

# THE CHIMES

April 10, 2013

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*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.*

*Rev. Craig French, Pastor  
Tom Boll, Editor*

## Outreach Sustainability Task Force seeks ideas, input from community

In January under the leadership of Tiffany Steinwert, a group with representatives from the Outreach Committee, Staff/Parish Relations Committee and trustees and Rev. French determined that it was necessary to form a committee that, among other tasks, would begin drafting a long-term sustainability plan for outreach at UUMC.

The Outreach Sustainability Task Force began meeting in late February and has been charged to complete its work by June.

To date the committee has met three times. There are 16 members of the task force, all of whom are contributing to the development of the plan.

At the initial meeting the group

discussed what has been done in the area of outreach, what is being done and what is needed for the church community to sustain meaningful outreach.

Subsequent meetings have helped the group understand the demographics, statistics and future projections for the immediate neighborhood around University Church, Census Tract 34.

The group also participated in a group activity that helped illustrate organizational systems, specifically as it relates to new plans and structures.

The group was tentatively moving toward developing and presenting plans for outreach sustainability

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## Nancy Hough: A treasurer and a treasure

Nancy Laing Hough grew up in UUMC since her parents and grandparents were members.

One of the windows beside the Ascension window, which is covered up by our new organ pipes, was given in memory of Dean John Raymond French, who was acting chancellor and a math professor at Syracuse University. Dean French was Nancy's mother's great uncle.



Nancy Hough

Nancy was treasurer of the Margaret Cole Guild and the Susanna Wesley Guild for many years and has been treasurer of the United Methodist Women (Crossroads District) for 20 years and of the Altar Guild for 32 years.

She makes sure Davis Florist, who arranges the sanctuary flowers each Sunday, is paid. She also collects money for the Christmas and Easter See NANCY'S, Page 6

# On foot-washing and following Jesus



**Rev. French**  
With Easter “behind” us, the story of Jesus goes on. More than ever, it’s about following him and trusting in his way of life. My two “guest authors” nail it:

*“What are the two or three elements necessary for a group of people to be the church, and what makes church distinctive from other community enterprises of goodwill and service? My own answer (is) that for a group to be a church, it must take Jesus as its model.*

*Without Jesus as example and motivation, the group is something else, not a church. It may do valuable things for good reasons, such as making people happy or meeting important needs. But unless the group exists because it attributes some kind of authority to Jesus, and thus sees the need to do what he did and what he commanded, then the group is not a church.”* (Barbara Wendland, author of “Connections,” a monthly newsletter on progressive renewal of The United Methodist Church)

*“This past Thursday — known as Holy Thursday in the Christian tradition — Pope Francis’s day started out as it normally would. He said ... mass at 9:30 a.m. ... where his message urged priests to “go out” into the world and minister among the poor.*

*But then the Argentine pontiff did something decidedly unpopelike. Francis hopped in a black sedan, traveled to the outskirts of Rome, and visited the Casal del Marmo juvenile detention facility. And there, before saying the mass of the Lord’s supper, the new pope bent down before 12 prisoners — and washed their feet.*

*These were not just any feet; the young people at Casa del Marmo have walked some winding roads. Most prisoners are immigrants from North Africa or Roma who’ve lived a tough life. Ten boys were in the group, but two were girls, including a*

*young Muslim woman.*

*When one young man rolled up his jeans, he revealed an extensive set of tattoos, including one that looked like a pair of gambling dice. The pope washed it, nonetheless.*

*In a world filled with media stunts and made-for-Twitter PR moments, it’s easy to dismiss this event. But to do so would be to lose sight of how remarkable the pope’s Thursday visit was.*

*The leader of 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide and head of state of the Vatican knelt down before 12 juvenile offenders locked up for their crimes.*

*He held their unwashed toes and poured water on them from a silver chalice.*

*He patted them dry with a simple towel and then kissed them, black and white, male and female (a fact that’s upsetting many Vatican traditionalists, who think women should be forbidden from receiving such service from a pope).*

