

THE CHIMES

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Rev. Craig French, Pastor
Tom Boll, Editor

UUMC ADOPTS BALANCED BUDGET, NEW STRUCTURE



Rev. French leads the Church Conference Sunday after worship.

University United Methodist Church approved a balanced budget for the first time in many years, a new organizational structure and new leaders at Sunday's Church Conference.

Rev. Craig French says the budget has "realistic projections of both income and expenses." (**See page 4 for a copy of the budget**)

The budget includes three "buckets": building, ministry (in-house) and outreach. Each bucket includes income and expenses.

The budget is a guide to help the congregation in the delicate balance between financial stability and the ministry UUMC is committed to.

In looking to ensure the fu-

ture of UUMC, a focus will be placed on setting up an unrestricted operating reserve for critical needs that might arise.

The budget includes a commitment to pay our conference apportionments in full, also for the first time in years.

About paying apportionments in full, Rev. French says, "As a leading church in the city and conference — and as the home of the bishop and Annual Conference — it's something we can and should do, not to mention the vital mission and ministry it supports all across New York State and around the world."

The new organizational structure
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Ask questions to remember our values, mission



One item not discussed at the Church Conference on Sunday was the list of core values that was printed on the back of the new organizational chart.

While we did not vote on these values (in part because values transcend voting), they are meant to guide and shape everything we do, every aspect of our life together.

One good way of doing that is by developing the habit of asking questions that remind us of our core values and mission.

Questions such as:

Is this decision or action something Jesus would do?

Is it consistent with the way of life he taught and demonstrated ... and with the biblical, prophetic tradition he stood in?

Is it faithful to our Wesleyan heritage, combining works of piety (love of God) with works of mercy (love of neighbor)?

Does it help create Christian disciples who are God's ambassadors and transformative agents in the world?

Does it help feed people's bodies, minds and spirits?

Is it truly transforming and life-giving — for us, our neighborhood, our city, the world?

Does it reflect radical hospitality and full inclusiveness?

Does it expect and model extravagant generosity?

Does it contribute to passionate worship?

Is it big, bold, risk-taking (not simply playing it safe)?

Does it clearly and intentionally help persons grow in Christian faith and practice?

Does it promote spiritual growth and spiritual prac-

tices?

Does it help us "live the Gospel and be God's love with our neighbors in all places"?

Is it joyful, just and grace-filled?

Does it tie into and build on one of our long-standing hallmarks (music, education, social justice, community outreach/service, public/prophetic witness, diversity, feeding programs)?

Does it help persons be more compassionate, loving, non-judgmental and forgiving?

Does it help us be the church we — and God — want us to be?

Will it please God and make the world better?

Does it promote ministry with the poor . . . global health (ending malaria and other diseases of poverty) . . . the developing of principled leaders ... the creation of new places for new people?

Will it contribute to the church's financial strength and stability?

Does it consciously promote membership growth, especially among young adults?

Does it seek to end poverty ... and build community in the church among persons from different economic classes?

Will it contribute to our becoming a recognized "teaching – learning" church?

Does it contribute to high quality worship and music that are consistently attractive, inspiring, moving and uplifting?

Does it help move us toward becoming an urban training center with a focus on poverty, community development and congregational transformation?

What other questions will help keep us on track?

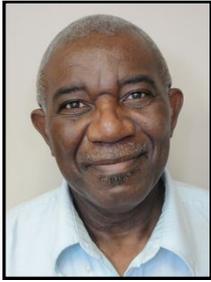
Maybe we should post them around the building, so we can refer to them regularly.

— Rev. Craig French



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OUTREACH/MISSION



There are many persons who give of their time, talent and resources to make the Outreach Ministry, and particularly the pantry, operate smoothly each Friday.

These persons consider this a ministry and are present as often as possible.

This is what a few of the volunteers say about the pantry:

- ◆ “This is the place I feel I am most needed. At the end of the day I know I served persons who really needed my help.”
- ◆ “This place is like a family to me. I bring my children and I get to interact with others. Staying at home would be boring.”
- ◆ “The pantry offers me the chance to show that I care for others. I love to work for others.”
- ◆ “I cannot understand what causes some people to be so demanding. I serve what they are to receive and they demand more. How is it some people are so demanding?”
- ◆ “This place helps me to realize that there are so many different kinds of people. Some say with a smile, ‘Thank you for what I receive from this



pantry. God bless you.’ ”

- ◆ “I am glad I can come and share with persons of diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds. We can work together if we make an effort.”

