

# THE CHIMES

Nov. 18, 2015

**Next Chimes  
deadline:  
December 9**

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**Christmas Eve pageant rehearsal: 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 19. Service with pageant, carols, candlelight, begins at 7 p.m. Dec. 24.**

Articles for *The Chimes* must be submitted by noon on the deadline day and can be sent to: [uumctb@twcny.rr.com](mailto:uumctb@twcny.rr.com) or put in Box No. 12 in the church office.

Alicia Wood, Pastor  
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## A lesson from Church for All People in true diversity and radical hospitality

By Sophie Finlayson-Schueler

Last month, I, and seven other Syracuse UMC pastors and laypeople, attended the "Embracing Diversity: Building Relationships, Deep & Wide" workshop in Columbus, Ohio, at the United Methodist Church for All People.

There we learned from bishops and Church for All People pastors, employees and volunteers about their experiences with diversity and relationship building and their personal journeys through Church for All People ministries.

Groups from five states representing at least three denominations attended the workshop to better understand how the church has been able to accomplish what so many urban churches aim to do: creating true change in their neighborhood and creating a community that not only

welcomes people as they are but values and puts to use their gifts and talents.

My three takeaways from the weekend were 1) the true meaning of diversity and radical hospitality 2) the importance of Asset Based Community Development and 3) that we can't do this alone.

**Diversity & Radical Hospitality:** It is often said that Sunday is the most segregated day of the week and that the majority of people in the U.S. worship with people who both share their race and socio-economic status.

At the Church for All People we witnessed two worship services that visually were the most diverse congregations both racially and economically that I had ever seen.

But not only were all of these groups of people in the same building  
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## Advent special: carols that were Christmas cards

Among the highlights of our ongoing Extended Advent season this year is the Senior Choir's presentation of "Selections from the Alfred Burt Carols" during worship Dec. 6.

Burt, a jazz musician, continued a tradition begun by his father, an Episcopal minister, of composing a carol to send as the family Christmas card each year. From 1941-1954, he composed 15 carols that were later published.

The carols have been performed and recorded by numerous artists

including Tennessee Ernie Ford, Fred Waring, Simon and Garfunkel and James Taylor.

A combination of sacred and secular texts, these carols are thought-provoking short pieces that deliver a powerful message.

Among other events:

- Thanksgiving bag stuffing, Nov. 22, and bag distribution, Nov. 24
- Lafayette Community Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1
- Handbell choir, Dec. 13, Advent Potluck Luncheon after worship

## From our pastor...

# We all have limited time on Earth; how will you spend it?



Alicia Wood

Greetings,

I have to share, first, that my heart was warmed as I saw so many people from UUMC volunteer and purchase meals at the James Street UMC Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. It was incredible to see the love and support you gave to a fellow church, especially as they grieve the closing of their church in June 2016. Thank you.

Next, our annual Church Conference was held Nov. for. I want to thank everyone for playing their part so that, we as a church, could turn in the information about our ministry here at UUMC.

Finally, I'd like to share a conversation I had with someone this week.

I had a man from out of town come to talk to me. He randomly selected to come to UUMC to talk with a pastor after receiving the news that he had stage four cancer. The doctor told him he had one year to live. He was very sad and yet quite positive as I spoke with him.

After he left, I took some time to reflect. Would I have looked at a one-year diagnosis as a gift or a death sentence?

And so, I ask you the same question: Would you look at a one-year diagnosis as a gift or a



death sentence?

If you knew you had one year to live, what would you do with that one year? Whom would you spend time with? How would you spend your time? Would you travel? Would you give all your money away, to whom or which ministries? AND how would you continue to serve God?

Of course, there would be times of sadness and anger. Of course it would be hard physically.

The way we choose to use

our time may become very focused when we know we have limited time on Earth.

The funny thing is, we all have limited time. A doctor has not given us a timeline, but we never know which day will be our last.

So, I ask you: Whom will you spend time with? How will you spend your time? Will you travel? Will you give all your money away, to whom or which ministries? AND how will you continue to serve God?

Advent has begun at UUMC. We are living in the waiting. We live in anticipation and hope that the light will come into our lives again.

As we live and hope and wait, we will share God's love as we live here on this Earth.

