

# Irondequoit United Church of Christ Weekly Word

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**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**@ 10:03am**

**In person Worship**

**Worship Leader**

**Rev. C. Paul Grenier**

**Liturgist**

**Nancy Smith**

**Bible Reading**

**Exodus 20:1-20**

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## **Pastor's Note**

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Dear Irondequoit UCC,

This has been a strange and wonderful week for our church. On Saturday we held a leadership retreat at the Stone-Tolan Historical Site. It was well attended and we learned a lot about each other, and our church, while stretching our minds and accomplishing some business too. Then we celebrated World Communion Sunday, all while mourning the loss of Carol Cowan, our beloved organist. On Monday we celebrated Carol's life and ushered her into life with music and prayer. Through all of this the hand of God was moving through our church. It was amazing how people stepped up to

help, and the things I was most worried about seemed to resolve themselves. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of those who contributed their time and talent to our community this past weekend.

This coming week is still busy, but much more straight forward. At the leadership retreat, one of the activities I considered was to challenge the team to list all of the different programs and people that use our building on a weekly basis. But I decided against this because it would take too long and be too difficult. For example, our building hosts at least 5 different therapists 4 types of X-Anonymous groups, and 3 scout troops.

This Sunday we will be talking about the 10 Commandments. This is the basis for the codes of laws and ethics that came to define the Jewish people. There is even a story in the Talmud (Jewish commentary) where God says, that it would be better for the people to follow the laws in Scripture and not believe in God, then for the people to believe in God and not follow the law. On this coming Sunday, and in the coming month, we will be examining own “church laws,” or at least the values that bind us together as a community, and the moral principles by which we live our lives as Christians. I hope to share this dialogue with you in Church.

*Blessings, Pastor Paul*

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### **Bible Study!**

Our weekly Bible Study is back in session each **Tuesday at 2:00PM**. Looking forward to engaging with the group again and encouraging new participants to join us!

**Tuesdays on Zoom at 2:00PM with Rev. C. Paul Grenier**

**The link is:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/483630339?pwd=SFNsS2xYWWwtlOHJ0NC9VdFh6QU9CZz09>

**Meeting ID: 483 630 339 Passcode: 024392**

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*All Are Invited and  
Welcome  
to the Men's and  
Women's  
Monthly Breakfast  
Gathering!*

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each  
month @ 8:30 A.M. (Men's  
Group) and 9:00A.M. (Women's Group)  
Our next breakfast(s) are scheduled for October  
7, 2023.**

The Men's breakfast will be held at Sam's Diner (East Ridge Rd. across from the community center) and the Women's will be at East Ridge Family Restaurant (next to the UHaul).

In order that we might make sure to have room for everyone, please let Jim Hinman (704-9954 or [jshatty@frontiernet.net](mailto:jshatty@frontiernet.net)) know if you will be attending the Men's breakfast; please let Cindy Adams know if you will be attending the Women's breakfast (737-6584 or [cpadams45@gmail.com](mailto:cpadams45@gmail.com)).

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

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**Keeping Homeless Teens  
Warm This Winter**

You may recall that IUCC's Outreach Team hosted a presentation earlier this year from an organization called **SPIRIT NYS** which is working to help homeless students in the Rochester City Schools. They are supplying many forms of special assistance to provide resources that will allow the students to successfully graduate from high school and beyond.

This year they are providing these services to approximately 55 students and they are asking for assistance from a few organizations to donate gently used or new winter clothing. Due to the sensitive nature of homelessness, they cannot supply us with specific names of the youth, but all adult sizes are helpful for males and females. The items should be appropriate for ages 16 – 19. Warm coats are the highest priority. Last year, they needed sizes small through XXL, and there were more males than females. They also are accepting hats, scarves and gloves. If they receive too many items, or things not appropriate for the youth in their program, the items will be donated to the school's clothing closet for anyone in need.

Our Outreach Team believes that this is a very worthwhile project and hope that you will consider donating one or more items. You may want to save money by looking for gently used coats at local thrift stores!