During the past year, there were approximately 40 persons who volunteered in the pantry. The majority of these served on Fridays, but there are those who serve in summer. These include teachers, students on holiday or persons on vacation. Some of these volunteers are not members of the Christian faith or University United Methodist Church.

These volunteers arrive at 9:30 a.m. and leave at noon. In addition to those who serve on Fridays, there are those men and women who come in to help un-



Webster Fisher, left photo, and Valerie Youker, above, help unload a delivery from the Food Bank of Central New York.

load the truck from the Food Bank, or travel with me to a farm, or to purchase bread and other food items during the week.

These are very valuable persons and without them I know it would be difficult to serve the food and clothing as efficiently as we do each week.

Let me hope that during the year, we will continue to find volunteers for this program.

Later this year we will say thank you in a more meaningful way to these volunteers as well as those who offer support to the staff.

I thank everyone for the work or suggestions they offer us. It has made us a better place to serve others.

— Joseph Smythe
Interim Outreach Coordinator

No-Fault Orchestra Dates

The UUMC No-Fault Orchestra has set dates for our next rehearsals and performance.

The orchestra will rehearse on March 4 and 11 in the Music Room from noon to 1 p.m.

We will play during the 10:30 a.m. service of March 25

after rehearsing that morning at 9 a.m.

Contact Tom Boll at uumctb@twcny.rr.com for more information.

UUMC 2012 Budget

	Actual			Budget	
	2009	2010	2011	2012	Var to '11
BUILDING INCOME					
Endowment Earnings	\$ 28,487	\$ 41,896	\$ 41,268	\$ 40,000	-3.2%
Tenants	\$ 45,721	\$ 76,561	\$ 136,834	\$ 131,000	-4.5%
Room & Security Fees	\$ 7,339	\$ 11,470	\$ 16,378	\$ 19,000	13.8%
TOTAL	\$ 81,547	\$ 129,927	\$ 194,480	\$ 190,000	-2.4%
BUILDING EXPENSE					
Maintenance & Insurance	\$ 44,668	\$ 45,436	\$ 53,955	\$ 52,000	-3.8%
Utilities	\$ 39,415	\$ 43,965	\$ 47,857	\$ 62,000	22.8%
Wages	\$ 49,614	\$ 52,422	\$ 54,030	\$ 58,100	7.0%
TOTAL	\$ 133,697	\$ 141,823	\$ 155,842	\$ 172,100	9.4%
BUILDING NET	\$ (52,150)	\$ (11,896)	\$ 38,638	\$ 17,900	-115.9%
MINISTRY INCOME					
Contributions	\$ 244,419	\$ 253,634	\$ 240,624	\$ 240,000	-0.3%
Misc	\$ 666	\$ 826	\$ 426	\$ 12,010	96.5%
FundRaising	\$ 6,614	\$ 918	\$ 126	\$ 500	74.8%
Ministry Income Total	\$ 251,699	\$ 255,378	\$ 241,176	\$ 252,510	4.5%
MINISTRY EXPENSE					
NCNY Conf, Apportionments	\$ 55,437	\$ 55,234	\$ 66,805	\$ 72,587	8.0%
Committees & Programs	\$ 33,206	\$ 21,407	\$ 27,034	\$ 25,680	-5.3%
Staff & Payroll Expense	\$ 86,471	\$ 89,126	\$ 75,930	\$ 78,720	3.5%
Sr. Pastor	\$ 81,428	\$ 84,777	\$ 86,826	\$ 93,423	7.1%
Second Pastor	\$ 17,652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Ministry Expense Total	\$ 274,194	\$ 250,544	\$ 256,595	\$ 270,410	5.1%
MINISTRY NET	\$ (22,495)	\$ 4,834	\$ (15,419)	\$ (17,900)	13.9%
OUTREACH INCOME					
Contributions	\$ 56,438	\$ 56,893	\$ 65,470	\$ 53,480	-22.4%
FB Credits&Grants, & other Grants	\$ 9,067	\$ 6,323	\$ 14,754	\$ 14,400	-2.5%
FundRaising & Other	\$ 4,109	\$ 117	\$ 1,828	\$ 3,400	
Outreach Income Total	\$ 69,614	\$ 63,333	\$ 82,052	\$ 71,280	-15.1%
OUTREACH EXPENSE					
Food and Supplies	\$ 58,253	\$ 49,217	\$ 60,879	\$ 58,280	-4.5%
Wages	\$ 11,361	\$ 11,477	\$ 11,853	\$ 13,000	8.8%
Outreach Expense Total	\$ 69,614	\$ 60,694	\$ 72,732	\$ 71,280	-2.0%
OUTREACH NET	\$ -	\$ 3,750	\$ 9,320	\$ -	0.0%
TOTALS					
Operating Income	\$ 402,860	\$ 448,638	\$ 517,708	\$ 513,790	-0.8%
Reserve Income ('09 only)	\$ 44,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
ALL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 456,186	\$ 448,638	\$ 517,708	\$ 513,790	-0.8%
ALL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 477,505	\$ 453,061	\$ 485,169	\$ 513,790	5.6%
OPERATING BUDGET NET	\$ (21,319)	\$ (4,423)	\$ 32,539	\$ -	

