

THE CHIMES

Feb. 1, 2017

**Next Chimes
deadline:
February 15**

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**Save the date:
Sunday, Feb. 26, we'll
have a "town hall"
luncheon after
worship.**

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

Alicia Wood, Pastor
Tom Boll, Editor

SU senior begins tenure as intern in UUMC Outreach Program

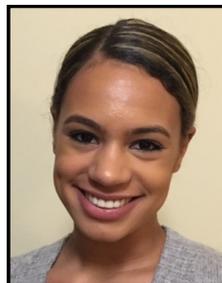
For years UUMC has talked about hosting a Syracuse University intern in one program or another.

Last month, that happened.

Anna Magnuson, an SU senior from Maynard, Mass., majoring in food studies and minoring in nutrition, began her internship here.

Anna will spend 85 hours during the semester under the direction of Outreach Coordinator Galyn Murphy-Stanley learning about and working in our Outreach Program, primarily on Fridays when our pantry is open.

You may also see her on an occasional Community Breakfast Sun-



**Anna
Magnuson**

day.

How did it happen? The seeds were planted last spring when two professors from SU's Falk College came with their students to learn about and work in the pantry.

Galyn told them about the history of food pantries and other sites for the "food insecure" of Syracuse.

The professors were pleased and submitted Galyn's name and UUMC to the Falk intern placement coordinator for Food Studies.

With support from Pastor Alicia Wood and Executive Administrator Rachel Kgama, UUMC became one See **INTERESTED**, Page 5

Sponsor a breakfast to help feed the hungry

The free Community Breakfast that we serve on Sunday mornings twice a month is serving more hungry people than ever.

We have been averaging over 100 persons each breakfast and hit a high of 162 one Sunday in November — that was loaves and fishes time!

For the past nine years, we have been financing this breakfast through sponsorships. Individuals volunteer to cover the \$250 cost of one breakfast, or individuals get together to sponsor



a breakfast together.

The sponsorships have allowed the breakfast to operate successfully without having any impact on the rest of the church budget.

If you would be willing to become a sponsor, this

is the time to do it.

Ted Finlayson-Schueler is the person who organizes them, and you can contact him to tell him you want to become a sponsor or to ask about sponsoring at 315-446-6333 or SchoolBusTed@safetyRules.net.

This month you'll have several chances to walk in prayer



Greetings!

You may or may not know that I am not a morning person.

Each week, very early on

Alicia Wood Wednesday morning, eight or nine of us gather at one of the six United Methodist churches in Syracuse.

You may ask, "Why are you leaving your house at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesdays when you are not a morning person?!"

My answer is *prayer*.

Wednesday morning has become a day of renewal through the act of praying together. I have made it through this time of frustration and uncertainty because of prayer. Prayer grounds me and gives acknowledgement and motivation.

Each week the pastors take turns hosting our prayer time. Each week our prayer time is different.

Last week at St. Paul's, Pastor Jee Hae gave us a slip of paper with a Bible verse from Jeremiah. Then we were asked to read the Scripture three times, pray for ourselves and then pray



for the people of the church.

We were asked to walk around the sanctuary and the building to pray for those who enter.

We were encouraged to touch objects within the church as we prayed. It was quite moving and Spirit-filled.

I even stood at the window and prayed for those yet to come.

On February 12, immediately after worship, we will take a prayer walk around the UUMC building. We will walk all through the church, including the sanctuary, pantry and rental space.

My prayer is that this becomes Spirit-filled for all of us. I hope that we pray for those yet to

come to our worship and pantry and our next renters.

The week of February 13-17 we will host a prayer walk each morning from 7 to 9 a.m. on the first floor.

Folks who come to pray will not only have a chance to pray but also get to walk a set measured "path."

I know prayer walks are not new to this congregation. So I hope you will join us on our prayer walks in February.

Prayer is essential to our peace of mind and our renewal. I have even found this at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays!