**IUCC will be collecting the items October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup>.** Please put the clothing items in the labeled box which will be in our Fellowship Room.

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It is once again time to think about the **Salem Nutrition Center Christmas gift bags**. This year they are asking us to collect men's deodorant. There will be a box in the front hallway for them. Once again, I (Nancy Smith) will gladly shop for you. You can leave in the office, well-marked, or just give it to me. I thank you in advance as this congregation is always so generous.

Thank you, gracias, merci!!!!

*Nancy Smith, for the Outreach Committee*

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## **In Case You Missed It ...**

### **Thank you Town of Irondequoit & Pastor Paul, IUCC's "Man About Town"!**

IUCC got a much-needed infusion of financial support last month, mainly because our Pastor is out and about in our community. Pastor Paul had asked to meet with and get to know Town Supervisor Rory Fitzpatrick in the spring, and the two met in May. During that chat, Supervisor Fitzpatrick mentioned that there were grant funds available to qualified non-profit organizations to address the negative economic impact of the pandemic. Pastor Paul picked up on that quickly, came back to church with the application and asked the Finance Team to put together our proposal, and in July we submitted the application. In August we were notified that we had been awarded the maximum amount of \$10,000.00!

The Town summary notes that: "Non-profit groups are an important piece of the Town promoting health, safety and wellness of the community. Continuation of these programs is essential for the residents of Irondequoit." The funding is designed to replace lost revenue and/or reimburse additional expenses, both of which IUCC incurred.

These funds will go a long way to get us back into financial fighting form and will reduce our dependence on Endowment funds to offset deficits in our operating budget. We may even be able to carve out a modest amount toward a special project.

Thanks again, to our Town for supporting organizations like IUCC, and to our Pastor for his diligence in getting to know his new community!

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, October 5**

9:30AM Music Therapy

**10:30AM Caring Connection Team Meeting**

6:00PM GS Troop #61028

**7:00PM Leadership Team Meeting**

7:00PM AA - Love and Service

7:00PM Zumba

7:00PM RMJO

**Friday, October 6**

**12:00PM S.W.I.M.**

**Saturday, October 7**

**8:30/9:00AM Women/Men's Monthly Breakfast Gathering**

9:30AM Music Therapy

7:00PM AA-Love & Service

**Sunday, October 8**

**10:03AM In-Person Worship - ("Fellowship time" after Services)**

**2:00PM Herbert Humphrey "Celebration of Life" (reception immediately following)**

**Monday, October 9 (Office Closed - "Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day")**

7:00PM BSA Troop #96

7:00PM Zumba

7:00PM Color Irondequoit Green Meeting

**Tuesday, October 10**

9:30AM Music Therapy

**2:00PM IUCC Bible Study**

4:45PM Music Therapy

7:00PM ICNS Board Meeting

7:30PM Alateen Group Meeting

7:30PM Al Anon Family Group

**Wednesday, October 11**

**10:00AM Material Aids**

**6:00PM Praise Band Rehearsal**

6:30PM GS Troop #60141



6:30PM Scout Troop #96

**Thursday, October 12**

9:30AM Music Therapy

7:00PM AA - Love and Service

7:00PM Zumba

7:00PM RMJO

**Friday, October 13 (nothing scheduled)**

**Saturday, October 14**

9:30AM Music Therapy

7:00PM AA-Love & Service

**Sunday, October 15**

**10:03AM In Person Worship; "Neighbors In Need Collection"**

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**Lockup Schedule**

**Oct 2 - Oct 8.....Steve Damtoft**

**Oct 9 - Oct 15.....Fred Frosino**

**Oct 16 - Oct 22.....David Gloss**

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**An Invitation For All ...**

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1<sup>st</sup> Annual Combat Comedians'

# COMICS AGAINST CANCER

Presented by: **LEGENDS 102.7**  
To Benefit Cancer Support Community at Gilda's Club

**Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023**  
**5-8pm**

5-6pm cocktail reception, 6-8pm show  
Italian American Sports Club  
1250 Buffalo Road - Rochester, NY

### Tickets & Information:

[www.comicsagainstcancer.org](http://www.comicsagainstcancer.org)  
\$45 per person



### Sponsorships Available

[lclements@csrochester.org](mailto:lclements@csrochester.org)

## Headliners



Dan Liberto

US Army  
Member of  
Combat  
Comedians



Ralph Tetta

Senior  
Combat  
Comedians  
Instructor



Dan Viola

Combat  
Comedians  
Instructor

## Host



Mike Buckpitt  
US Army

## Featuring



Lonny  
The Likeable Lush



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residents in Irondequoit!