*Finally, Francis thanked the young people for allowing him to serve them, remarking, “I do it with my heart. I do this with my heart because it is my duty. As a priest and bishop, I must be at your service.”*

*I can’t think of a greater distinction in station and perspective than a 76-year-old pontiff with 1.2 billion people behind him and a*

*teenage Muslim girl locked up for petty crimes. Still, he washed her feet. Call me crazy, but if Francis can do this, I have to imagine that we Americans are capable of some radical acts as well.*

*Evangelical? This is going to seem nuts — but perhaps, with Francis in mind, you take a gay neighbor or co-worker out for coffee. Not in some grand gesture or anthropological experiment, just ... a cup of coffee. Maybe ask a few questions about their life, their dreams, their family. You don’t have to put aside your beliefs, and your religious liberty is not at stake over a cup of joe. And isn’t buying coffee for a gay guy easier than wash-*

*See ENGAGE, Page 4*



CBS News

**Pope Francis washes the feet of an inmate at a juvenile detention facility on Holy Thursday.**

# OUTREACH MINISTRY

**Rev. Smythe**

The Ministry Luncheon is gone. It was held March 21. The meal was enjoyable, the conversations were healthy and the

moments spent together will long be remembered. Thanks to those who prepared the items to make The Gathering Room look more attractive and those involved in the planning and purchasing of other items.

In comparison to previous years the attendance was greatly reduced. Several of those who did not attend had sudden family commitments.

We look forward to another such event in the future and hope more persons will participate.

## Two Volunteers

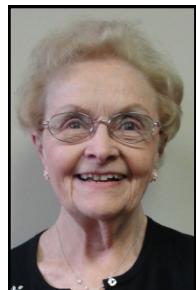
Two volunteers who need to be mentioned this month are Margo Koten and Ann Milner.

Margo is a long-standing member of the Outreach Committee as well as the pantry.

She works in the registration area.

Margo is committed and dedicated to the pantry. She often identifies clients who have pastoral needs and refers them to me. In addition, Margo identifies the clients by name and allows them to sign in.

When it is summer and she goes on vacation she usually

**Margo Koten**

finds different ways of operating pantry and introduces them to us. One such suggestion is identifying the items we need each month. Margo loves to see improvement for everyone.

Ann Milner is another of the persons who serves the pantry in various ways.

She is a church member and very interested in making sure the needs of the clients are cared for. Ann **Ann Milner** is there when the pantry opens and helps to set up the items for the registration table.

Ann now helps to put together articles that offer information about various programs in the city.

She is a ready person to represent the Friday Community at Food Bank and IFC meetings so long as there is transportation.

Ann is interested in the education of friends and is involved in the latest project that is developed by the Outreach initiative of the congregation.

## More Ministry Persons Needed

The Friday Community is seeking additional ministry persons.

The persons we are seeking are individuals who will serve either clothing or food in the summer.

Every year some persons go on leave, and we tend to operate with fewer people. It is for this reason we are presently seeking replacements.



In addition to those who desire to serve food and clothing, we need individuals who will commit themselves to help transport others to and from the Friday Community. Could you be such a person? I look forward to hearing from you.

## Feinstein Challenge vs. Hunger

Last year we were involved in raising extra funds for the Friday Community in terms of cash and food. We did so as we worked with the Feinstein Foundation.

This year we will collect items and funds until April 30.

We will then inform the foundation how much we collected and from the \$1 million the foundation distributes we will receive a certain portion.

We are placing fliers in various places and hope each person will respond to the appeal.

Just a reminder that each food item given to this drive will be priced at \$1, and all food and funds received will remain in the church for usage in the Friday Community.

## Clothing Closet

There is need for more clothing in the closet. Our supplies are depleted, and there seems to be very few places to seek help. Can you help us? Call me if there is a supply and we will make arrangements to collect them.

As the summer months approach and we plan to visit various places, remember to look for ideas that will be helpful to the Friday Community.