Peace,

— *Pastor Alicia*

February birthdays

- 2 – Bette Helwig
- 7 – Domanick Weah
- 8 – Tom Boll
- 9 – Starke Donnally
- 16 – Robert Morris Jr.
- 19 – Jan Garman
- 20 – Aidan Brackett
- 21 – Taylor Bacon
- 23 – Roseanne Samuel
- 25 – Elise Curry-Schemichen

Snack hosts needed

We are in search of eight people/families willing to host our snack after worship once every eight weeks. We have three volunteers so far. When we have eight to host, they will be asked to schedule a date only six times a year! Thanks in advance for your gift of hospitality. Please email uumc@twcny.rr.com to volunteer.

Care Team formed

As our congregation grows, UUMC has created a Care Team that works closely with Pastor Alicia to connect with our members who are unable to attend worship regularly. If you would like to join the Care Team or know of someone we need to connect with, please email pastoraliciawood@gmail.com.

Year begins with weekend full of action, fellowship



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

Although I could write and rant about our most current of current events, I prefer to write about something that has more power than even the most top of our elected officials.

Solidarity, grassroots efforts and unification.

Jan. 21 my family and I, about 25 UUMC members and roughly 2,000 others participated in the Syracuse Solidarity rally at James M. Hanley Federal Building downtown.

It was an amazing event full of lively conversation, music, friends, posters, flags and chants. We circled the building and even managed to execute “the wave.”

My daughter Brynn was interviewed by the local news, and my son, Devin, waved his flag from the top of a sculpture.

Together we looked forward, we made our selves and our voices present, we held hands and promised to protect our democracy, ourselves, our children and the environment.

That evening, social media, network news and NPR presented a collection of all of the marches, rallies and organized celebrations worldwide.

Around the world, we all looked the same, the chants were the same, the energy was the



Galyn’s daughter Brynn on Time Warner Cable News at the Syracuse Solidarity rally Jan. 21 at the James M. Hanley Federal Building.

same, the pink hats were the same, the work is the same.

Pastor Alicia’s “Reclaiming the Common Good” Jan. 20 workshop offered us tools of organization for our “worries” and for whom we are worried in this next administration.

We identified commonalities and actions that might be pursued by UUMC.

A possible resurgence of the UUMC social justice group will come up in future conversations and actions will hopefully follow.

Jan. 21 also brought our student intern from Syracuse University. Anna Magnuson will be joining us almost every Friday with some additional hours through the week.

She will be assisting in the Food Pantry and other areas where food insecurity issues are focused on by UUMC for our friends and neighbors.

Our Jan. 21 Game Day was attended by about 25. As we watched SU’s men’s basketball team take on Notre Dame we gobbled up Ted Finlayson-Schueler’s wonderful venison chili and enjoyed a respite after the morning’s rally.

Sunday morning brought about 126 folks to our community breakfast. As always, a popular event, but we are seeing many more children and young families. Fellowship Hall bubbles with their laughter and energy through breakfast.

So it was a weekend full of action, fellowship, celebration.

As we look forward to the rest of 2017 unsure about what policy changes will come our way from Washington, one thing is certain: Our commitment to our work each day will not waver.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley
Outreach Coordinator

Save the Date: ACTS Banquet

The annual fundraising banquet for the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse is April 25 at Drumlins Country Club. Tickets are \$65.

UUMC is a founding member of ACTS.

Game Day

The next one is 1 p.m. Feb. 11. Watch SU’s men’s basketball team play Pitt on the big screen in the Pettengill Center. A hot meal will be served.

People and Prayers

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

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

Sunday, January 15

- **Kellie and Lynn:** Prayers for **Cortney** as she heals from a car accident.
- **Dean Moyer:** **Lori Wyman's** sister was hit by a car jogging. **Lori's** brother **Brad** is recovering from a car accident.
- **Donna Ricci:** please pray for the **Williams family**; for little **Mark**, that God watch over him always
- **Jackie Sadowski:** Grandson **John**, who had major ankle surgery
- **Allen Lum:** God loves all the little children and all who are here.
- **Leigh Safford:** Planetary survival
- **Ann Owens:** **Thomas Owens'** continuing health issues.
- **Gail Tyndall:** **Donna Douglas** and **Annelise's** granddaughter **Kinsey**
- **Joyce Flynn:** For the family of **Joe O'Donnell** on his death; prayers for the continuing water wars and humanitarian crisis in Yemen
- **Jim Wiggins,** who is hospitalized
- For teachers and students beginning a new semester

Sunday, January 22

- **Donna Ricci:** Say a prayer for **Linda Green**; she is having problems with her eyes
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus, I plead

to you a new home.