- Delivery takes about 60- 90 minutes
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- Easy to follow route directions

*For more information or to begin the  
application process please call 274-4385 or  
visit our website at [www.homecare.urmc.edu](http://www.homecare.urmc.edu)*



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**UCC's *Neighbors in Need Collection* is  
Coming 10/15/23**

This year the Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” theme continues and its focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

One-third of the offering supports [the Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#) and two-thirds are used by [Justice and Witness Ministries](#) to provide to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. We hope that you will be inspired to assist with a financial gift to the United Church of Christ for this purpose. An envelope will be provided to anyone in attendance but you can also send a check to the IUCC Office at 644 Titus Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617.

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### **PENNIES FOR PEOPLE**

Unfortunately money doesn't grow on trees nor do those pennies come from heaven, they come from people like us so take the time to donate your loose change or dollar bills to Pennies for People at Church. IUCC will send the change to UCC NY Women to join with other donations to benefit a local organization that supports women and families in need. Please place your donation in

the jar in the breezeway. Thank you!

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## Petition to Create Composting Facilities Within Monroe County, NY



Started May 18, 2022

### Why this petition matters



Started by [Color Fairport Green](#)

PETITION TO: Monroe County Legislature

We, the undersigned residents of Monroe County, New York, call on the County Legislature to create jobs, generate beneficial soil additives, and reduce our reliance on other counties by building several composting facilities within the county so that businesses may comply with the NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling law.

Make a Difference in Monroe County. Help us build Composting Facilities for a Greener Future! [chnng.it](#)

For more information contact Brenda Campbell ([bjcamp61@gmail.com](mailto:bjcamp61@gmail.com))





## **Honored Ushers Training!**

Ushers are an essential part of our Sunday service that are deserving of respect and honor. They are the welcoming face of the church that greets visitors and ensures everyone is seated comfortably. They are the ones who watch over the congregation and help out if anyone is in distress during the service. They collect and protect the offering and facilitate the church's most sacred ritual of Holy Communion. Ushers are the ones who "assure" the congregation that they are seen, safe, and that the service will go smoothly.

It doesn't take much time or effort to be an usher, but it does take commitment and consistency. Therefore, we will be holding our first Usher's Training this fall. This training will be no more than two hours and it will involve food and fellowship. If you would like to be part of this training please sign up this Sunday.

### **What does an Usher do?**

- Ready the Sanctuary to receive the community for worship. (Lighting candles, gathering bulletins, etc.)
- Greet people as they arrive. (informally)
- Collect the offering and ensure it is stored safely.
- Serve Communion to the Congregation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.
- Help anyone who is distressed or confused.
- Sound the alarm in case of danger such as fire.
- Be a source of welcome and information for visitors.

# IUCC Community "Connection Corner"



## OCTOBER SPOTLIGHTS

### *"Autumn"*

by Caleb Davis Bradlee

**Autumn is here! Let us rejoice!  
It comes with gifts of love;  
All nature has a fruitful voice  
That speaks of God above.**

**The trees, they shine I the vines, they sing!  
The ivy climbs the wall!  
The orchards grateful tribute bring  
Enough for each and all!  
The earth appears quite full of peace!  
The sheaves are gathered in!  
The barns are full, a great increase  
God grants us all to win.  
O may there be an Autumn time,**

**At no great distant day,  
When truth all sweet and all sublime  
Shall find its perfect sway.**

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## **New Initiative to Bring Light to the Lighted Cross and various church communications**

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Pastor Paul is interested in making all church communications more interesting, by highlighting the diversity of talents and personalities in our congregation.

