

THE CHIMES

June 1, 2016

**Next Chimes
deadline:
June 15**

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The July Fourth holiday is on a Monday this year.

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

Zimmermans headed here for visit on Sunday; pastor at Hispanic church to preach June 12

June brings a wide variety of worship experiences for us.

The month kicks off with a visit by Dr. Mark and Deirdre Zimmerman, both United Methodist missionaries in Nepal, and their two sons June 5.

Mark is assigned to work in Kathmandu, Nepal. He's been working in Nepal for 30 years, first as a hospital-based clinical doctor, later as medical director of Patan Hospital and now as director of the Nick Simons Institute, which works in Nepal to train and support skilled, compassionate rural health care workers.



Dr. Mark and Deirdre Zimmerman and sons will be with us in a few days.

United Methodist Church – in partnership with the Church Missionary Society of Ireland.

A nutritionist and dietitian by training, Deirdre was first assigned to work for United Mission to Nepal's Nutrition Programme, which addresses the problem of malnutrition in women and children through training

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Mark will speak during the worship service and at a potluck luncheon following. Deirdre and sons Zachary and Benjamin will also speak.

Deirdre is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the

Annual Conference begins Thursday

Annual Conference 2016 is June 2-4 at the Oncenter, Syracuse.

Pastor Alicia Wood and Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay will attend the three-day meeting as representatives of UUMC.

All are welcome to come as visitors to this annual event.

On Thursday, Bishop Mark Webb will be preaching at the opening worship at 1:30 p.m. An Africa 360 offering will be taken. There's a memorial service at 7:15 p.m.

Young people will lead Saturday's 8:15 a.m. See **HAMILTON**, Page 4

Methodist Night

United Methodist Night at the Ballpark is June 7. Bring a dish to pass for the **5 p.m. tailgate**, with hotdogs and coney provided by United Methodist Men.

Sing the national anthem at 6:15. Game is at 6:35. See Tom Boll for the \$7 tickets.

Why do you go to church? Where have you seen God lately?



Alicia Wood

Greetings!
Thank you for the prayers as I prepare to go before DCoM (District Committee on Ministry).

It's funny because almost every time I go before DCoM someone on the committee asks me to tell my "faith" story.

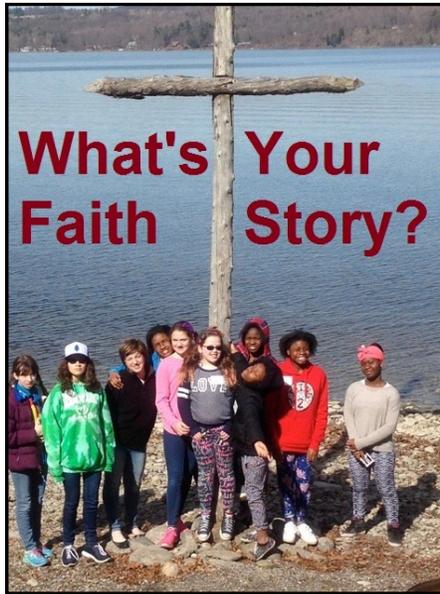
This can mean one of two things: The story in which I knew I was a follower of Jesus or my story in which I knew God had called me to ministry within the local church.

If someone asked you this question, how would you answer?

I've heard some say, "I've been a follower of Jesus since I was a child. I don't have a story."

We all have stories. It may be a story as simple as where you have seen God lately or again.

In the Hand to Plow process we were asked to read "Unbinding the Gospel." It's a very interesting book about the E-word – Evangelism! If you'd like to read it I'm happy to share a



copy with you.

Evangelism does not have to be a bullhorn on the street corner. It can be as simple as a kind word or conversation with someone OR sharing a meal with another.

The important piece is that we know "why" we are having a conversation or sharing a meal with another.

Why would we do this?

Some would say, "It's the nice thing to do."

Some would say, "I'm sharing

God's love with another."