— Rev. Joseph Smythe,  
Friday Community chaplain

## Be in church April 28 for a surprise!

Every Sunday is a special Sunday at UUMC, but April 28 will bring a special surprise that will be all the better if many people are present. So come to church on Sunday, April 28, at 10:30 to see what it is.

**Hint No. 1:** It is about peo-

ple you know and love.

**Hint No. 2:** It will demonstrate the community that we share in the church.

**Hint No. 3:** It may not be limited to this one day.

Please attend worship April 28 and share in the surprise.

## Engage those who are least like you

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*ing a prisoner's feet?*

*Gay? Perhaps, in the spirit of Francis, you reach out to the evangelical Christian you work with or battle with online. The one whose perspective on marriage just inflames you, whose theology seems absurd. Maybe buy him lunch the next time you're in the same city; keep it off the record. After lunch, you can believe all the same things you believed when you walked in. Call me crazy, but if a pope can kiss the tattoos on a prisoner's toes, can't an LGBT man or woman buy a sandwich for a conservative Christian?*

*Democrat? Drop by the office of the guy with the Romney bumper sticker, the one who prompts eye rolls every time you see him. See if he wants to grab a bite to eat one of these days and put it on the calendar. What's the worst that can happen? Surely it's safer than leaving the security of the Vatican and spending hours in a prison.*

*Republican? Find that lady on Twitter, the liberal blogger that drives you mad. The next time you're in the same city, buy her lunch. Turn off the smartphone and don't tweet a word of it. Just ... talk. And lis-*

*ten. Isn't that easier than the head of 1.2 billion Catholics washing a Muslim's feet?*

*These humble moments aren't likely to bring sudden change on the critical issues of the day; the clouds will not break open, a choir of angels won't start singing "Kumbaya," and Twitter will still trend with disputes, every single day.*

*In the same way, Pope Francis's foot washing is unlikely to bridge immediate divides or portend major changes in the Catholic Church. ...*

*But if Francis can do something else — if he can help create a culture of "foot washers," folks who aren't afraid to spend a few humble moments serving those who don't look, act or think like themselves — he will leave a legacy perhaps greater than any institutional change.*

*He'll help us remember who we are, our common dignity, and perhaps knit us a little more closely together. ... On this Easter weekend, sometimes you just have to find the person who is least like you — and wash their feet."*

(Joshua DuBois, former director of faith-based initiatives for the Obama White House; source: "The Daily Beast") — Craig

## ACTS banquet April 25

The annual banquet of the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse is April 25 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Liverpool, with a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Theme: "Launching a New Era of Responsibility." Onondaga Historical Association executive director Gregg Tripoli will speak on "Looking to the Past to See the Future: Social Justice in Central New York." Cost is \$50. UUMC and ACTS board member Jim Wiggins has reservation forms.

## Luncheon planned

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when it became apparent that there needed to be more information from people in the community.

All agreed that the need to build relationships and engage in conversation would be absolutely essential to a new plan.

Toward this end, mission intern Lyndsey Graves will be hosting a lunch after the Friday Community on April 12.

As spring weather approaches it is hoped that there can be some opportunities to meet neighbors.

The task force will meet again April 15 at 4 p.m. and will be introduced during the worship service April 28. Please feel free to direct questions to anyone in the group and share ideas or comments.

Some task force members are Deb Virgo, Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler, Ken Craig, Beth Drew, Bruce Borenstein, Gary Peck, Ernie Hemphill, Lyndsey Graves and Rev. Joseph Smythe.

— Beth Drew

### First-Quarter Report

It is hard to believe that one quarter of 2013 is already behind us!

UUMC ended the first quarter with a net of just over \$28,000 — yes, in the black. Total income from tenants and contributions exceeded \$164,000 on a budget of \$134,000 for the quarter, and expenses were \$136,100 on a budget of \$130,000.

