

THE CHIMES

June 27, 2012

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deadline:
August 1**

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Rev. Craig French, Pastor
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UUMC GETS TO HEAR ZIMMERMANS JULY 24

Mark and Deirdre Zimmerman will be visiting UUMC on July 24 to share with us about their life in Nepal.

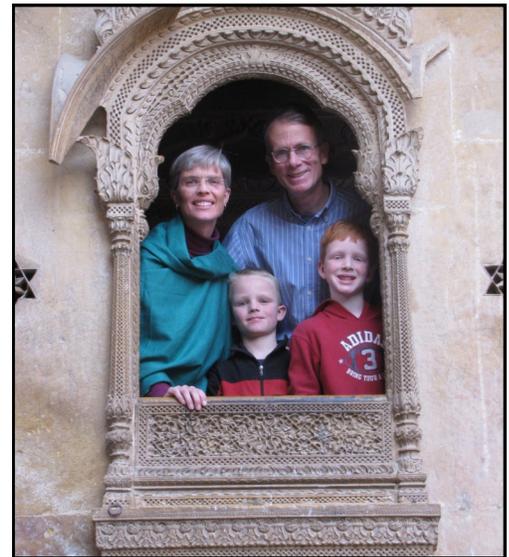
We will have a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation by them, with time left for questions.

Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks will be provided. Paper plates and silverware will be available, but you may bring your own setting.

We will also be inviting our friends in the Bhutanese/Nepalese community to join us.

Mark says they plan on talking about God working in the Nepali people and in their own lives. He says sons Zachary and Benjamin also likely will speak.

Mark is a United Methodist missionary assigned to work in Kathmandu, Nepal.



The Zimmermans on holiday in India.

A medical doctor specializing in internal medicine, Mark has been working in Nepal since 1986 initially as a hospital-based clinical doctor, See **DEIRDRE**, Page 3

New prayer ministry from Care & Share

Members of our Care & Share group are starting a new prayer ministry beginning this Sunday, July 1.

They will be praying, and asking the congregation to pray, for three specific members each week. The names will be listed in the bulletin and mentioned at the prayer time during the service.

The first group of people to receive prayers are members unable to attend church regularly. In September, the recipients will be college stu-

dents.

Here are the names for the five Sundays next month:

July 1: Harold Britton, Charlotte Burnap, Charles Chappell Jr.

July 8: Gregory Bayne, Ila Christoff, Thomas Christoff

July 15: Vera Gaskin, Freda Kirkley, Mary Klepper

July 22: Virginia Knight, Dorothy Logan, Arlene Musilli

July 29: Betty Jane Myers, Larry Myers, Mercia Palmer

Summer's a time for relaxing but also planting



Rev. French

Saturday morning, 9 a.m. Having delivered my granddaughter to lacrosse practice, I'm sitting in the town park, watching all the activity around me.

Along with the swarm of blue-shirted beginning lacrosse players, the park is alive with a children's tennis class, coffee-cupped parents cheering them on, young children climbing, sliding and swinging on the playground equipment, a dad flying a kite with two young daughters. Everywhere I look, the sight and sound of happy children learning new skills and teamwork.

I observed something similar last night at my granddaughter's dance class. It was "bring-a-friend" night at the Irish dance school. Parents understood the recruiting ploy at work ... but that was unimportant to the girls. All they saw was the chance to be with friends, introducing them (or being introduced) to a new activity.

In each case, the activity didn't just happen. It took planning, organization and leadership, with a clear focus on step-by-step skill development, starting with the fundamentals.

I thought of other activities that require careful attention to skill-building and practice: learning to swim, learning to ride a bike, learning to add/subtract/multiply/divide, learning a musical instrument, learning a language.

None of these things happen automatically, all by themselves. They all require guidance, instruction, the passing on of acquired knowledge, and practice ... lots and lots of practice.

A week from now, I'll be hiking with my son in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. He's challenged me to climb Mount Washington with him. Needless to say, I'm focused on getting ready: getting my backpack and gear together and, even more, getting myself in shape.