Peace be with you until we meet again,

— Pastor Alicia

Songs that speak to my heart today:

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TShIMkQnc&list=RD\\_9TShIMkQnc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TShIMkQnc&list=RD_9TShIMkQnc)

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### ALTAR FLOWERS were given:

By Dr. Cynthia Steinem, in memory of her parents, Dr. Joseph Steinem and Mrs. Judith Mitchell Steinem.

By Nancy Hough, in memory of her husband, W. Howard Hough, and her parents, Raymond and Margaret Laing.

By Dr. Edwin Yarwood and Joanne Zinsmeister-Yarwood, in honor of our many friends who are growing old as we are.

By Beth Drew, in honor and memory of friends and family

Flowers were given to Mary Wilson, Joanne and Ed Yarwood, Sue Bambacht, Ruth Houser, Nelson Price, Martha Sutter, Dorothy Logan and Carol Moyer.

Flowers were delivered by Marg McDivitt, Steve Bacon, Barbara Fought, Beth Drew and Lee and Ed Potter.

### Finance Corner

#### Pledging Update

2015 total pledges:	\$210,572
Paid to date:	\$159,973
Non-pledge contr.:	\$24,389

#### Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

Donations received	\$79,519
Expenses paid	\$75,901
Current balance	\$3,618

# A wish for fulfillment and contentedness on Thanksgiving



Every morning, I take a long walk. Preferably, in a place without a lot of interruption. I bring our wonderful dog, Jesse, with me always.

**Galyn Murphy-Stanley** Before Jesse, it was our dog Molly. Before her, Hannah.

I love watching each dog be thrilled by the space they are within — how the dogs run, roll, swim, attempt to catch a butterfly, splash after the ducks or sprint behind a dog friend, a deer or squirrel.

Jesse is completely fulfilled and satisfied with this daily experience. Additionally, I get to work out my morning kinks, sort out my daily schedule or muddle out events that need more thought. This week I've been picking at the idea of Thanksgiving.

With my husband's and kids' assistance, we host our large family for Thanksgiving dinner.

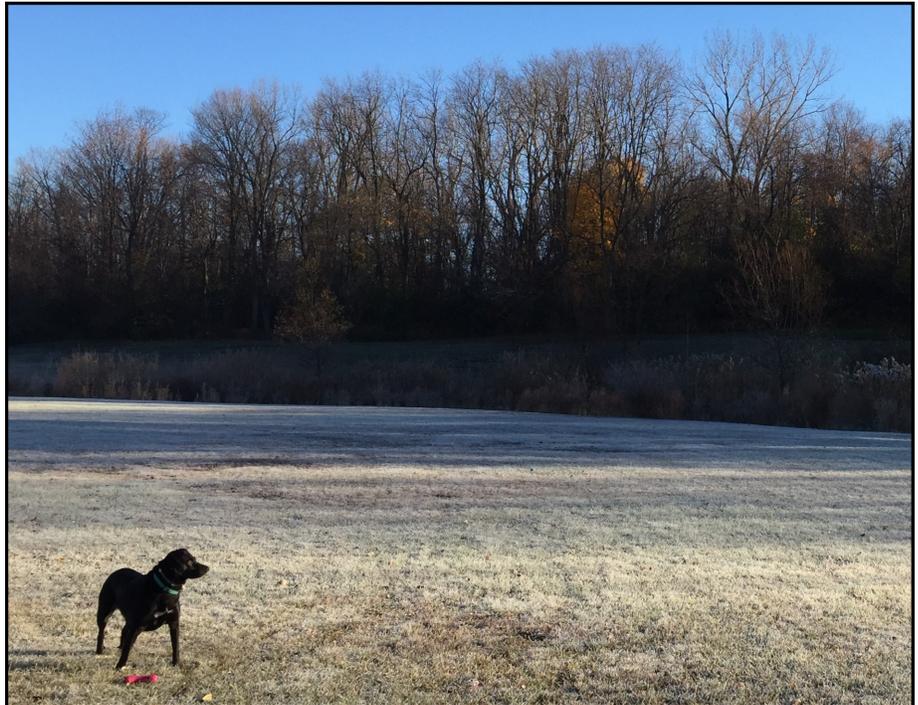
Additionally, my husband invites any medical residents or students who can't get home for the holiday. My kids invite any of their friends who like to hop house to house eating as much as they can.