SUMMARY

Actual 2011	Income	Expense	Net
Building	\$ 194,480	\$ 155,842	\$ 38,638
Ministry	\$ 241,176	\$ 256,595	\$ (15,419)
Outreach	\$ 82,052	\$ 72,732	\$ 9,320
TOTAL for 2011	\$ 517,708	\$ 485,169	\$ 32,539

Budget 2012	Income	Expense	Net
Building	\$ 190,000	\$ 172,100	\$ 17,900
Ministry	\$ 252,510	\$ 270,410	\$ (17,900)
Outreach	\$ 71,280	\$ 71,280	\$ -
TOTAL for 2012	\$ 513,790	\$ 513,790	\$ -

Meet UUMC's new interim organist

As announced in last month's Chimes, Frederick Willard is our interim organist through Palm Sunday.

Fred has been a church musician for over 30 years, serving parishes of all denominations in the city and Central New York.

After gaining early musical experiences in his father's churches — he is a Methodist "PK" — he went on to study at Syracuse University and Manhattan School of Music.

He has bachelor's and master's degrees from SU in music history and holds the Choirmaster (ChM) certificate from the American Guild of Organists.

During his undergraduate years, he sang in the choir at University Church.

In his "other" life, he has conducted, played or written orchestrations for Broadway, Off-Broadway, symphony orchestras, big bands and theaters all over



Our interim organist, Frederick Willard.

the world.

With wife/collaborator Joan Hart Willard, he has penned "Fractured Fairy Tales: The Musical" (composer/lyricist/collibrettist), and "A Remarkable Story: Voices of Pan Am 103" (composer — Edinburgh Fringe Festival).

Fred has written arrange-

ments for Ann Hampton Callaway, Lionel Hampton, Melba Moore, Melinda Doolittle, American Movie Classics, Central New York Jazz Orchestra and the Hartford, Syracuse and Tenerife (Spain) Symphony Orchestras.

He has served on the faculties of NYU's Tisch School of the
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New structure has three areas: Body, Mind and Spirit

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ture, presented in the last issue of The Chimes, is built around a unified ministry and administrative governing board and groups all of the church's ministry teams into three broad areas: Body, Mind and Spirit.

That corresponds to the three dimensions of the church's overall vision for ministry.

Rev. French said the restructuring is meant to place the focus of all our work squarely on the church's stated vision and mission.

Leaders elected Sunday

include: Lynn Steenberg, Finance Committee chair and Governing Board chair; Ernie Hemphill, Body Ministries chair; Carol Boll, Spirit Ministries chair; Bruce Borenstein, trustee; Nate Medford, Staff Parish Relations Committee; Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay, Stephen Ministry team leader; Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler, Reconciling Ministries team leader; and Jim Wiggins, UUMC representative on ACTS Board.

At the previous Church Conference the following leaders were elected:

Vito Sciscioli and Jeanne

Finlayson-Schueler, trustees; Bob Dewey and Mel Duru, Staff Parish Relations, Bob as the chair; Ted Finlayson-Schueler and Nelson Price, UNY Annual Conference lay member and alternate lay member representatives, respectively; Steve Bacon, Sunday School superintendent; Nelson Price and Katie Flynn, Missions/Outreach co-chairs; and Janet Sciscioli and Ginny Dewey, co-chairs of the Hospitality Team.

