

# THE CHIMES

April 13, 2016

**Next Chimes  
deadline:  
May 4**

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**Confirmation will be held  
on May 15, which also is  
Pentecost.**

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  
Tom Boll, Editor

## From introspection of the Dark Wood we've entered an Eastertide season for growing

We have had a meaningful reflective season of Lent.

We have heard beautiful stories from many in the congregation. The Gift of the Dark Wood touched many lives.

What comes after reflection? Action!

This new season of Eastertide we will take all we learned about ourselves so that we can "dig deep" to embark on new things.

These new things may come up in you as an individual or may come

up collectively as a church.

Either way, the question will be asked, "What's growing in your garden?"

Our series from now until Pentecost will include thought-provoking themes such as: Growing Acknowledgement, Growing Closer to God, Growing Respect (for our Earth), Growing Community (guest speaker from ACTS), Growing Family (Mother's Day) and Growing in Faith (Confirmation Sunday/Pentecost).

See **IF SEEDS**, Page 2



Planting tools go with our new theme of: "What's growing in your garden?"

## Syracuse United Methodists gather to sing, celebrate work together

Sunday more than 100 of us from the Syracuse United Methodist Churches gathered at St. Paul's in the Valley to sing, pray and celebrate our work together.

We were greeted by the city clergy team and the Erwin First Praise Band for singing several hymns.

District Superintendent Rev. Nola Anderson shared a word. She noted an adage: "The world is full of dreamers and doers and we need dreamers who do!"

Although we are putting some of the past behind us, we were reminded to bear our history in mind as United Methodists of Syracuse who continue work to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Rev. Anderson also shared a word of apology on behalf of the conference for any pain caused during this time. She said the road moving forward is not easy, but God is there ahead of us.

See **MISSIONS**, Page 2

# Can we become a congregation filled with mentors and students?



Alicia Wood

Greetings!  
As I have been growing into the role as Confirmation Class teacher, I have come to value the role of the mentor. People who are ages 11-14 (come to think of it all ages) are usually contemplating “who they are.”

So as Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler and I introduce theological concepts as well as real-life ways to live out our faith, the students are wrestling with what they believe given what their confirmation class teachers, parents and pastors are saying.

But then a somewhat outside voice, their mentors, plays a valuable role.

Mentors have a unique role of having one-on-one conversations with students.

These conversations can be

filled with “teachable” moments. They give students a chance to hear another thought or another way to explain theological concepts and ways to live out our faith.

What a gift mentors are to students!

What if we had a church filled with mentors and students?

What if as we took part in “church” we were always teaching another?

What if as we took part in “church” we were always looking to be a student?

I’m using the word “church” when I really mean faith. Many times we live out our faith in church roles. We participate in worship, Bible Study and outreach.

What would it look like if each time we gathered we were teaching and learning?

I know it’s hard to imagine

someone else doing as good a job as we know we do.

Remember, our confirmation mentors have conversations to share what they know, but they are not expecting the students to believe exactly the same thing as they do.

When we mentor any job, we shouldn’t expect the student to do it exactly the same or believe exactly the same.

Mentors teach, students learn. Students form their own way to live out their faith.

Today I pray for a church filled with mentors and students so that we may always be drawing the circle wider and wider in faith. One in which we are not afraid to mentor another because there is always enough work to do when we are serving God’s people.

Peace,  
— Pastor Alicia

## If seeds grow, seedlings will be spread far and wide on Pentecost, like God’s love

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We are hoping spring warms up because we plan to plant vegetable seeds soon during the Blessing of the Children and give out the seedlings on Pentecost, May 15.

We are hoping our seedlings shared with the congregation will be shared with their friends and neighbors by either giving the seedling to another

person or by growing the vegetable and sharing the food.

We are here not to keep God’s love to ourselves but to share it with others. God’s love continues to move and grow on and on. How will you share God’s love through your God-given gifts? What’s growing in your garden and heart?

— Pastor Alicia

## Missions team notes enthusiasm for combined efforts; time to let go of something

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We also heard from the leadership chairperson, Mike Nevin, who offered congratulations on what we have accomplished and urged us to consider that our progress is taking the place of resistance to change.