There are many other family gatherings over this short vacation, allowing everyone to see traveling family as much as possible. We have a great time.

This year I've added UUMC's Thanksgiving bag project to my agenda.

Assisting Joyce Flynn in this amazing effort, I realize the extraordinary community need, dependence and unfairness many of our Friday Community guests feel at the holidays.

Our pantry, having become very popular, has now an anxious energy around the food, clothing and extras that we have.



**Galyn snapped this photo of Jesse on one of their morning walks.**

A guest registering for a Thanksgiving bag reminds me of Charlie Bucket finding the golden ticket in Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

I half expect to see our guests break into song as Margo Kotten hands them their Thanksgiving bag ticket.

Lately, my family dinner conversations revolve around Thanksgiving being a bogus holiday. My kids, the righteous teenagers that they are, feel that the only things the Pilgrims shared with the Native Americans is battle, sickness and offspring.

Notable industrious, rebellious, communal efforts made by the Pilgrims of 1620 lack luster to most teenagers I meet these days.

In his Sunday, Nov. 6, column in The Post-Standard, "No free handouts; you must have a stake in your life's outcome," Stephen Kimatian writes about how Pilgrims struggled to find the best form of government in their new home.

He defines the "Pilgrim Principle," Kimatian's theory of a success-

ful societal enterprise, as individuals who have a personal stake in the outcome of their lives.

Seemingly, this theory can be applied in any societal relationship, and he argues that in the rest of his column.

Kimatian feels that the first Thanksgiving was a celebration of individual initiative and private enterprise, nothing about community, sharing good food or giving thanks.

Within all of this work, conversation, energy, anxiousness, theory, opposing ideas and plans, I most often hope that Thanksgiving could be about a moment (or several moments) together where we all could feel fulfilled, satisfied, thankful and happy.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and to whomever you choose to celebrate this day with.

I wish you several moments of fulfillment and contentedness.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley  
Outreach Coordinator

# Network of partnerships increases impact of church's mission

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at the same time, but each and every person held claim to the space and the programs and would welcome all visitors to "their" church.

This is often not the case in many churches that invite people into their outreach programs but fail to make them a part of the church community.

This truly diverse community is only possible through "Radical Hospitality," which is often talked about but not fully understood or implemented.

At Church for All People we learned that the term "Hospitality" comes from the phrase "Love of Stranger."

I think the word love in that phrase is the difference maker. It's not tolerance of, acceptance of, to fix or to help stranger but to love them.

This shifts the focus from being kind and polite while meeting material needs to forming relationships that become both an asset to the person and the church body.

**Asset Based Community Development:** At the Church for All People their outreach programs are not solely focused on what they can give or do for the community but also on discovering what the community can do for each other and the church body.

The two main musical groups we heard while at the Church for

All People were primarily made up of community members whose musical gifts or aspirations were discovered in one of the church's community events, like the monthly open coffee and mic nights or free music lessons offered at the church.

While the distribution of material needs is an important stop-gap in many of our urban communities, these programs often can unintentionally degrade feelings of personal worth and dignity.

Not solely focusing on what the community lacks but what the community has in abundance and allowing them to share those gifts with others allows community members to gain confidence and self-worth that can carry over and positively affect all aspects of their lives.

**We can't do this alone:** Maybe the most impressive aspect of Church for All People was their wide-reaching network of partners from national corporations to state and local governments to community churches and organizations.

Whether it was money, volunteers, programming or space in a building, these partners elevated the potential impact of Church for All People's mission to a new level.

Many of the large-scale programs, like their housing revitalization program, are primarily funded by state and local govern-

ments and were only able to be scaled to their current size because the Church for All People runs many of their programs out of their nonprofit organization, Community Development for All People.

This organization has access to funds and partners that may not be available to religious-based organizations.

One of the workshop attendees skeptical of this arrangement kept asking, "How do we then introduce Jesus to the community through this organization?"

It seemed clear to me that through creating affordable housing, providing positive afterschool programs and the numerous other programs that foster relationships and safe space in the community, the community members were meeting Jesus every step of the way.

To end, I'm going to share a quote from one of the many inspirational speakers we heard during the workshop. This quote exemplifies the aspiration of any church that is hoping to make a lasting difference in both individuals' lives and their community's future.