Later this summer, Barb and I will be moving to a new home — not too far from our current home, but one with more yard space for the grandkids. Long before moving day arrives, there are lots of

details to attend to: financial, legal, logistical. It takes time and planning and preparation. Summer may be a season of rest and relaxation, but it is also a time for planning and preparation — reviewing and assessing the year gone by, making plans for the year ahead.

I spent part of last week drafting a job description for our new mission intern, who'll begin work in September. All four positions have now been filled at Grace House, so it's just a matter of time until we're matched with an intern.

Based on my conversations with Grace House's director, the Rev. Bridget McManus, I am fully confident that the right person will be assigned to help lead our Food Pantry/Friday Community and to help us connect with the 300+ college students who will soon be moving in right next door to the church.

The task of drafting an actual job description for this position was immensely helpful and useful, forcing me to break the work down into clear and concrete steps. That will be valuable to our mission intern, as well as to all who will be part of the project.

In partnership with Martha, Dennis, Carol and Christine, another block of time last week was devoted to worship planning for the year ahead. One of the

items we discussed was the fact that no longer can we assume that even regular church-goers have a solid basic knowledge of the Bible (beyond the stories they may remember from Sunday School ... if, that is, they went to Sunday School).

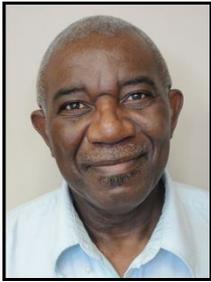
There is great need to help people see and appreciate the biblical story as a whole — and one of the best ways to do that is when we gather for Sunday worship. With that in mind, we have decided (starting this fall) to focus our Sunday worship on telling the biblical story sequentially, from start to finish.

Last week brought two other times of planning and preparation: (1) a Tuesday evening picnic for our Stephen Ministers, coupled with some behind-the-scenes planning for an expanded and revised program in the fall; and (2) a Saturday afternoon picnic for young families in the church. Along with

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OUTREACH MINISTRY



Once again I am asking individuals to volunteer for the summer months.

As of today three persons indicated their availability to

the Friday Community. I look forward to your support.

School Supplies

One of the things the Family Community seeks to do is raise money to purchase school supplies for the students of the Friday Community.

Last year we provided supplies for at least 40 families. We hope we will do better this year.

In this regard we are asking our friends to either provide funds or school supplies so we will be able to distribute to those who need it. Thanks for your contributions to this very worthy project.

Speakers

On June 22, the Friday Community was visited by Emily Green from the Onondaga Health Office. She spoke about cancer screening for both men and women.

In July, another speaker will address us on the issue of quitting smoking.

We are thankful that these speakers find it possible to share with us.

Volunteers who spend their summer holidays in various places, please observe as much as possible, make notes of things that may be taught to us as a family and share some of your ideas with others.

Blessings.

— Joseph Smythe
Friday Community chaplain

Deirdre is nutritionist, dietitian by training

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later as medical director of Patan Hospital (1998-2005), and now as director of the Nick Simons Institute, an organization working in Nepal with a mission to train and support skilled, compassionate rural health care workers.

Deirdre, a native of Ireland, is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries in partnership with the Church Missionary Society of Ireland.

A nutritionist and dietitian by training, Deirdre was first as-

signed to work for United Mission to Nepal's Nutrition Programme, which addresses the problem of malnutrition in women and children through training and education. After a two-year break to care for their young sons, Deirdre returned to part-time work as adviser to Nutrition Promotion and Consultancy Services, an organization that is an offshoot of the Nutrition Programme.

UUMC has helped support the Zimmermans' work for many years.

Here's a chance to help refugees start a new life

Did you know that University Church has sponsored 14 refugee families in the past 25 years?

This fall we are planning to welcome a new family or individual.

Sponsorship includes setting up the household with furnishings, welcoming the family when they arrive and helping them to settle into their new home.

We will be forming a committee later this summer.

If you are interested in helping with this opportunity, contact Margo Kotten, 446-0649, or a member of the Outreach Committee.