2011 Annual Reports were distributed at the meeting and are available in the church office.

PEOPLE/PRAYER CONNECTION

THANKS

- Thank you for your prayers and love in our time of grief. It has been very meaningful to us, from **Nelson Price and Barbara Fought**
- For new beginnings for friends and family as they recover and gain strength, from **Grandma Ann**
- Thank God for granting me a new job. May his holy name be exalted in Jesus' mighty name.
- To our first-, second- and third-graders for being greeters this morning.
- Thanks to God for trees in snow and long-eared owls at Beaver Lake yesterday
- Prayers of thanks to **Nelson Price, Barbara** and UUMC for bringing me home, from **Russ**
- Thankfulness to God who gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholar. Thanks for your prayers. I was successful in my written qualifying exams. The orals will be scheduled shortly. Thank you, God!
- The dreams of Rev. Dr. King and the prayers of the kids, from **Peter Swords**
- Deliverance from satanic invasion of the Duru family
- My friend's niece, who has been admitted to the hospital for a small blood clot in her leg
- My friend, who finds herself in a difficult work environment
- Myself, because I think I am finding it hard to not be discouraged in this new environment
- All those struggling with addiction issues
- A year of God's grace and abundance
- **Roland Marion**, who is in Crouse Hospital, and for the doctors and nurses caring for him
- The great chance for us to develop talents in the arts, in ways that connect our hearts, ears and minds, from **Peter Swords**
- **Evelyn Weah**, whose father died last year right after Thanksgiving
- The continued health of my elderly grandparents, parents, sister, niece and nephew. Healing for my classmate, **Heather**. Also God, please work in the hearts and minds of those who have tried to escape you
- Those who are grieving
- Our daughter **Cecelia's** best friend, **Stephanie**, on the passing of her mom due to a heart attack
- My wife, **Stephanie**, who may be having knee replacement surgery on both knees soon
- Unconditional love and joyful tolerance of all God's children, young and old
- My father to have more peace in his life
- My daughter, **Mike**, from **Russ**
- Syria and Nigeria
- Those seeking to change habits that keep them from growing and moving forward in their lives
- Keep Satan away and keep God close
- Special prayers for **Tom**, who is visiting our church today. He is recovering from a kidney transplant at Upstate. He and his wife, **Irene**, live in Pennsylvania and are staying in Syracuse during Tom's recovery.
- My classmate, who still faces multiple surgeries to overcome breast cancer.
- Vision in confronting our most pressing ecological problems. For those who are rejecting God.
- A co-worker recently diagnosed with a brain tumor
- Our church's future and our new and continuing leaders.
- People who can see kids with problems and advocate for their development rather than seeing "problem kids," from **Peter Swords**
- Those in military service: **Nathan Miller, Jim Pettyjohn and Matt Fischer**.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

- **Joan Bronman**, who is going to have cancer treatment at WIH, from **Don and Margo Kotten**
- **Mattie Hightower** on the loss of her sister
- **Beverly Schmidt and Rollie Marion**, who are both in the hospital from **Ralph Best**
- Healing, peace and understanding among us, from **Jim Wiggins**
- **Diana French, Rev. French's** sister-in-law, who is having surgery this week

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: CROSSROADS DISTRICT CHURCHES AND PASTORS:

- **Feb. 12:** Amboy Belle Isle, Betty Jones; Apple Valley, Ar-
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An update on pledging, payments and more...

The total amount pledged in 2011 was \$184,986. The amount paid on those pledges is \$148,282.

“Sounds of the Spirit”

If you were in church on Sunday, you heard the first fruits of the “Sounds of the Spirit” capital campaign to improve the quality of the sound in the sanctuary. The sound quality was markedly better. That’s the first step in the campaign. More contributions are needed to complete the other steps to help UUMC to reach beyond our walls. Checks should be made out to University UMC with a notation of “SOS.”

Offering Envelopes

Anyone who wants numbered offering envelopes should contact Charles Chappell III after worship or call the church office. Having numbered envelopes helps in recording contributions.

Meet new member Katie Flynn

We continue this month introducing new members to the congregation.



Katie Flynn

Katie Flynn has lived in Marcellus for most of her life. She graduated from Marcellus High School and then went to Northeastern University to study business administration.

She ended up transferring to SUNY Geneseo and graduated in December 2003.

She currently works at Fitness Forum as an accountant and has been there for about a year and a half.

She lives with her parents and has two sisters and a brother-in-law who live out of the area. She also has a large extended family, some of whom also attend UUMC.

Katie does a lot of work with the American Cancer Society and recently became the lead advocate for voting District 25 for ACSCAN – the lobbying affiliate to the American Cancer Society.

