

# Announcements

June 14, 2026

## THIS WEEK AT UPC:

[6/14] Coffee hour & Birthday Sunday, 11:15am in the Sanctuary

United Ringers handbell choir, 11:30am–12:30pm in the Sanctuary

[6/15] Bible Study, Mondays, 1–2pm on Zoom.

We're reading from Marcus Borg's *Evolution of the Word: The New Testament in the Order the Books Were Written*, and everyone is welcome to join us. Right now we're studying Paul's letter to Titus, talking about what it meant for early Christians and what it might mean for us today.

To join UPC's "Zoom Room"  
online: [upcbgm.org/zoom](https://upcbgm.org/zoom)

To dial as a phone call:  
(+1) 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 865 274 8433

[6/16] Community Meal, Tuesdays, 5–6pm. Every week we offer a sit-down meal that is free for anybody. Volunteers are needed; if you'd like to help with this mission, contact Community Kitchen Coordinator Sherry Conklin: [meal@upcbgm.org](mailto:meal@upcbgm.org) or 607-722-4219.

[6/17] Sewing Group, Wednesdays, 10am–1pm in the Upper Lounge. The Sewing Group meets at the church each week to craft quilts, mittens, hats, scarves, pillows, and more. At noon, those who can't come in person are invited to "Zoom in" for their lunchtime social hour. All are invited; bring a lunch and enjoy the company.

Community Food & Hygiene Pantry, Wednesdays, 12–5pm. Volunteers help staff the pantry on Wednesdays, and help is also needed when we get deliveries on Thursday & Friday mornings. Contact Sherry to help: [meal@upcbgm.org](mailto:meal@upcbgm.org) or 607-722-4219.

UPC Choir: end-of-year gathering, arrive anytime after 5:45pm at Judy's house

[6/19] Juneteenth National Independence Day — church offices will be closed.

Zoom Happy hour, Fridays, 5–6:30pm. Bring your own beverage and join the fun as we catch up on the events of the week and share how we're doing.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

[6/21] Worship, 10am. Exodus 18:1–27, Shared Leadership

Annual Congregational Meeting "Part Two", immediately following worship — Hybrid meeting, in-person in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom. (see back page)

[6/22] General Assembly begins with online committee meetings. (Info about GA is at: [pcusa.org/about-pcusa/church-structure/general-assembly/general-assembly-gathering](https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/church-structure/general-assembly/general-assembly-gathering) and at [myga.pc-biz.org](https://myga.pc-biz.org))

**Get Involved!** Without any doubt, the ministry of our congregation depends largely on the dedication and selfless contributions of volunteers — the incredible individuals who give generously of their time, energy, and unique talents. Here are some ways you can help us do Christ's work in our community:

**Community Meal & Pantry:** Each Tuesday at 5pm, we offer a sit-down meal that is free for anybody, serving about 200 meals each week. Volunteers are needed during the day on Monday and Tuesday to help with food preparation, and on Tuesday evening to serve the meal and clean up afterwards. On Wednesdays from noon to 5pm, we run a free food pantry that also offers personal care & hygiene items when they're available. Volunteers help staff the pantry on Wednesdays, and help is also needed when we get deliveries on Thursday & Friday mornings. Donations of nonperishable food and personal care items are always welcome. Contact Kitchen Coordinator Sherry Conklin: [meal@upcbgm.org](mailto:meal@upcbgm.org).

**Worship services:** You may not have noticed how many people are involved in our Sunday morning worship services, but most weeks there are at least a dozen of us, and often there are more than 20: folks who read prayers and scripture, greet visitors, share musical talents, operate technology, set up refreshments, help serve communion, or contribute their ideas and support behind the scenes. If you'd like to take part, contact Worship Team chair Suzie Raboy: [sraboy54@stny.rr.com](mailto:sraboy54@stny.rr.com).

**Music at UPC:** Music is an important part of our coming together. We are excited to make music with every resource that we have, and to use a variety of styles, not all at once but intermingled. What emerges is a vibrant worship service with music that includes everyone who wishes to participate.

We invite instrumentalists and vocalists who'd like to share their gifts to talk with any of our music leaders about providing special music for worship — you can call the church office, email [music@upcbgm.org](mailto:music@upcbgm.org), or speak with them in person after worship.