New Traffic Flow

The church has received word that University Avenue will become a two-way street the week of July 4. Be careful!

Good suggestions came from picnic for families

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helping parents (and kids) get to know each other better, we also looked for ways to help University Church grow, especially by becoming more child-friendly and family-friendly. Several good suggestions came out of the conversation, and we look forward to implementing them this fall.

I'm excited by all these new directions. I hope you are, too! Summer may be a season of rest and relaxation ... but it's also a time of planting seeds and watching to see what grows.



From left, Cheryl Brown of UUMC, and Petie Halverson-Rein, Andy Zaplatynsky and Kayti Dean of DeWitt Community Church, are newly commissioned Stephen Ministers.

Stephen Ministry: honors and commissions

Barb Cargo, Margo Koten and Rosemary DeHoog have stepped down from full-time Stephen Ministry duties.

They were honored at the recent year-end ministry picnic and celebration for their combined 45 years of Stephen Ministry service to UUMC.

Newly commissioned Ste-

phen Ministers Cheryl Brown of UUMC and three members of DeWitt Community Church were celebrated.

Summer peer supervision dates: July 11, 3-4 p.m., DeWitt CC parlor; July 24, 7-8 p.m., UUMC Chappell Room; Aug. 8, 3-4 p.m., DCC parlor; Aug. 21, 6-7 p.m., UUMC Chappell Room.

Barrow an episcopal nominee

The Rev. Darryl Barrow, our Crossroads District superintendent, is a candidate for bishop at the Northeast Jurisdictional Conference July 18-20 in Charleston, W.Va.

Before becoming district superintendent, he had been director of spiritual leadership and the Resource Center in the North Central New York Annual Conference for nearly five years.

The Rev. Sung Ho Lee, Mohawk District superintendent, is another nominee. Three bishops will be elected.

Visitors Judge Quickly

Visitors make up their minds regarding a new church in the first 10 minutes of their visit, according to Rick Ezell on the Lewis Center for Church Leadership website.

He asks: Are parking attendants in place? Is there appropriate signage? Are ushers and greeters performing the "right" job? Is the environment user-friendly, accepting to guests?

Ezell says visitors are highly consumer-oriented and will go elsewhere if a church doesn't meet their needs.

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

Total amount pledged for 2012: \$203,760. Amount paid to date: \$81,194. Pre-paid pledges: \$14,500.

"Sounds of the Spirit"

Approximately \$40,000 is needed to upgrade our antiquated sound system.

Current "Sounds of the Spirit" campaign balance is \$27,198. Current expenses paid are \$6,215. Total donations received are \$33,393.

Checks should be made out to University UMC with a notation of "SOS." Thanks to all who have contributed.

Creation Stewardship

12-part study program to begin at July's end

As a follow-up to our spring activities, including the joint UUMC/Hendricks Chapel seminar with speaker Brian Webb from Blessed Earth, we are launching a monthly study group to explore issues of environmental stewardship, social justice and faith more deeply.

We will incorporate a 12-part study, with DVD, authored by the founder of Blessed Earth, Matthew Sleeth, and will discuss other pertinent readings. Don't worry, the readings will not be lengthy!

We will open this study to members of congregations in the NY Interfaith Power and Light network as well. Our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of July.

Watch email blasts and Sunday bulletins for further details, or contact Stephanie Hitztaler, shitztal@umich.edu.

—Stephanie Hitztaler

PEOPLE/PRAYER CONNECTION

THANKS

- From **Grandma Ann**: Thank you, Lord, for the joy of sharing memories with a breakfast guest this morning.