Pledge income exceeded \$92,600 with \$58,300 in pledges already paid in full — thank you!!

A copy of the financial statement and balance sheet are available in the church office.

Questions? Feel free to contact Lynn Steenberg at 445-1937.

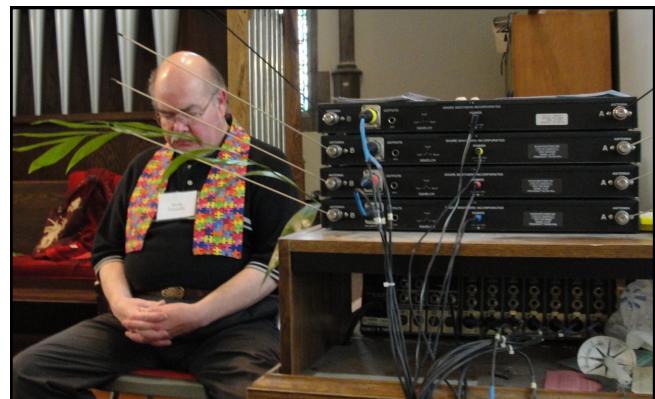
### New Numbers for Sounds of the Spirit

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Sounds of the Spirit — SOS — campaign! The current balance stands at just over \$35,000.

We recently requested a full proposal and secured an updated quote to finally initiate the process of replacing the antiquated sound system.

The new proposal promises clear, easily understood voice and music from all areas of the sanctuary, including the organ and piano lofts and the pulpit area.

Also personal listening devices (assistive listening systems) will be available for those who require them.



**Sound technician Starke Donnelly during prayer time on Palm Sunday.**

A sorely needed digital control system will be integrated into the design as will be connections for a built-in video projection system envisioned for the not too distant future — another fundraising opportunity.

Unfortunately, almost nothing we own now can be incorporated in this efficient design as the equipment has passed its useful lifespan, even including the wiring.

About \$20,000 additional will be needed to realize the sound project and we will need to continue the Sounds of the Spirit campaign effort a bit longer.

Please watch Chimes for regular updates. We plan to begin this project very soon, with your continued financial support.



**From left, Matt, Lyndsey and Liz have breakfast ready.**

### An outdoor breakfast served up by Connections

Saturday morning, March 2, members of the UUMC Connections Committee prepared breakfast for our Copper Beech Commons neighbors.

When no one came, they took their fare outside the Peale entrance and offered it to all, include SU basketball fans heading to the Carrier Dome for the Louisville game. Participants were Lyndsey Graves, Matt Gress, Liz Pruchnicki, Nate Medford, David Ross and Gary Peck.

# A Pot Luck/Film Evening in memory of Allan Drew

The Creation Stewardship Committee invites you to join us for a Potluck/Film Evening 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 21, honoring the memory of Allan Drew, former dedicated committee chair.

On the eve of Earth Day 2013 we will share our exploration over the past months of the environmental and social aspects of global climate change and show excerpts from the film, "The Hungry Tide."

This documentary reveals how climate disruption is affecting vulnerable communities worldwide. A brief discussion will follow.

Please bring a dish to pass and place settings. Beverages will be provided. We will meet in the Pettengill Center.

Questions? Please contact Creation Stewardship co-chairs, Stephanie Hitztaler shitztal@umich.edu or Peter Swords pswords@ocmsinc.org.

## Community Garden

The Community Garden,

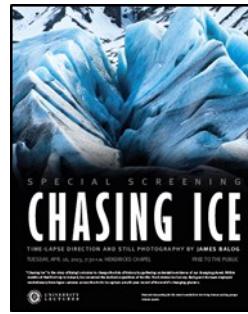
which we partner with Welch Terrace on and supplies food to their residents and our food pantry, is part of the Syracuse Grows network.

This year we will be able to use a rototiller on loan from that organization. We hope to get compost and manure April 20 in preparation for this spring's planting.

Looking ahead to next year, we may partner with SUNY-ESF students in redesigning the garden for maximum use.