**Our ministry teams** are always welcoming new team members. If you'd like to help with or learn about the workings of the church, talk to one of the pastors or the elders on Session: **Campus Ministry**, Pastor Becky [bkindig@upcbgm.org](mailto:bkindig@upcbgm.org); **Card Committee**, Margaret Davis [mdavis.margaret@gmail.com](mailto:mdavis.margaret@gmail.com); **Community Outreach**, Pastor Kimberly [pastor@upcbgm.org](mailto:pastor@upcbgm.org) or Sherry Conklin [meal@upcbgm.org](mailto:meal@upcbgm.org); **Finance**, Lou McKeage [lmckeage@stny.rr.com](mailto:lmckeage@stny.rr.com); **Hospitality**, Sally Hunt [shunt1@stny.rr.com](mailto:shunt1@stny.rr.com) or Sherry Conklin [meal@upcbgm.org](mailto:meal@upcbgm.org); **Personnel**, Cindy Burger [csburger@frontiernet.net](mailto:csburger@frontiernet.net); **Property**, Pastor Becky [bkindig@upcbgm.org](mailto:bkindig@upcbgm.org); **Sewing Group**, Cindy Burger [csburger@frontiernet.net](mailto:csburger@frontiernet.net); **Special Offerings**, Judy Girdwood Westcott [girdwoodwestcott@hotmail.com](mailto:girdwoodwestcott@hotmail.com).

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE: VOLUNTEER!

AT THE OVERNIGHT CENTER AT UPC

LOCATED AT:  
**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
42 CHENANGO ST., BINGHAMTON



## WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Help your community, gain experience, meet amazing people.



## WAYS TO HELP:

- Guest assistance
  - Meal support
  - Facility upkeep
  - Special programs
  - And more!
- (Flexible shifts available)



## JOIN OUR TEAM! CONTACT US:

📞 Phone: 607-722-4219

✉ Email: [overnight@upcbgm.org](mailto:overnight@upcbgm.org)

🌐 Website: [upcbgm.org/volunteer](http://upcbgm.org/volunteer)



Stronger Together: Serving Binghamton



**Help Us Spread the Word!** Beginning July 1, UPC and the Broome County Urban League will be partnering to operate the Overnight Center at UPC, 7 nights a week. We are now actively recruiting volunteers to assist with various tasks, including: meal preparation in UPC's kitchen; transport of prepared meals being donated by other organizations; staff support during nightly client intake & dinner service, and during morning wake-up, breakfast service, & egress. Please share this info with anyone you know who may be interested in supporting the continuation of this service to our neighbors in need.

**Practical Resources for Churches ([prcli.org](http://prcli.org))** offers resources on a variety of topics including caring ministries, spiritual practices, small church life, social justice, and environmental stewardship. Check out all they have to offer and take advantage of the abundance of programs and information. Webinars are recorded and can be watched later. Upcoming topics include:



- **Life After Publisher: Mastering Page Layout with Affinity** — *Tues. June 16, 2–3pm:* With Microsoft Publisher reaching its end-of-life in October 2026, it's time to discover your next "page-layout powerhouse!" Join us for an introduction to Affinity, a FREE professional-grade design suite that offers a familiar yet upgraded experience for those comfortable with Publisher and Canva. In this session, we'll demystify the learning curve by covering the basics of page layout, showing you how to find and create stunning templates for bulletins, newsletters, and more. [upcbgm.org/prc061626](http://upcbgm.org/prc061626)

Other resources from PRC include:

- **What's Next:** Timely resources and upcoming webinars. The latest What's Next came in two pieces: [conta.cc/3OB630x](http://conta.cc/3OB630x) and [conta.cc/4wSbr0n](http://conta.cc/4wSbr0n) (5/26/26)
  - **Just One More Page:** A monthly book review blog. [prcli.org/book-reviews](http://prcli.org/book-reviews). Recently reviewed: *Bear Witness: The Pursuit of Justice in a Violent Land* is an amazing tale of courage and persistence. Written by Ross Halperin and published by Liveright, an imprint of W.W. Norton & Company, the book tells the story of Kurt Ver Beek and Carlos Hernández, who live in a violent barrio in Honduras where gangs run rampant, largely ignored by the authorities, many of whom are corrupt... [wwnorton.com/books/9781324090786](http://wwnorton.com/books/9781324090786)
- **Cultivate: Growing in Faith:** Christian ed and faith formation resources, ideas, and anecdotes for all ages of adults and children. June's letter: [bit.ly/3Q9ydQG](http://bit.ly/3Q9ydQG)

## Broome County Office for Aging




The Foster Grandparent program through the Office for Aging is looking for volunteers to be Foster Grandparents. They enroll eligible participants to work with children in daycares, preschools, and K–4th grade classrooms. These participants work with 3–4 children to help them academically, socially, or emotionally. It's a great chance for individuals to get out into their community and help impact children.