Another highlight was hearing about the Missions team’s

excitement for combined efforts across the city UM churches’ outreach work.

As our time together was drawing to a close, Pastor Alicia led us in a time “To Let Go and Let God.”

Each of us wrote something we are willing to let go of on a small piece of special paper and

placed it in a bowl of water to watch it dissolve away.

We closed the worship service with Communion, more singing and, of course, a time for refreshments and fellowship!

— Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay,  
Co-Lay Leader

## Staff celebrates church's legion of volunteers at March luncheon



**Galyn  
Murphy-  
Stanley**

Last month UUMC staff celebrated its many volunteers.

We spent an enjoyable couple hours in conversation, indulging in a delicious lunch and meeting one another. We had a wonderful turnout of about 40 people.

As all of UUMC's volunteers were invited, our luncheon became a great opportunity for staff and volunteers to interact.

It's easy to forget as we work within our specific programs that we don't always have opportunities to meet everyone who moves in and out of UUMC staffing or

volunteering for a certain duty.

It was a pleasure to introduce Jack (one of UUMC's pantry volunteers) to Rachel, our executive administrator, and to listen to Angela Palmieri's (our "Little Library" steward) mother talk of her family and growing up in Jefferson County.

For those of you who could not attend, you were missed.

I hope you can join us at next year's luncheon, but until then I'd like to give you these words as our thank you.

*Because of you....*

*Someone will have enough to eat.  
Someone will have decent clothes to wear.  
Someone will find a community.*

*Someone will enroll to vote.  
Someone will get paid.  
Someone will find spirituality.  
Someone will know the words.  
Someone will share a book or a meal.  
Someone will hear a kind word.  
Someone will be able to get warm.  
Someone will learn a skill to succeed.  
Someone knows there's at least one person in this world who cares.*

*This world is a better place because you volunteered, and we greatly thank you for it.*

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley  
Outreach Coordinator

## Life's busy as full-time student and home health aide for new member Joviet Cooper



**Joviet Cooper**

Joviet Cooper, who became a member of UUMC recently, is the daughter of Eva Cooper Jah. She is 19 and came to the United States from Liberia on June 28.

Right now she's a student at Onondaga Community College enrolled in five courses. In the future, she hopes to become employed in the medical field, possibly as a nurse.

Joviet has an extremely busy life, as in addition to her classes during the week, she works Saturdays and Sundays as a home health aide.

"Sometimes I forget to eat," she said.

Among her favorite foods are those she ate in Africa: rice, soup, greens, turkey, chicken and chicken feet.

Joviet says she finds the worship service familiar to the ones she attended back home. She loves music and would love to join the choir but at this point in her life she doesn't have the time.

## An Easter thank you from the Altar Guild for sanctuary decorators, flower deliverers

Thank you from the Altar Guild to the volunteers who helped to decorate the sanctuary with Easter flowers and/or delivered flowers to homebound or other members of the congregation.

These included: Steve Bacon and Bette Helwig, Tom and Carol Boll, Jerry and Barbara Cargo, Starke Donnally, Joyce Flynn, Er-

nie and Bobbie Hemphill, Don and Margo Kotten, Jo-Ann May, Marg McDivitt, Dean Moyer, Barbara Nunn, Ed and Lee Potter and Rita Soufleris.

Those receiving flowers were: Rosemary Chappell, Thomas Christoff, Ruth Houser, Dick Hunt, Mary Klepper, Dot Logan, Howard and Frances Long, Lois McTarnaghan, Ann Milner, Carol

Moyer, Arlene Musilli, Eddie Nunn, Don Steenberg, Jim and Betsy Wiggins, Ben Wiles Jr., Mary Wilson, Gary Wood and Ed and Joanne Zinsmeister-Yarwood.

Each member of the church staff also received a flower in appreciation for service to the church.