Every month we ask congregation members to submit articles and announcements, but we might get more diverse submissions if we provide our readers with a prompt.

**The October issue of the Lighted Cross will be sent out soon. Our next publication comes during the month of November. Therefore, we would like to request that you consider writing a personal story, prayer, poem, or reflection about Thanksgiving and/or what you are grateful for during this special holiday.** Some examples include sharing a special memory, a description of a special tradition in your family, or a reflection for this time of year and what it means to you.

**Please consider contributing an article to share in this IUCC Community "Connection Corner" section. Please send no later than Wednesday, November 1st to:** [office@irondequoitucc.org](mailto:office@irondequoitucc.org).

Also, don't let the struggle with the thought of putting pen to paper with your stories hold you back ... Pastor Paul is more than happy to assist you if you need a little help to bring your words to life!



We look forward to seeing what God will illuminate in this initiative.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

Autumn has arrived ... the calendar is filling up fast as we look forward to many activities and events to be enjoyed! We welcome news, articles and any other noteworthy information you want to provide in future church communications. We ask that submissions be sent via email to: [office@irondequoitucc.org](mailto:office@irondequoitucc.org) as follows:

For inclusion in the weekly **Wednesday e-Newsletter** (delivered electronically) - submit **by 5:00pm Tuesdays, the day prior to the mailing.**

For inclusion in **the Sunday Announcement Insert** (printed tri-folds) - **submit no later than noon on Thursdays**

For inclusion in the weekly **Worship Email** (sent electronically each Saturday) - items can be added to the Announcement section **until noon on Fridays**

Thank you in advance! We look forward to hearing from you and sharing your useful information!!

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**The Power of Prayer!**

**Thank you all for your prayers. The Judge ordered our granddaughter's discharge from foster care to full custody to our son Jay. It was difficult for the foster parents but Jay intends to keep them in Charly's life**

**through weekly visits with her half sister who they will adopt.**

**Please continue to pray for these two families who love these children. *Joni Hinman***



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### **We Remember In Prayer**

Randy Hems and Family; William Peterson, Janet Goodman, Barbara Zuegel, Alice Littler, Don Vanselow, Hudson Campbell, Olga Deavitt, Laura Fregosi, Amanda Gee, Diana Kubick, Jim Loveland, Tony Proietti, Ida Saucke; the Grenier Family, Marilyn Weaver's Family, Deborah Robinson-Cox and Family, Judge Morison and Family; Katherine Tracey and Family; Family and friends of Robin Lerner; Vandy Humprey and Family; Family and friends of Carol Cowan

*All people affected by natural disasters  
and conflicts worldwide*

*LGBTQ+ people facing violence and persecution*

***All are invited to join the family and attend the Celebration of Life of Herbert Humphrey, to be held at IUCC on Sunday, Oct 8th at 2:00pm (with reception immediately following)***

***\* Please note: although not mandatory, wearing a mask for the safety of all is much appreciated during this event!***

If you are unable to attend, you can watch the service live by using this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83907658567?pwd=JJaaCbyW06Rr4Yhytvq7ZerUJjPjBz.1>

Meeting ID: 839 0765 8567  
Passcode: 560631

### **In The Military**

Major Gregory Campbell, USAF (son of Brenda & Doug Campbell),  
PO3 Andrew Loveland US NAVY (grandson of Jim & Carol Loveland),  
Paul Gately (son of Mary Gately)



### **We are a Safe Sanctuary Church**

In a world that is becoming increasingly divided, people are weary of judgment and starving for acceptance. Even in places that should be open and safe, many have felt unwelcome. By simply living God's love,

Irondequoit United Church of Christ is a place where everyone can feel welcome and accepted.

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## **Irondequoit United Church of Christ Mission**

*We extend God's love and extravagant welcome to all  
to share in our community of worship and following Jesus,  
to work together toward a more Just world.*

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