Applicants must be Broome County residents who are 55 years or older. To learn more, contact the Broome County Office for Aging's program director Alexandra Miller at [Alexandra.Miller@broomecountyny.gov](mailto:Alexandra.Miller@broomecountyny.gov) or 607-778-2089.

The 35th  
SUMMER  
INSTITUTE of THEOLOGY  
at Hartwick College

July 12–17, 2026

in Oneonta, New York



*Ecumenical faith-based  
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*Open to all for personal enrichment and continuing education.  
People of every faith (and those seeking) are welcome.*

Don't be fooled by the name, SITHC is about so much more than just theology. This year's program features daily worship and 2½-hour classes, offered three times a day Monday through Thursday, and on Friday morning. Seminar topics include:

Art & faith | Biblical studies | Church history | Interfaith & Ecumenism  
Preaching & Practical ministry | Social justice & current events | Spirituality

The 2026 faculty includes several ministers from our presbytery along with other clergy and laity from the Baptist, Episcopal, Latter-Day Saints, Lutheran, Orthodox Church in America, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic faith traditions.

There are several different options for attending SITHC — you can drop in for just one seminar or a few, you can choose overnight housing for just one night or more, or register as a Commuter or Resident for the entire week.

Full schedule and online registration are at <https://sithc.org> (register by July 1)  
Scholarships of up to 75% are available, apply at [susvalpresby.org/cclef-scholarship](https://susvalpresby.org/cclef-scholarship)  
For more information, contact [info@sithc.org](mailto:info@sithc.org) or Scott Kindig, 607-323-7074.

# WAITING, WITNESS AND THE WAY OF CHRIST

## REIMAGINING THE CHURCH'S CALLING

Two days of learning, fellowship, and music.



*Featuring Speaker: Andrew Root*

Carrie Olson Baalson Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary. Author of over a dozen books including "Evangelism in the Age of Despair."

September 25-26, 2026

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva  
24 Park Place  
Geneva, NY 14456

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\$75.00 per person

includes conference registration,  
Friday dinner, Saturday lunch  
and a walking exhibit by  
The Presbyterian Historical Society

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[susvalpresby.org/register](https://susvalpresby.org/register)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



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## “New York Health Act 101” webinar — Monday, June 15, 7pm

An announcement from the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley’s “Justice in Mission and Ministry” Team:

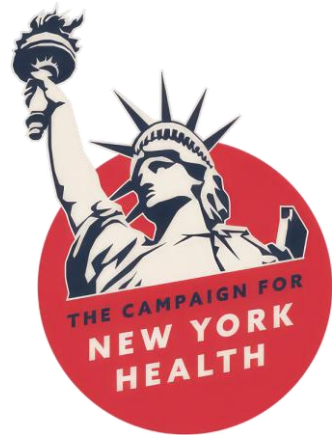
Are you having difficulty paying their healthcare bills, or do you know somebody who is? Do some put off getting care because they can’t afford to go to a doctor? Medical debt is the most common reason for Americans to go into bankruptcy! The recent jump in health insurance premiums and the people cut from Medicaid is making this problem even worse.

There is a bill in the New York State legislature that addresses the concerns of people worried about being able to pay for health care for themselves, their families, or the people they care about. It’s called the New York Health Act (A1466/S3425).

Under the NY Health Act there would be no medical debts in the future. Healthcare would be available to all, regardless of their ability to pay. Learn the basics of the New York Health Act by joining the webinar New York Health Act 101 on June 15th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Q & A period with New York Health Act author, the Honorable Dick Gottfried. Register at [upcbgm.org/nyha061526](http://upcbgm.org/nyha061526).

Your State Senator and Assembly member need to hear that access to healthcare is a problem for people in your congregation and that the New York Health Care Act is needed by their constituents. If you’re unsure how to contact them, you can find their phone number and other contact information at [nypirg.org/repfinder](http://nypirg.org/repfinder).

Jesus healed people with no charge. New York has the resources to make medical care available to everyone. Let’s do what we can to make that happen.



## **Annual Congregational Meeting — Sunday, June 21, after worship**

Our annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting (Part 2) will be on Sunday, June 21, immediately following the worship service. We will gather on this Sunday to conduct the ongoing business of the church for this year, knowing that the Lord of love and light goes with us every step of the way! Watch this year as we ready ourselves for new things to come — electing new leadership and considering how to go where God is calling.

We will receive the team and project reports for the year, then constitute and elect a new Board to oversee our ministries of care for the community. And, as usual, we will elect the Session class of 2028 and the Nominating Committee for 2026–2027.

This meeting will be hybrid, immediately following the worship service, in the sanctuary and in the Zoom room. It would be good to have you with us, either in person or online.