Katie currently serves as the co-chair with Nelson Price for the Mission and Outreach Committee and loves teaching the Sunday School class for fourth-through sixth-graders. Katie also helped out with the Community Garden in 2011.

Stephen Ministry Series

The next Stephen Ministry continuing education series offering is 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 21 in the parlor of DeWitt Community Church, 3600 Erie Boulevard East, on “Elder Abuse.” UUMC member Jenny Hicks, Vera House development director, will speak.

Gatherings for Newcomers

Please join Pastor Craig French, lay leader Beth Drew and other newcomers to UUMC each month for conversation, refreshments and a chance to get to know each other.

We will be gathering at Beth's home, 4569 O'Dell Place, Jamesville, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Please respond to the church office, 475-7277 or uumc@twcny.rr.com, or to Beth, 492-9123 or bmdrew@gmail.com.

The Gathering Room awaits your creations

Let's create!

For several months we have displayed our artistic creations in The Gathering Room.

We have enjoyed the photography of Hal Garman, watercolors and acrylic paintings of Les Mollach, John McDivitt, Mattie Hightower and Marsha Plucinik and the Madonna pictures – artists unknown – loaned by Margo Kotten.

Future planned exhibits will include watercolor, acrylic and pastel pictures; poetry and prose; and photos of pottery.

What do you create?

Call Marg McDivitt, 488-2201, to volunteer your creations for display.

Looking ahead to Lent's beginning

The start of Lent is only three weeks away. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22. The Senior Choir will present its Lenten Masterworks on Sunday, March 18.

Look for word on a weekly Lenten study in Friday email blasts and the next Chimes, which will come on Ash Wednesday.

Altar flowers

The flowers on the altar for Jan. 1, 8 and 15 were white poinsettias given by Art & Heart in memory and honor of UUMC loved ones.

Other altar flowers were given by Johanna and Roger MacDonald and Harold Britton.

Flower recipients were Ted Thuma, Carol Moyer, Mattie Hightower and Beverly Schmidt.

Flower deliverers were Barb Cargo, Johanna MacDonald and Ralph Best.

Willard is interim organist through Palm Sunday

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Arts and Syracuse University and currently teaches for the Oasis Center.

He lives in Syracuse with his wife, Joan, and their twin teens, Tim and Kate.

Fred is delighted to be at UUMC and is especially happy to make music with longtime friend Martha Sutter, as well as with the choir and congregation.

Evening Guild

The next Evening Guild meeting is 1:30 p.m. Feb. 29 at the church. Call Rita Soufleris, 299-7702, with any questions.

ACTS Spring Banquet

Save the date of Thursday, April 19, to attend the annual ACTS spring banquet fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Electronics Parkway, Liverpool.

The theme of this year's event is "Celebrating a Decade of Diversity in ACTION," as ACTS marks 10 years of activism in Syracuse.



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5

Sunday the 5th

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion

11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Gathering Room

Tuesday the 7th

7 p.m. Sacred Drumming Class, Gathering Room

7 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday the 8th

10 a.m. Staff meeting

Thursday the 9th

11:30 a.m. Care & Share

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Friday the 10th

10 a.m. - noon Food Pantry

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12

Sunday the 12th

9 a.m. Community/Church Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Gathering Room

Room

Tuesday the 14th

10 a.m. Staff meeting

Thursday the 16th

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Friday the 17th

10 a.m. - noon Food Pantry

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19

Sunday the 19th

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Gathering Room

Monday, the 20th

Office closed—Presidents' Day

Tuesday the 21st

10 a.m. Staff meeting

7 p.m. Sacred Drumming class, Gathering Room

Thursday the 23rd

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Friday the 24th

10 a.m. - noon Food Pantry

People/Prayer Connection

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- **Feb. 19:** Apulia, George Sanderson; Bowens Corners/Hannibal UMC, Jill Magnuson
- **Feb. 26:** Baldwinsville, Larry Lundgren, Voigt Archer and Jeffry Hodge

BIRTH

- **Henry Mays Steinwert-Arrowood** entered the world on Jan. 25 at 10 pounds, 10 ounces and 23 inches long. Everyone is doing well. He is the son of Tiffany Steinwert and Josh Arrowood.

Sacred Drumming Class

The first of four drumming classes met Tuesday night. At the beginning, instructor Nisha Purushotham first asked participants to write on newsprint words they associated with these topics: Drum, Worship, Spirit. Students then drummed their names, and the rest of the class was full of beating out rhythms. Following are photos from class:

