JOYS

- From **Ethel and Dick Phillips**: It was so good to be there and to worship with you Sunday before yesterday. We had a wonderful week in Syracuse and saw so many dear friends and colleagues.
- Congratulations! **Aimie and Kurt Best** have a daughter, **Madeline Grace**
- Thanks and celebration for Quincy finishing his Ph.D. Prayers of concern for all who rely on the mental health system for help, support and services, from **Joyce Flynn**

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

- That my daughter has a safe trip up here from Florida, from **Sharon**
- My friend **Debby**, who had cancer surgery yesterday
- Root of Jesse: Cultivate your servants to perform positive work in their homes, from **Elise**
- **Brian's** recovery from an appendectomy yesterday
- The Americans, who, with us, visited people in Russia and Ukraine
- **Ed and Sharon**, that everything turns out for the best,

- for both of them
- Legal advocacy for the disabled to find a new home for their office
- Families experiencing conflict and loss
- Beginning a study group on earth stewardship
- Happy birthday to **Sophie**. Happy Father's Day to **Ted**. Twenty-two years ago Sophie was born on Father's Day, from **Jeanne and Ted**
- Heavenly Father, guide men who are fathers to become prophets and priests to their children, from **Elise**
- **Susan Nicholson**, Ed Potter's niece, who is entering her last stage of earthly life
- Those in military service: **Nathan Miller, Jim Pettyjohn and Matt Fischer**
- Our 6-year-old friend, **Michael**, who had surgery for a brain tumor on Friday, **Johana MacDonald**
- **Donah**, who is suffering from pancreatic cancer, and for **Helen**, who is dealing with financial stress, from **Nelson**
- The beautiful sunshine, and time to reflect on where our energy comes from, from **Peter Swords**
- Dear God, my prayer is to keep me strong in the Lord. Keep following my heart to be myself and what I believe
- Jesus, remove my obstacles on my quest to get my educa-

tion, career and home, from **Elise**

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: CROSSROADS DISTRICT CHURCHES AND PASTORS:

- **July 1**: Crossroads District, Darryl Barrow, superintendent
- **July 8**: Jordan, Dana Horrell
- **July 15**: North Volney and Palermo UMC, Tammie Nipper
- **July 22**: Little Utica, Wade Jarrett; Skaneateles, Joellyn Tuttle
- **July 29**: Camillus Immanuel, Heather Williams
- **Aug. 5**: Manlius, Carol Keller

UPDATE

Dear Friends,

The church here in Medina (Ohio) just moved into our new building. Dedication is next Sunday (May 20). We are still in "getting settled" mode.

Someone miscalculated the parking space, but thank goodness we have enough land to expand that. Our older members appreciate that the building is handicap accessible. We did have a few tears when it appeared the bell choir's nine big tables wouldn't fit in the sanctuary, but we figured out a way — and gave the organist some privacy in the process.

I think of you often.

Love,
Ginny Knight

Get a Handle on Handbells

Interested in learning how to play the handbells or how to play them better? The Handbell Musicians of America is holding a two-day seminar Aug. 2 and 3 at

DeWitt Community Church. Classes start at 1 p.m. Aug. 2, and the event ends at 4 p.m. on Aug. 3. Cost is \$150 and includes dinner on the first day and lunch on the second. UUMC's membership

number is 133717, which is needed to register. To find out more, search on Google for Handbell Musicians of America Area 2. Click on "events" and scroll down to the correct dates.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given by Matt and Lynn Steenberg, Harry and Shirley Miller and Janet and Vito Sciscioli. Flowers were given to Brian Finlayson-Schueler, Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay, David Bacon, Don Steenberg, Steve Bacon and Barb and Tom Cook. Flower deliverers were Sophie Finlayson-Schueler, Johanna MacDonald, Marg McDivitt and Matt and Lynn Steenberg. Flower coordinators were Johanna MacDonald and Marg McDivitt.



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July birthdays

3rd – Kate Drew
4th – Kelsey Youmell, United States of America
6th – Matt Fischer, Dr. Mark Zimmerman, Linda Oertel, Ed Tillapaugh, Ping Hemphill-Wu
8th – Jon Boll, Esther Weah
9th – Sol Swords, Mercia Palmer
14th – Elizabeth Bradshaw, Esther Livingstone, Eli Weah
15th – Lee Potter, Margo Kotten
16th – Ellen Bacon, Dr. Timothy Damron
17th – Deirdre Zimmerman
18th – Elisa Sciscioli
21st – Harold Britton, Afton Kapuscinski
24th – Dorothy Logan
25th – Rebecca Youmell
26th – Corrie Fagut
28th – Jayne Humbert
29th – Jackie Simmons
30th – Helena Weah, Rev. Tom Wolfe
Early August birthdays: 2nd: Dr. Barbara Miller, Beth Drew, Ray Ashwood; 4th: Michael Borenstein, Valerie Young; 5th: Will Drew, Dan Hyland, Jonathan Holsler; 6th: Kathleen Stevenson, Gloria Morgan, Ingrid Coutts.