Others might say, "Ten years ago I had an experience that changed my life. Ever since that moment I knew that God loved me, and it was my life's work to show others that God loves them."

So, I encourage you to be ready for the "why" question.

Why do you go to church on Sunday or attend a Bible Study? Why do you volunteer to make breakfast on Sunday mornings or help at the Friday Community or anything else you do?

I have found that when someone starts asking that question it's because they see something in you that they are curious about OR God has started tapping on their shoulder and they are ready for more in their life such as a relationship with God.

So, get ready to answer the question, "Why?"

What is your "faith" story? Why do you go to church? Where have you seen God lately?

Peace be with you until we meet again.

— Pastor Alicia

Pastor asks for prayers for her ministerial journey

Pastor Alicia continues her process to Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. June 23 she will be interviewed by the District Committee on Ministry.

This committee will decide if she is ready to move forward to the next step in the process, the Board of Ordained Ministry – BoOM.

If approved June 23, Pastor Alicia will spend the summer writing papers, creating a Bible Study on the book of Jonah, facilitating the Bible Study and video record-

ing her sermon to present to BoOM, in addition to performing her regular church activities.

After the board reviews her portfolio, Pastor Alicia will interview with BoOM for a full day in early spring 2017.

If approved, she will continue in the process as a Provisional Elder.

Pastor Alicia is requesting prayers for her meeting June 23, for her patience in the process and for the process to go smoothly.

Guild meeting

The next meeting of the UUMC Guild will be noon June 22 in the Pettengill Center.

The topic is "Good Books We Have Enjoyed."

Members should bring a dish to pass, with the recipe.

Guests are invited as always. Call Rita Soufleris if unable to attend at 299-7702.

Pride Service

UUMC is hosting the annual Pride Interfaith Worship Service at 7 p.m. June 14. A reception will follow.

Community Garden ready for planters; venison at food pantry?



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

UUMC is a partner in The Near East Side Community Garden located in Ormond Spencer Park on East Washington Street.

Our current and constant comrades are Welch Terrace apartment complex and Syracuse Grows.

This growing season we are working toward implementing an old plan that encourages neighborhood, community and congregation involvement.

Using a historical model of community gardening, we move to empower the folk of the Near East Side to use a public urban green space in a manner that provides food, respite, therapy, social opportunity, spirituality and labor toward a common goal.

The history of community gardening in the U.S. dates back to the early 18th century, when Moravians created a community garden as part of the community of Bethabara, near modern Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

First Nations peoples also gardened with a community approach, likely for generations before the arrival of waves of immigrants.

During World War I and World War II, shared "Victory Gardens" were planted on public and private lands.

Please connect with me for more information on the garden. Plots of land are available for personal planting and harvest as well as common places for respite, flower and herb gathering.

The Near East Side Commu-



A section of the Community Garden was prepared on Saturday for neighborhood residents to plant. The garden is at Ormond Spencer Park on East Washington Street.

nity Garden opened May 28. Everyone is welcome.

"Deerly" departed

A deer-culling operation in the village of Fayetteville in March was called a success.

Of the 89 deer killed by USDA sharpshooters, 72 were female.

That's an average of 14.8 deer killed on each of the six nights of culling.

A total of 2,632 pounds of venison were delivered to the Central New York Food Bank, which will distribute it to food pantries in 11 counties.

Many of you have expressed an interest in this project that gained a lot of publicity and promises to embellish the CNY Food Bank's meat inventory.

So far, I have not seen a venison offering available to pantries in my biweekly food orders that I place with Food Bank. I hope we will be able to get some soon to provide to our pantry guests. Recipes anyone?

Diaper Depository

On Thursday May 12, I learned that UUMC will be one of

several "social service agencies" chosen to receive CNY's Diaper Bank collections.

By Friday afternoon I was giving an interview to a reporter from The Post-Standard. The story was posted online Monday, May 16, and published in the paper on Tuesday, May 17.

What I didn't realize was that the CNYDiaper Bank is a

very new program and this campaign is its first.