"People on the outside can't wait to get in to experience the radical hospitality and people on the inside can't wait to get out to share God's love."

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December birthdays	Dewey, Eric Nilsson	18 — Melanie Duru
3 — Karabo Ratala	8 — Eleanor Huard	19 — Barbara Cargo
4 — Chrysa Charno	12 — Alex Huard	20 — Rev. Craig French
5 — Vera Onninen	13 — Rev. Harold Garman	22 — Rachel Kgama
6 — Samora Thebe, Danny Magowan	15 — Dr. Bruce Simmons, Debra Virgo, Nathan Sumrall, Claudette Brown-Smythe	25 — Jesus, Peter Smith, Kevin Upcraft
7 — Diane Tarbell, Virginia	17 — Christopher Huard	28 — Dr. Edwin Yarwood

# People/Prayers

## DEATH

- Longtime member Sue Bam-bacht died Nov. 11 at the age of 83. A service will be held at a later date at UUMC.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED:

- For those in military service:  
**Jim Pettyjohn and Matt Fischer**

## Sunday, October 18

- **Diana:** To be able to make a difficult choice with love and not anger
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus, Bless my son to continue performing wisdom by your meek teachings!
- **Peter:** For my supervisor, **Cheryl**, and her daughter, who is facing ongoing medical concerns.
- For **Helena Schmidt**, 12-year-old friend of **Katie and Joyce Flynn**, whose family would appreciate healing prayers in her continued recovery from major surgery Sept. 18.
- Pray for all who are without a warm and safe place to stay. May God shelter them with his love and protection.
- For all facing medical issues.
- That peace be with all.
- I hope I and everyone have a right to live happily ever after.

## Sunday, October 25

- **Kathy:** Prayers for a world in need of peace and faith.
- **Lacey:** Praise be to God for sending me a job for the season and may God see fit to send me a permanent job.
- **Peter:** For **Franchesca Clemente** and her kids in the recent loss of her partner and their dad, **Marvin Johnson**.
- **Rachel:** Prayers for two Chinese graduate students who

died in a car crash three days ago.

- Pray for my daughter and mom to be in better health.

## Sunday, November 1

- **Jayne:** For **Nelson Price's** recovery from recent surgery.
- **Lacey:** Thank you God, for my job and great manager and all around me that is good
- **Starke:** Healing prayers for **Mary Olszewski** hospitalized at Crouse, a friend of **Starke** and **Barb Nunn**.
- Prayers of healing for **Dick Hunt**.
- Be with my family as they all do the ALS walk in Philadelphia in honor of **Phil's wife, Beth**.
- Prayers for my aunt undergoing chemotherapy.
- For **Cynthia Rowell**
- Prayers for all who are ill and in need of care
- For my son in college.
- For those who have passed on, that their gifts to this world may be remembered.
- Route 81 changes.

## Sunday, November 8

- **Elise:** I am now aware about poor decisions, Prophet Jesus! Lead me to a path to escape.
- **Kathy:** Being grateful for having a home and work.
- **Lacey:** A prosperous holiday season at work for all and to find a new job when the calendar season ends. For **Mathew**, let his mind be free of stress.
- **Peter:** For the coming generations, who need us to change the oppressive systems that still harm our young and old.
- Keep this holy time quiet and help us ever to remember our Lord.
- A prayer from all who need

God's blessing for physical illness and injury, and for mental health issues we all have.

- To all struggling with the daily life issues, anger, poverty and loneliness.
- I need to be lifted up in prayer for medical, psychological and financial blessings. Thank you for your prayers.
- For the sick and those who are healing – as well as their caregivers. For my cousin struggling with depression and going to therapy.

## THANKS AND PRAISE

### Sunday, October 18

- Thank God for my family and **Barbara's** anniversary.

### Sunday, November 1

- Prayers of thanks for **Helena Schmidt's** successful surgery.
- Thank you, God, for 18 years clean and sober.
- Blessings of the season to all present.

### Sunday, November 8

- O God, thank you for all you do for me, my family and people around.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Congratulations to **Josh DeHoog**, who has been accepted into Crouse School of Nursing. He will finish OCC in December and start there in January.
- **Rosemary DeHoog**, Master Tennis Professional, was honored during this year's U.S. Open with a paver on The Avenue of Aces at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing. The avenue honors supporters who help build lives through the integration of tennis, education and health.