— Bobbie Hemphill

# People/Prayers

## PRAYERS REQUESTED:

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

## Sunday, March 20

- **Chuck:** Pray for the SU basketball team
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus, I praise you for change in myself that I seek!
- **Kathy:** Continued prayers for **Samantha and Buddy**; for love, peace and for the tumor to shrink.
- **Peter:** For the love and joy that bring people together and cast out hate and fear!
- I pray that God consoles my friend **Juliee** for the loss of her son.
- For **Ann Price**, who is in need of healing.
- Pray for me to do well in school.
- Prayers for the family of **Dr. John Calvert**
- For my former NPR producer, **George Graham**, and his challenges caring for an aging mother
- For an end to heroin in our community

## Sunday, March 27

- **Ann:** Pray for our friend **Bernadette**, who died last week-end and is now in heaven.
- **Diana:** For those who are away from their families and for those who are ill or have suffered loss.
- **Dithole:** Prayers for my son, **Samora**, who got into an accident yesterday in Buffalo.
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus, I praise you for regeneration of a prophecy fulfilled!

- **John:** In remembrance of my cousin **J. Owen Ganirille** and his surviving family.
- **Lola:** Prayers that we will love the world and papa.
- **Peter:** For **Alicia and Tim**, foster parents of a 9-month-old baby in Ithaca, as they work to nurture her and stay connected with the birth parents.
- My cousin **John** and his family
- For my best friend and musical associate, **Andy Rudy**, and a serious eye problem of concern to him.
- For all the young adults to find strength in doing the right things; and prayers to our congregation.
- Prayers for all of God's people and our world.
- Our troops far from home. For the victims and families of the Brussels bombings.

## Sunday, April 3

- **Barb:** Healing prayers for a family member of **Ann Milner**.
- **Peter:** For concrete steps by the US, Russia, France, UK and all the nuclear nations to abolish nuclear weapons.
- For my son, who has relapsed from his heroin addiction.
- For the world to not forget the many Syrian refugees who are stuck in refugee camps with nowhere to go.
- Prayer for all those who grieve.

## Sunday, April 10

- **Ann:** My friend and family to get along.
- **Barb:** Healing prayers for **Ann Milner**.
- **Jim:** Prayers and healing power for **Will Smith's wife**. Will was a Proctor graduate.

- Prayers for **Lisa**, whose husband died this week.
- Prayers for **Carol and Tom Boll** and family, as Carol's mom, **Frances Long**, died last week at the age of 91.
- Prayers for **Kim, Collin and Zack**.
- Prayers for **Rose Kingsbury** and others beginning a ministry with Native Americans in Syracuse.
- For a friend having cancer treatment.
- Help with feelings of anger and rejection. To understand what it means to love oneself as God does.
- Pray for people all over the world to care for the earth and cease many practices harmful to the environment.
- For the LGBT Community facing new oppression.
- All first responders. All those dealing with medical and mental health issues.

## THANKS AND PRAISE

### Sunday, March 20

- Thanks for the gifts of this spiritual community.

### Sunday, March 27

- Bless us for another year!
- Thanksgiving and hope!

### Sunday, April 10

- Thank you, God, for healing for **Sam**, who is feeling better.
- I want to thank God for giving me a job.

## Guild meeting

The next meeting of the UUMC Guild will be 1:30 p.m. April 27 at Marjorie Carter's, 4001 E. Genesee St., Apt. 103. The speaker is Cindy Britz from Vera House. All are welcome. Members, call the hostess, 446-6764, if unable to attend.

## Donors needed for \$12,000 organ repairs

We need to make repairs to the organ that is now 50 years old.

Dennis Triggs has received an estimate regarding the necessary repairs and the amount is approximately \$12,000.

This grand instrument is a part of our music program that we wish to maintain at a high level. If you wish to contribute funds or make a pledge toward the repairs, please contact Rachel Kgama, 475-7277, and/or Vito Sciscioli about your gift. We can receive a significant discount if we make the repairs this calendar year.



### ACTS banquet nears

The 14th annual fundraising banquet for the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse is Tuesday, April 19, at Drumlins Country Club.

A social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the dinner and program at 7 p.m. The evening ends at 9 p.m. The keynote speaker is Yusuf Abdul-Qadir, director of the Central New York Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

Tickets are \$65, \$30 of which is tax deductible. Please make your check out to ACTS, and if you need documentation for the tax deductible part, ACTS

can provide that. Choose between main courses of chicken caprese and vegetable Wellington. Bring your check to the church office.