## Chasing Ice

You have two opportunities to see the film "Chasing Ice," in which James Balog and his team deployed revolutionary time-lapse cameras across the Arctic to capture a multiyear record of the world's melting glaci-



ers. Balog will show the film at 7:30 April 16 at Hendricks Chapel. Admission is free, and reduced-rate parking is available at the Irving Avenue parking garage.

It also will be shown on Earth Day, April 22, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 2384 James St. Immediately after the film a Climate Impacts and Actions in CNY panel presentation will explore the documentary's environmental implications from a local perspective.

The panel will include Dave Eichorn, syracuse.com meteorologist; Chris Carrick, energy program manager for the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board; and Yvonne Rothenberg, founder of the CNY chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby.

Ticket prices: (suggested donations) At the door: adults, \$10; seniors & students, \$5; children 12 and under, free. Advance sale tickets, adults only \$7. Free parking is available behind the theater.

## Nancy's a charter member of local Embroiderers' Guild of America

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Memorial funds.

Nancy was treasurer of the Syracuse University Women's Club, which created an endowment for the Tolley and Eggers Scholarship Fund for deserving students.

Her husband, Howard Hough, died on March 17, 2002. Howie, as he was known to his friends, was a beloved, dependable usher every Sunday, was chairman of the trustees for a few years, was a member of the Couples Club, and was interested

in all aspects of our church's functions.

Howie and Nancy were cherished friends of church members Katherine Huang and Stephen Chen, from China.

Stephen's father was the first Methodist bishop in China. He died in prison there because of his religious beliefs when the Communists took over the country.

Nancy has two daughters, Marcia and Sandra, who grew up in UUMC, making them the fourth generation of members of her

family.

She was a charter member of the Central New York chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America and was its treasurer for 29 years.

If you have any questions about the origins of our church just ask Nancy or Charlie Chappell Jr. They are walking, talking and thinking historians of UUMC.

Please check the glass case in The Gathering Room for more information on Nancy and her family.

— Barbara Cargo



**Members of the UUMC Refugee Task Force welcome our family of six at Hancock International Airport last month. They are from Somalia but had been living in South Africa.**

## Somali family of six has arrived!

The Refugee Task Force wants to thank all who gave support in welcoming the Hassan Family at the airport, supplying household furnishings, preparing their apartment and giving financial support.

As the Hassans settle into their new home at 103 Mary St. on the North Side, they will need assistance with shopping, keeping appointments and getting to know Central New York.

Family members are: Father, Ibrahim, 52; mother, Isnino, 38; daughter, Idil, 16; daughter, Shukri, 9; son, Yasin, 9; and daughter, Samsam, 7.

UUMC — you are a wonderful caring community!

— Margo Koten

### Second 'Journey' by WTB

Women Transcending Boundaries will hold "Journey to the Tent of Abraham: The Second Step" on April 28. It's a 1.7-mile walk that starts at UUMC at 1 p.m. and visits eight religious institutions where walkers will be invited inside to learn more about their faith traditions. Some of the other stops: Grace Episcopal, Temple Concord, Islamic Society of CNY, Hendricks Chapel.

### Key Leaders, Ministry Teams

This past Sunday during worship the congregation heard from members of the Governing Board who spoke about that body's role in the church and invited people to share their thoughts.

Other groups will do likewise over the next six Sundays to help us understand their functions and welcome ideas.

## May birthdays

- 2 – Melissa Pedro,  
Jaxon Steenberg
- 3 – Dick Hunt
- 4 – David Bacon, Ethel Phillips,  
Marg McDivitt
- 6 – Bethany Boll
- 17 – Caroline Brackett
- 19 – Ted Thuma
- 25 – Allison Virgo,  
Benjamin Virgo, Kirstin Coutts
- 26 – Eileen Schell
- 29 – Joyce Flynn
- 30 – Marsha Plucinik,  
Bunny Hannum
- 31 – Sara Bergan

Please email Tom Boll at [uumctb@twcny.rr.com](mailto:uumctb@twcny.rr.com) if dates are incorrect or if your birthday was missing.