## Stewardship Update

The UUMC spirit is alive and very well in 2016 pledges. You can still offer your commitment. Pledge cards can be turned in with the Sunday offering or mailed to the church. Or you can call Beth Drew at 492-9123 or Rachel Kgama at 475-7277 to make your pledge.

## Charge Conference Update

Steve Bacon and Charles Chappell III were elected to the UUMC Board of Trustees.



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### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22

#### Third Advent Sunday the 22nd

**9 a.m.** Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

**10 a.m.** Contemporary Issues

**10 a.m.** Sunday School, kindergarten-12th grade, Pettengill Center

**10 a.m.** Adult Bible Study, History Room Annex

**11 a.m.** Worship, Pastor Wood

**11:15 a.m.** Sunday School for adults with special needs

**12:15 p.m.** Fellowship, Gathering Rm

**12:15 p.m.** Thanksgiving bag stuffing, Pettengill Center

**12:35 p.m.** Soup and Sermon Chat, Chappell Rm

#### Monday the 23rd

**7 p.m.** Handbell Choir

#### Wednesday the 25th

**9:30 a.m.** Staff Meeting

#### Thursday the 26th—Thanksgiving

**Church office closed**

**Friday the 27th**

**Church office closed**

### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29

#### Fourth Advent Sunday the 29th

**10 a.m.** Contemporary Issues

**10 a.m.** Sunday School, kindergarten-12th grade, Pettengill Center

**10 a.m.** Adult Bible Study, History Room Annex

**11 a.m.** Worship, Pastor Wood

**11:15 a.m.** Sunday School for

adults with special needs

**12:15 p.m.** Fellowship, Gathering Rm

**12:30 p.m.** Soup and Sermon Chat, Chappell Rm

#### Tuesday the 1st

**7:30 p.m.** Lafayette Community Band concert

#### Wednesday the 2nd

**9 a.m.** Staff Meeting

#### Thursday the 3rd

**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir

#### Friday the 4th

**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 6

#### Fifth Advent Sunday the 6th

**10 a.m.** Contemporary Issues

**10 a.m.** Sunday School, kindergarten-12th grade, Pettengill Center

**10 a.m.** Adult Bible Study, History Room Annex

**11 a.m.** Worship, "Selections from the Alfred Burt Carols"; Communion

**11:15 a.m.** Sunday School for

adults with special needs  
**12:15 p.m.** Fellowship, Gathering Rm.

**12:30 p.m.** Soup and Sermon Chat, Chappell Rm

#### Monday the 7th

**7 p.m.** Handbell Choir

#### Wednesday the 9th

**9 a.m.** Staff Meeting

#### Thursday the 10th

**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir

### Friday the 11th

**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 13

#### Sixth Advent Sunday the 13th

**9 a.m.** Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

**10 a.m.** Contemporary Issues

**10 a.m.** Sunday School, kindergarten-12th grade, Pettengill Ctr

**10 a.m.** Adult Bible Study, History Room Annex

**11 a.m.** Worship, Pastor Wood; Handbell Choir

**11:15 a.m.** Sunday School for adults with special needs

**12:15 p.m.** Fellowship, Gathering Rm.

**12:15 p.m.** Advent Potluck Luncheon, with caroling, Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday the 16th

**9:30 a.m.** Staff Meeting

#### Thursday the 17th

**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir

#### Friday the 18th

**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community

#### Saturday the 19th

**9 a.m. - noon** Christmas Pageant rehearsal and costuming

### The Guild

The next Women's Guild meeting is 1:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at The Nottingham. Marcy Cole will present a program about life and activities at The Nottingham. Please call Rita Soufleris, 299-7702, if you can't attend.