- **Erika: Barb and Bob** in Florida; **Maria** and family
- **Kathy Cleary:** Prayers for **Bud and Samantha.** Bud is going into hospice care.
- **Gail Tyndall: Kinsey and Barbara Silverman**
- **Peter:** For our mutual support as allies for human rights and global security and defense of creation.
- **Jackie Sadowski: John Sadowski,** healing from ankle surgery
- **Michael Rodda: Anthony, Paulina and family; John Fike**
- **Alana Lindsay:** That my career goals pan out.
- **Allen Lum:** Getting to church worship because we do not want to be sad.
- A prayer for **Sarah M.** as she goes through life changes
- **Morgan and Stella:** Healing prayers for **Darlene Berdeen** as she recovers from surgery
- Prayers for our country and **President Donald Trump and his family.**
- **Shirley and Harry Miller:** Please pray for the family of **Tom Catskill**, who died this week.

Sunday, January 29

- **Gail Tyndall: Barbara Silverman, Sue Guyer and Amanda and her family**
- **Peter Swords:** Justice for refugees seeking asylum from oppressive governments and wars fueled by U.S. intervention.
- God give me strength in things my heart desires and

family! Thank you

- **Jeanne F-S:** Welcome home to **Stephanie Hitztaler & family.**
- **Jim:** I am blessed to be a part of the **Mukasa family.** They are truly an amazing family.
- **Joyce and Katie Flynn:** Prayers of concern for the support of all immigrants trying to come to the U.S. Prayers for all the representatives that they deal with erratic, extreme actions and policy
- Changes with conscientious compassion
- **Kathy Cleary:** Prayers for my parents as they decide how to care for my mom.
- **Stephanie Hitztaler, Oliver and Vera:** Praise and gratitude to be back in Syracuse and to be with our cherished church family. Prayers as we make this transition.
- **Rochelle Dail: Lois Lum and Tom Owens**
- Prayers for our country and **President Donald Trump** and his family.
- **Sherri Cullen: Dan Reed, Grace Antonio, Adelaine Ferrandi**
- **Kathy Dewey, Gloria Goodison**

JOYS, THANKS AND PRAISE

Sunday, January 22

- **Brad Bowers and the Choir:** Happy 80th birthday to **Judith Bowers**

Sunday, January 29

- I am grateful for my pastor and church. Thank you, Lord. Continue to live within my heart.

Interested in human rights

CONTINUED from Page 1 of the first Food Studies intern-eligible sites for Falk. UUMC is defined by Falk as a site for students interested in social and food justice, food accessibility and community empowerment.

And that's what attracted Anna to UUMC's internship. Anna said she started out as a nutrition major but found her interests lie more in governance and hunger.

"I'm very interested in social issues and policy," she said. "It was kind of perfect."

She said she took a course last semester called Human Right to Adequate Food and got a completely different perspective.

"I saw where my interests are for grad school, like working in human rights and policy," she said. "I wanted to see how everything worked and be able to get more involved in the Syracuse community at the same time."

She's not sure what kind of job she'd like to have as she has a lot of interests, including food accessibility, prison reform, civil rights and women's rights, but she noted that these are related.

On campus she's involved in the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club in which she mentors and acts as a role model to local middle and high school girls.

As for her family, she's an only child. Her parents are Karen Magnuson and Ann Little. Karen manages a home for disabled older residents, while Ann works as a corrections officer. She has three cats and two dogs at home.

Among hobbies, Anna likes to work out and travel, especially with her close friends from SU.

She studied abroad in London last fall.

An eight-year quest for two degrees

Sungsu Lee is a busy young man on an eight-year journey.

He's a student in the MD/Ph.D. program at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

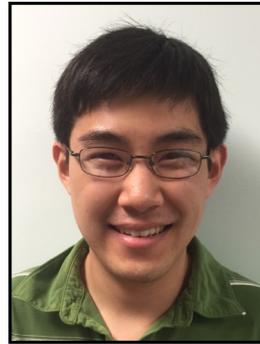
When he finishes this eight-year program, he'll have both degrees. It includes two years of medical school, followed by four years of graduate work and two more years of medical school.

