL: Let your steadfast love oh Lord be upon us, even as we hope in You!**

\*HYMN # 593 *Lord Speak to Me*

\*INVOCATION

**Our God, our Creator, today and every day we plan our course, but we pray that You alone establish our steps and our direction. We ask for Your advice, as Your people, Your children. Let us not make decisions based on what we think we know but based on Your wisdom. Please lead us Lord and guide us. We place our hearts and minds in Your hands so that You alone may direct our steps and our course of action. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI # 734

ANTHEM *A New Song to the Lord* Eugene Butler  
Susie Shafer, Flute

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Genesis 12:1-9* Pg # 9

EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 4:13-25* Pg # 142

\*HYMN # 170 *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 9: 9-13* Pg #8

SERMON *Wait...WHAT?!?* Rev. Jessilou Vaccarelli

OFFERTORY *Come Down, O Love Divine* sett. Wilbur Held

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, we have been created in Your image. So in Your generosity, make us generous. In Your faithfulness, make us faithful. Let us not hesitate or hold back in our giving of time, talent and treasure because of the distractions and obstacles of this world. We lay before You all that we are, and all that You have entrusted to us. Extend and multiply its reach so that it may become a blessing to many. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 708 *Go Forth in God*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ancient of Days* sett. Robert Powell

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

*Call to Worship, Invocation and Prayer of Dedication provided by Rev. Jessilou Vaccarelli with inspiration from Psalm 33, Proverb 16:9, connectusfund.org and commonword.ca*

***Greeters This Morning: Karen DeMay, the Casella Family  
Ushers This Morning: Jean Landes, Carla DeMeco  
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan  
Coffee Hour Host: CE Committee***



**If you are visiting with us, welcome!  
Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.  
If you would like to use our hearing assistance system please see an usher.**

## Happy Birthday

6/11 Bonnie Maguire – Keith Blaker  
6/13 Luanne Graulich – Barb Rice – Tim Nevin  
6/14 Bill Hallett  
6/16 Jessamyn Anderson  
6/17 Matthew Newman

## Prayer List

**Ancy & Family** (Fred Henry's friend); **Carol Birx** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Abby Coons** (Carl & JoAnn Reed's friend); **Carol & Kent** (Karen's friends); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Jerry Diver**; **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Anne Jensen** (friend of Jim and Connie Fredericks-Malone); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron & Lu Krahl**; **Michelle List**; (friend of Joann Reed); **Dennis Maxfield**; **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Okke Postma**; **Chris Pritchard** (Rick & Cindy Mullen and George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Family of Shirley Stadler** (relative of Debbie and Betty Lyon); **Connie Sunshine** (cousin of Cheryl Bootes); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

## Calendar

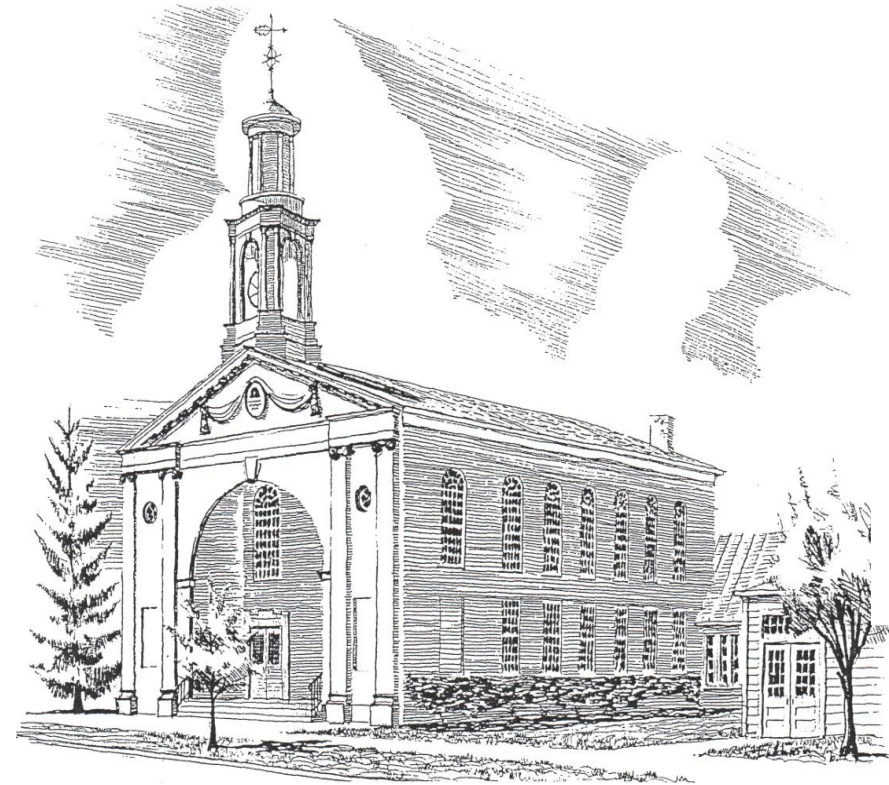
Sun Jun 11	12:00	AED/CPR Training/Assembly Room
	2:00	Madrigal
Mon Jun 12	10:30	Safety Task Force
Tue Jun 13	8:00	Men's Group
	7:00	Trustees
Wed Jun 14	10:00	TOPS/Assembly Room
	12:00	P.E.O./Social Room
<b><i>Dawn Away 6/15 – 6/17 NY Conference Annual Meeting</i></b>		
Thu Jun 15	10:00	Literacy Volunteers
	12:00	Bridge
Fri Jun 16		<b><i>Parking Lot Sealing – No Parking Fri or Sat</i></b>
Sun Jun 18		<b><i>Father's Day ~ Graduation Sunday ~ Choir Favorites</i></b>
	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School

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## We're a Different Kind of Church

- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.