### Tip on caring for those begonias from Easter

Members of the congregation received beautiful begonia plants on Easter Sunday in memory of Lynn Steenberg's grandparents, Mary Clark Taylor and Kenneth Taylor.

Here are some of her begonia secrets to help them thrive:

- Remove the foil wrap and place plant on a plate with some direct sunlight (morning sun is best).
- Water plant only when the soil feels dry.
- Periodically feed the plant with liquid fertilizer.
- Plant outside after any danger of frost.

### Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be 1:30 p.m. April 24 at the home of Marg McDivitt. Topic: favorite book. Please call if unable to come.

# Fast discovery: God loves us, even in our weakness



Lyndsey Graves

The Sunday before Lent, I preached about fasting and how joyful and freeing this gift of a discipline is. Then I started actually fasting and it's awful.

I didn't decide to do this, really. I just read about the idea about six months ago and I knew that I needed to do it for Lent. Rice, beans, vegetables and fruit. That's it.

I came up with all these reasons after the fact – solidarity with the world's poorest people; being environmentally friendly; eating healthy.

For the first two weeks I was moving and the whole thing was really impractical. So it's only been a month. And I keep traveling, making mostly-veganism the closest thing I could get to the strictest sense of my chosen discipline. And I took a whole day off when I went to Buffalo for no good reason, except that Buffalo wings are my favorite food. I ate seventeen.

I haven't even "done" that well, and it still has been this monumental effort that I've only kept up with out of guilt over the Earth and a general belief that spiritual disciplines shouldn't always make sense or feel good. Not that it hasn't made some sense. There are benefits; I've tried creative new healthy recipes, and without other sugar in my diet, fruit tastes amazing.

I will never preach again.

The Sunday before Lent, I preached about fasting and how joyful and freeing

this gift of a discipline is. Then I started actually fasting and it's awful.

But the costs, ugh. I know this is whiny; let's just call it a "confession." It just feels so difficult. I love to cook. I love to bake even more. And I love to eat even more than that.

In my life, every victory and disappointment is met with a treat. I try to rein this in, treats in moderation, but I can't quite believe this is a wholly bad way to use food.

Beyond this, I just believe in food, even apart from its celebratory and consolatory powers. It's such a spectacular, creative gift. And it has a mystical ability to bring people together; unless someone (meeeeee) is getting left out.

So even though there are lots of yummy ways to eat rice and beans and vegetables, these past weeks have been greatly frustrating to me.

Of course, the hardest thing about sticking to it has been defeating my own excuses, all of which are totally irrelevant. *My life is already stressful. I'm making important decisions right now. All of Syracuse is fasting from sunlight.*

In other words – life is too difficult to deprive myself of whatever foods I want.

Isn't that the point though; isn't that the point? I thought I wasn't dependent on food to get me through rough days, but I am. I cannot say with Saint Paul, *I know the secret of being content*, because however much I want him to be, Christ is not always my strength.

And that is all the gift there is. Just me, knowing my weakness. I'm simply not perfect. This winter,

in so many ways, I've learned anew how weak I am, and in the past couple of weeks, how deeply God loves me regardless.

I needed Lent to end. The last few days I started to feel the shadow side of all this creeping in: a little too much pleasure in deprivation, a road I've gone further down before. And then, even if I did someday perfect the art of subsisting on rice and beans, I am certain there would be that absurd ascetic pride that's kept far too many Christians from enjoying the good world God gave them. There is a time for letting go of certain foods; there is also a time to let go of dieting.

Likewise, there is a time for getting stronger and a time to just acknowledge weakness. I know this year that Holy Week is not a time to be strong. Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, became weak to bear my weakness.