Sungsu, who joined UUMC a year ago, is in his second year of graduate research, which is toward a doctorate in neuroscience. He recently passed his oral qualification exam and is currently working in an ophthalmology lab. Right now he's planning on focusing on psychiatry.

Sungsu grew up in a Methodist family in Port Jefferson on Long Island's north shore and graduated from Cornell University with a physics major. While at Cornell, he attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Ithaca.

His parents live in Fulton, Md., where they moved while he was in college. He has a sister who goes to Gordon College near Boston.

At UUMC, you'll see Sungsu at worship, and he's part of the Connections young adult group. His studies leave him little time for anything else.



Sungsu Lee

One activity he has to relieve the pressure of academia is going to weekly trivia nights, often at The Inn Complete on SU's South Campus.

"My team usually does pretty well," Sungsu said. "It's a trivia team made of medical students.

Whenever there's a disease question we always get it." Sungsu said he's also strong on questions about transportation systems and geography.

He also said the MD/Ph.D. students have board game nights. The type of students who get in his program are extremely competitive, he said.

"I guess the best way to put it is, it's not the most relaxing way to play board games because every single person in the group is thinking about strategies and everyone's working on an angle," Sungsu said. "It's a very interesting and lively group to play board games with."

They've moved on to a game called "Pandemic," in which they team up to fight a global disease.

He said, "We've gotten wise and moved to cooperative games because individual games tend to be a little too much for us to handle sometimes."

In addition to those pursuits, Sungsu also enjoys skiing and indoor rock climbing.

'Reclaiming the Common Good'

In response to a nationwide call by the General Board of Church and Society, about a dozen members met Jan. 20 at UUMC to discuss the "common

good," and what UUMC can do. Attendees were asked what groups they were most worried about.

The next meeting is 4 p.m. Feb. 12. All are welcome.

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2017 total pledges: \$192,352
Paid to date: \$15,219
Non-pledge contr.: \$1,200
Prepaid 2017 pledges: \$28,366

Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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

Worship Committee

The next Worship Committee meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Chappell Room.



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5

Sunday the 5th

9:45 a.m. "Half Truths" book study, Laubach Room

10 a.m. Sunday School, K-12, Pettengill Ctr.

10 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Rm
11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood. Communion.

11:15 a.m. Sunday School for adults with disabilities

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Room

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

Monday the 6th

7 p.m. Handbell Choir

Wednesday the 8th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 9th

6 p.m. Worship Committee

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday the 10th

10 a.m. Friday Community

12:30 p.m. "Half Truths" book study, Chappell Room

Saturday the 11th

1 p.m. Game Day: SU vs. Pittsburgh, Pettengill Cntr.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12

Sunday the 12th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. "Half Truths" book study, Laubach Room

10 a.m. Sunday School, K-12, Pettengill Ctr.

10 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Rm

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood

11:15 a.m. Sunday School for adults with disabilities

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Room

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

4 p.m. Election Reflection/Action

Tuesday the 14th

6 p.m. Governing Board

Wednesday the 15th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 16th

6 p.m. Staff-Parish Committee

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday the 17th

10 a.m. Friday Community

Saturday the 18th

8:45 a.m. Women's Retreat

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19

Sunday the 19th

10 a.m. Sunday School, K-12, Pettengill Ctr.

10 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Rm

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood

11:15 a.m. Sunday School for adults with disabilities

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Room

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

Monday the 20th

7 p.m. Handbell Choir

Tuesday the 21st

6 p.m. Food Pantry

Wednesday the 22nd

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 23rd

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday the 24th

10 a.m. Friday Community

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By Pastor Alicia Wood and Angela Palmieri in honor of the January birthdays of their mothers, Peg Leonard and Ann Owens.

By Charles Chappell III in memory of his father, Charles Chappell Jr.

By Margo and Don Koten in loving memory of

their parents, Dr. Irvin and Dora Koten and Rev. George and Margaret Schnabel.

Flowers were given to Ann Owens, John Indick, Jim and Betsy Wiggins, Jo-Ann May, Mary Wilson, Carol Boll and Ben Wiles Jr.