### Earth Day Cleanup

Help clean up the church's neighborhood for Earth Day.

We are meeting at 9 a.m. April 23 in our parking lot.

Please sign up and let us know your T-shirt size.

You will receive a free lunch voucher for the Varsity the day of the cleanup. Call the church office, 475-7277, to indicate your attendance and shirt size.

Buy plant or shrub for border around Community Garden

As our growing season approaches, Kathy Quinn, Community Garden partner, and I have been at work creating a new vision for the garden in Ormond Spencer Park.

Due to the amazing bounty Food Bank's grocery rescue program offers us, UUMC's Food Pantry has plenty of fresh food.

However, a place where congregation and community can worship, find peace and enjoy nature is a wonderful option.

In this, UUMC's role for the garden will be to provide for, plant and maintain a perennial bed that will create a perimeter around a traditional community vegetable/herb garden.

I ask you to support our efforts by buying a perennial plant or shrub for the garden.

At Sunday's worship please look for a flower pot containing paper cut flowers mentioning a flower/shrub and dollar amount for a plant that we would buy and plant on your behalf.

Please contact me with any question or if you have other ideas how to support us at (315) 475-7277.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley,  
Outreach Coordinator

## Care Team can activate Prayer Circle in time of need; meeting planned for Thursday

Did you know ...

UUMC has a dedicated group of people who will pray for you and your loved ones in times of need.

All you need to do is call the church office or contact a member of the UUMC Care Team to share who is in need of prayers.

The UUMC Prayer Circle is notified with an email or phone call by whoever the initial contact is made.

The Prayer Circle is committed to this ministry of enfolding you and/or those you love in their

prayers to God.

If you would like to know more about UUMC congregational care, please let us know.

We can add your name to the prayer circle and/or you are invited to participate in upcoming meetings as we reorganize the Care Team.

Our next meeting is at the church at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

Blessings from your UUMC Care Team,  
Barbara Nunn, Lee Potter, Janet Sciscioli,  
Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay and Pastor Alicia Wood

## Finance Corner

### Pledging Update

2016 total pledges: \$179,649  
Paid to date: \$37,307  
Non-pledge contr.: \$6,753

### Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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

## Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By Dorothy Logan in loving memory to celebrate the life of Rev. Wesley T. Logan Jr.

By Barbara and Jerry Cargo in loving memory of their parents and friends.

By Don and Margo Kotten in loving memory of their parents, Dr. Irvin and Dora Kotten and Rev. George and Margaret Schnabel.

Flowers were delivered or given to Cynthia Rowell, Don Kotten, Carol Boll and Eva Jah.

Flowers were delivered by Lee and Ed Potter.

## May birthdays

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

If birthdays are missing or wrong, please contact Tom Boll at [uumctb@twcny.rr.com](mailto:uumctb@twcny.rr.com)



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### WEEK OF APRIL 17

#### Sunday the 17th

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

#### Wednesday the 20th

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

#### Thursday the 21st

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

#### Friday the 22nd

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

### WEEK OF APRIL 24

#### Sunday the 24th

**9 a.m.** Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
**10 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
**10 a.m.** Sunday School, kindergarten -12th grade, Pettengill Center  
**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

#### Wednesday the 27th

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

#### Thursday the 28th

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

#### Friday the 29th

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

### WEEK OF MAY 1

#### Sunday the 1st

**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. 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

#### Wednesday the 4th

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

#### Thursday the 5th

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

#### Friday the 6th

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

### WEEK OF MAY 8

#### Sunday the 8th

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

**10 a.m.** Contemporary Issues

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

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

**11 a.m.** Worship

**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

#### Wednesday the 11th

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

#### Thursday the 12th

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

#### Friday the 13th

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

April 10 Syracuse UMC  
Service at St. Paul's  
(2 photos)





**District Superintendent Nola Anderson speaks at the service**

# April 10 Service (2 photos)



Spring planting tools fit with our new theme of "What's growing in your garden?"



# Confirmation Class Helps With Meal at Brown Memorial April 10 (3 photos)







Community Breakfast  
March 27 (Easter)  
(4 photos)









# March 27 Easter Service (3 photos)





**More than 200 people attended worship on Easter.**