All I know is to rest there, beneath the cross, and let the mystery tangle around us because here is the eye of the storm: *that you, O Lord, are strong, and you, O Lord, are loving.* (*Psalm 62*)

I need Easter deep in my bones this year, because I miss the spring, because I miss home, because I wonder this year more than usual whether victory is really possible.

But I also need him to rise just so I can lay into a cinnamon roll with a new and profound awakening to the world in its icing-containing glory. We are redeemed, and we're allowed to be weak, thanks be to God.

— Lyndsey

*Lyndsey is our mission intern.  
She will be with us through July.*

# PEOPLE/PRAYER CONNECTION

## THANKS

- From the **Flynn Family**: Thanks for the love and support of our family, friends and church family.
- From **Peter Swords**: Thanks for the hope that “another world is possible”; that healing, growth and new life in our relationships really happen!

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

- Those in military service: **Nathan Miller, Jim Pettyjohn, Alex Saxby and Matt Fischer**
- Granddaughter **Rachel**, who is facing kidney surgery, from **Nelson Price**
- The healing presence we share with each other, which no markets or powers or divisions or oppressions can interrupt or end, from **Peter Swords**
- That God may open the doors to opportunity toward a good career, from **Robby**
- Risen Lord, guide your servants to replenish our minds for a clear water to digest, from **Elise**
- South and North Korea as the struggles for war are forthcoming; all military personnel serving this country; may God guide you down the path you need to go, from **Russ**
- My cousin, 18-year-old **Kelly Jane**, who broke her hip in a horse-riding accident this week, from **Jo Ann Davis**
- My mother and father ,as my mother struggles with health issues, from **Carol Boll**
- My daughter, **Madelinn Fowler**, who is at Community Hospital. She is coming home

- Monday. Please pray for healing, from **Marlene Rizzo**
- The family of **Rev. Dowdell** from New Hope Baptist Church, who died, from **Robert James**
- Our leaders, who need to represent all of us in the budget decisions that mean so much to current and future generations of kids, from **Peter Swords**
- My sister, as she struggles with chronic pain, from **Russ**
- Prophet Jesus, guide your servants to activate your teachings in fortitude, from **Elise**
- The **Lysak family** and others grieving at the loss of a family member
- **Angel**, recovering after a bad car accident
- **Baby Bowen**
- People healing from divorce – may they find the serenity to move forward in life
- I am happy to have stopped being an alcoholic and drug user
- Everyone needing prayer and for those who don't believe they need prayer
- Healing and comfort for **Nneka**
- That Legal Advocacy for the Disabled finds a place for opening its office
- Risen Lord, help guide your servants to recruit prayer warriors, from **Elise**
- **James**, for peace in his heart and a safe return very soon to the love and warmth of his family
- God, please watch over our friends and foes, family we love even if they do not seem

- to know you yet
- **Tom Cook**, for improved health, from Barb and Kate
- Those in need of prayer and those who need it most, from **Dakota**
- Prophet Jesus, cast your Good News to sow on good soil more, from **Elise Curry-Schemichen**
- Gratitude for the joy of **Oliver** in our congregation, from **Jayne Humbert**
- To pass my ACT test, to get a summer job and scholarship. To pray for the poor and disabled, from **Merylyn**
- May God guide you on your path this week. Prayers for all UUMC members and staff, from **Russ**
- Best wishes to **Jo Davis** and **Peter Mortenson**. Today is their last Sunday with us. Our love goes with you as you move to your new home.
- For all in peace and love
- The family that came from Africa to a home we set for them in Syracuse
- For those grieving and those in pain
- The safety of our children
- The family of a friend who died in an accident yesterday at age 18
- Those who are healing
- Those who are seeking work
- Families in our community who are experiencing trauma and grief from violence

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CROSSROADS DISTRICT CHURCHES AND PASTORS:

- **May 5**: Cicero, Everett Bassett, Barbara Carns, Rebecca Laird

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# Altar flowers

Flowers were given by Dorothy Logan, Mary Klepper and Bob Laubach.