Flowers were delivered by Nelson Price, Don and Margo Koten, Jackie Sadowski and Ed and Lee Potter.

Syracuse Solidarity Rally

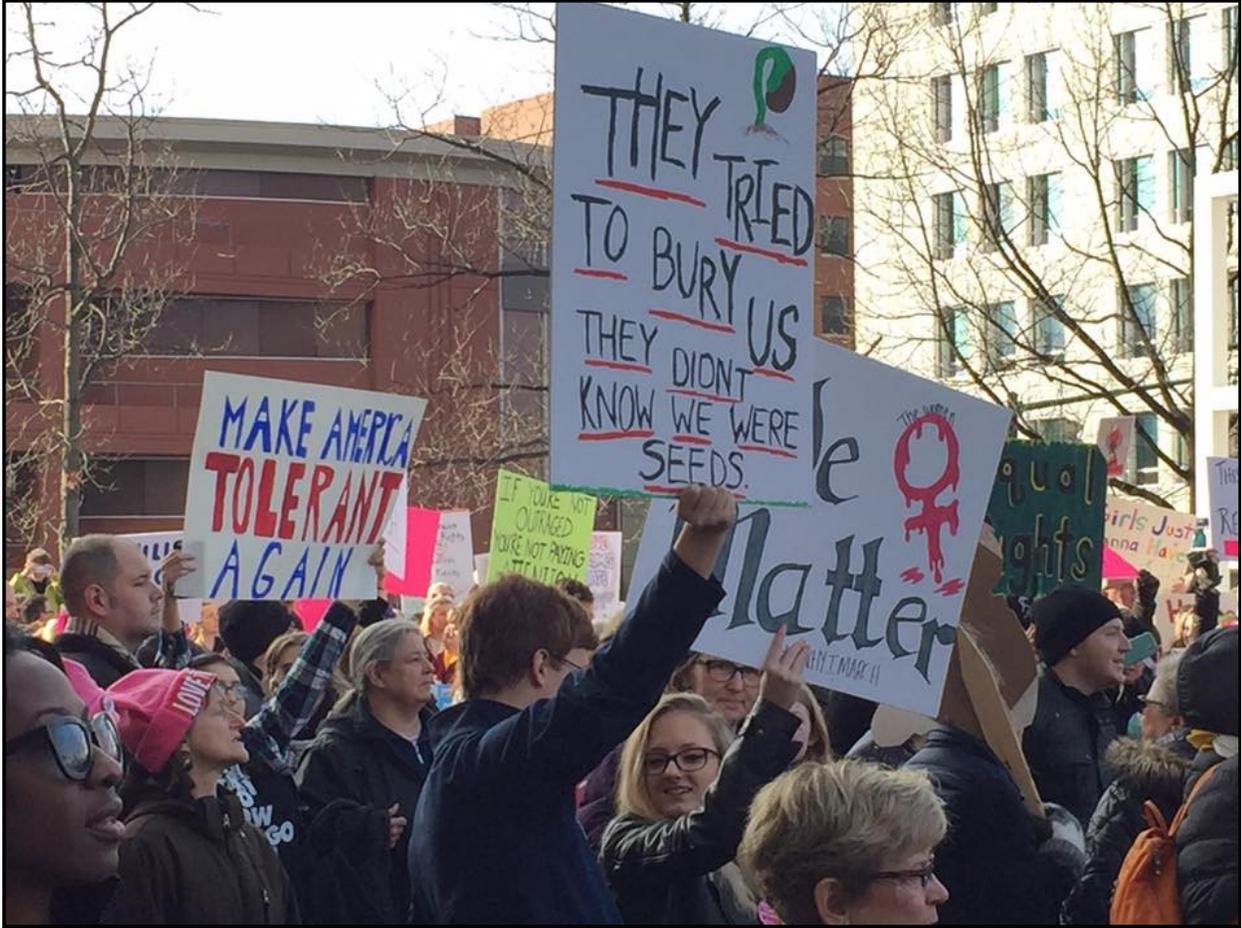
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Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017

Pastor Alicia and children share jokes



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Carrier Dome, Jan. 29, 2017

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'Half Truths' Book Study

Jan. 29, 2017

(1 of 3 groups reading the book)