**One of our two new building banners. The other is on the front of the church on East Genesee Street.**

# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

For SWUM

Nov. 13, 2015

11 photos

























**Barbara puts together the Peale Entrance window display for Extended Advent.**

# Second Sunday in Extended Advent, Nov. 8, 2015



**Winter outerwear donated for our Friday Community and Sunday Breakfast guests.**

All-Saints Day—First Sunday in  
Extended Advent, Nov. 1, 2015

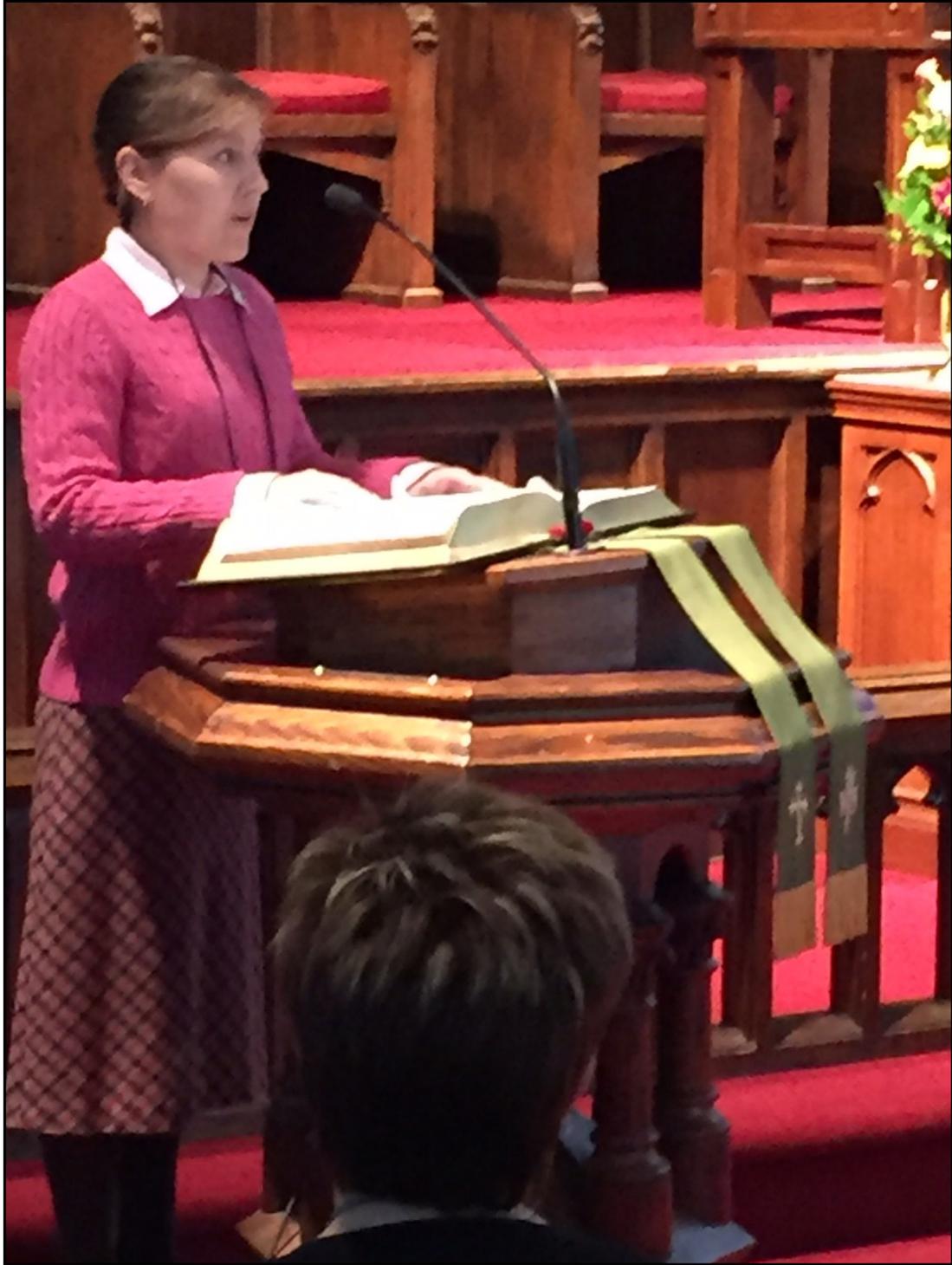
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**Those in attendance wrote on colored slips of paper the names of people who had died who were Influential during their lives and/or they wanted to pray for. They were placed on the Communion table.**

**Note: The candelabra were gifts from Rockefeller United Methodist Church upon the closing of the church.**



**Katie delivers her “This I Believe” presentation on service.**







# Community Garden Cleanup

Nov. 7, 2015 3 photos





**Green tomatoes harvested at the cleanup.**