Flowers were given to Rosemary DeHoog, Stephanie Hitztaler and Jani Onninen, Tom Cook, Bobbie Hemphill, Dorothy Logan and Ken and Bobbie Craig.

Flower deliverers were Marg McDivitt, Barbara Cook and Lee and Ed Potter.

## People/Prayer

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- **May 12:** Caughdenoy; Clay Trinity, Brad Hunt
- **May 19:** Collamer, Caroline Simmons; Borodino, Peter Agnew
- **May 26:** Cornerstone, Terry Millbyer

### CARE AND SHARE MINISTRY

#### ASKS PRAYERS FOR:

- **May 5:** Jenny Hicks, Bunny Hannum, Mattie Hightower
- **May 12:** Ernest Hemphill, Bobbie Hemphill, Ping Hemphill-Wu, Douglas Hemphill
- **May 19:** Barbara Nunn, Eddie Nunn, Richard Hunt, Ted Holmes
- **May 26:** Stephanie Hitztaler, Oliver Hitztaler Onninen, Nancy Hough

#### Songs of Peace on April 21

Our Senior Choir, directed by Martha Sutter, will be presenting special music Sunday, April 21, with the theme "To Everything There Is a Season" featuring songs of peace. Among the works are John Rutter's "Distant Land" and "To Everything, There Is a Season" and Michael Trotta's "Peace Will Guard You."



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*Feed My People: Body, Mind, and Spirit*

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#### WEEK OF APRIL 14

- Sunday the 14th  
**9 a.m.** Community/Church Breakfast  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School, ages 5 and up  
**9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship; Sunday School, ages 3-4  
**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship - Gathering Room  
Tuesday the 16th  
**7 p.m.** Stephen Ministry  
Wednesday the 17th  
**11:15 a.m.** Staff meeting  
Thursday the 18th  
**5:45 p.m.** Staff-Parish Relations Committee  
**6 p.m.** Handbell Choir  
**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir  
Friday the 22nd  
**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community
- WEEK OF APRIL 21**
- Sunday the 21st  
**9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship; Sunday School, ages 3-4  
**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship - Gathering Room  
**5 p.m.** Creation Stewardship pot luck/film night  
Wednesday the 24th  
**11:15 a.m.** Staff meeting  
Thursday the 25th  
**6 p.m.** Handbell Choir  
**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir

#### Friday the 26th

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

#### WEEK OF APRIL 28

- Sunday the 28th  
**9 a.m.** Community/Church Breakfast  
**9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship; Sunday School, ages 3-4  
**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship - Gathering Room  
Wednesday the 1st  
**11:15 a.m.** Staff meeting  
Thursday the 2nd  
**6 p.m.** Handbell Choir  
**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir  
Friday the 3rd  
**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community
- WEEK OF MAY 5**
- Sunday the 5th  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School, ages 5 and up  
**9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship, Communion; Sunday School, ages 3-4  
**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship - Gathering Room  
Wednesday the 8th  
**11:15 a.m.** Staff meeting  
Thursday the 9th  
**6 p.m.** Handbell Choir  
**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir  
Friday the 10th  
**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community



**Easter in bloom at UUMC**



### Easter Blessing of the Children



**Sammy, with Uncle Jerome.**



**Audrey reads in one of our rocking chairs.**



**Margo arranges signs of spring in the narthex.**



**Sunday School class works on “flowers” for bulletin board in The Gathering Room.**



**Nelson Price and Barbara Fought welcomed UUMC young adults for Easter dinner.**

# Preparing the North Side Apartment for Our Somali Refugee Family

## March 27, 2013

### 12 Photos



























**Craig and Nelson at Rep. Dan Maffei's office on March 20 for the Loaves and Fishes day of action organized by Faith in Public Life. Clergy and faith activists across the nation called for a moral budget that doesn't harm struggling families and seniors and ends special tax breaks for the richest Americans and big corporations**



**Demolition at Kennedy Square down University Avenue.**