WEEK OF JULY 1

Sunday the 1st
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues Class
10:30 a.m. Worship – Communion
11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Narthex
Wednesday the 4th
Church office closed – Independence Day
Friday the 6th
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community (+Food Pantry)

WEEK OF JULY 8

Sunday the 8th
9 a.m. Community/Church Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Narthex
Wednesday the 11th
11:15 a.m. Staff meeting
Friday the 13th
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community (+Food Pantry)

WEEK OF JULY 15

Sunday the 15th
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Narthex
Wednesday the 18th
11:15 a.m. Staff meeting
Friday the 20th
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community (+Food Pantry)

WEEK OF JULY 22

Sunday the 22nd
9 a.m. Community/Church Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Narthex
Tuesday the 24th
6 p.m. Zimmermans' visit
7 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Wednesday the 25th
11:15 a.m. Staff meeting
Friday the 27th
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community (+Food Pantry)

WEEK OF JULY 29

Sunday the 29th
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Narthex
Wednesday the 1st
11:15 a.m. Staff meeting
Friday the 3rd
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community (+Food Pantry)

WEEK OF AUGUST 5

Sunday the 5th
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Narthex
Wednesday the 8th
11:15 a.m. Staff meeting
Friday the 10th
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community (+Food Pantry)

“Splash Kingdom,” performed by the children and youth of UUMC

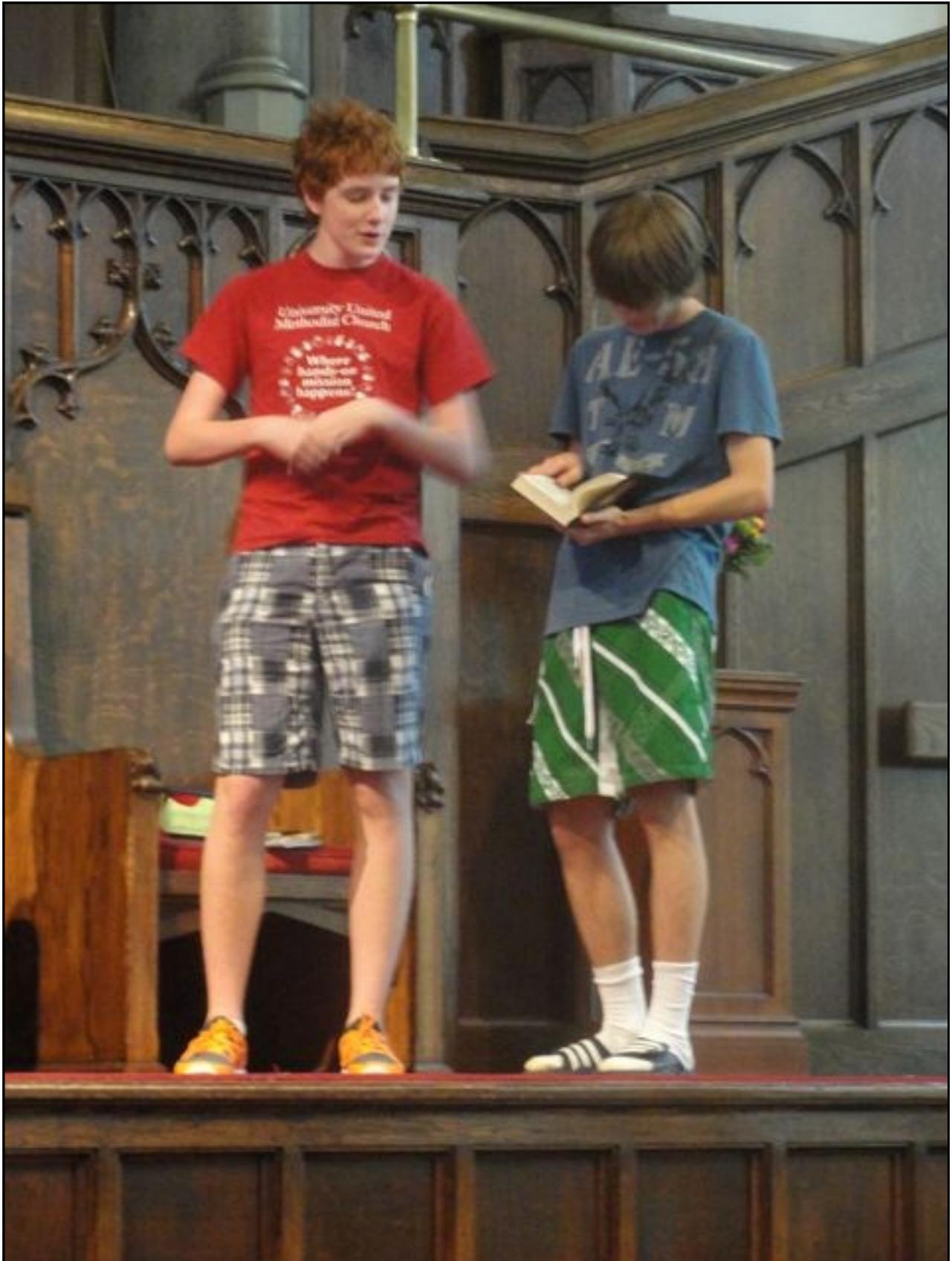
Directed by Mary Magowan, with help from Krystie Nilsson and technical support by Sophie Finlayson-Schueler













United Methodist Night at the Ballpark

24 UUMC members and friends enjoyed a steamy night at Alliance Bank Stadium June 21 and saw the Chiefs win 3-1. A tailgate potluck preceded the game.



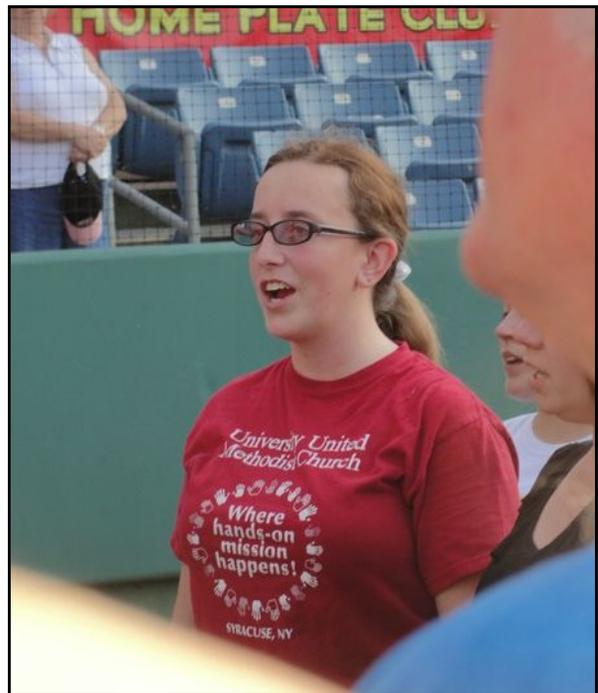




Preparing to sing the national anthem.



Singing the national anthem.













Our name in lights on the new scoreboard!



Final score of the three-hour game.



Evening Guild members enjoy their June luncheon at the church.



Photo submitted by Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay

Barb Cargo, Margo Koten and Rosemary DeHoog have stepped down from full-time Stephen Ministry. They were honored at the year-end picnic for their combined 45 years of service in that program.



University Avenue is scheduled to become a two-way street the week of July 4, if construction is finished. The new trees planted along each side are visible south of East Genesee Street.



Much of the Copper-Beech Commons next to UUMC has been painted. Work is progressing, including grading an area for parking.