Four moms have created the CNYDiaper Bank modeled after similar programs in larger cities. The newness of this program in CNY is alarming for several reasons.

It is widely known that Syracuse's poverty density is one of the nation's highest. We know that more than 50 percent of Syracuse's children are born and grow up poor.

We know that WIC, Food Stamps and other public funding programs do not allow buying diapers of any kind.

We know that crying, unhappy children create stress and feelings of self doubt in families and that a soiled diaper creates an unhealthy/uncomfortable situation for baby.

I became too familiar with the limited resources families have in obtaining diapers this winter as more folk began asking for them during their pantry visits.

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Navy veteran, former P-E teacher is a faithful pantry volunteer

Terry Kubat, one of our newer members, is a native of Auburn who attended Jordan-Elbridge High School.

After high school Terry served in the Navy for four years, handling ship maintenance. He was stationed in Norfolk, Va., and his service took him to the Mediterranean and Caribbean seas.

After the Navy, Terry attended Cayuga Community College where he studied journalism. From there, he attended the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma and graduated with certification as a

kindergarten through 12th grade physical education teacher.

He taught in Texas for one year and at Jordan-Elbridge High School for four. He also worked security jobs for a while after that.

Now retired, Terry lives in Syracuse and volunteers regularly with UUMC's Friday Community and Community Garden and at the VA Medical Center. He does so because he "likes to help other people," he said.

Terry's a rabid Syracuse University football and basketball fan.



Terry Kubat in our Food Pantry.

Pastor at Hispanic faith community to preach; youth to participate

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After a two-year break to care for their young sons, Deirdre returned to part-time work as adviser to Nutrition Promotion and Consultancy Services, an organization that's an offshoot of the previous Nutrition Programme.

Also June 5, the Senior Choir will be presenting special music throughout worship, which also will include Communion.

The following Sunday, June



Olga Gonzalez

12, Olga E. González, a pastor at Casa de Dios United Methodist Church, will preach. Casa de Dios is using space at Brown Memorial but is separate from that congregation.

Olga serves with Pastor Jose Rodriguez at Casa de Dios, an effort started nearly three years ago to reach the Hispanic population of the West Side and Syracuse area.

On June 19, the youth of UUMC will be playing a major role in the service.

Starting June 26, we'll embark on the 12-week series on the Phoenix Affirmations of progressive Christianity mentioned in the previous Chimes.

Hamilton to lead three study sessions on Friday

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worship. Webb also will preach at the 2 p.m. ordination and commissioning service that afternoon.

Plenary sessions, where the business of the conference is conducted, are scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday.

The Rev. Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the 20,000-member United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., will be the study leader at three sessions: 8:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., all on Friday.

The first session is on effective church leadership, the second is on ideas for preaching and worship and the third is on strategies for reaching the unchurched.

Help sponsor a breakfast!

If you sponsored one of our 24 Community Breakfasts last year and forgot to renew your sponsorship, please do so. If you haven't sponsored one in the past, please consider it.

The cost is \$250 for one of the breakfasts, which are held twice a month. It can be paid by one individual or can be split among members of a family or a group of friends. Make your check out to UUMC and put "Community Breakfast" on the memo line.

People/Prayers

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

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

Sunday, May 15

- **Peter:** For our youth in their excited curiosity & developing skills and respect their self-determination.
- For **Josh Goldberg** and family at the loss of his wife, **Gloria**, this week.
- Continued courage.
- For friends whose son is battling mental illness.

Sunday, May 22

- **Ann:** That **Jeff** finds a paying job and my family to get along with him and also for me.
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus, bless the hurting, whose confusing decisions be soothing consultations.
- **Pete:** For everyone to think about NY's renewable recovery policy. Would we rather use nuclear energy or solar, wind and hydropower for electricity?
- **Robert:** I wish a prayer for those in our community who have fewer resources than

most of us.

- **William:** I pray to be able to remain in the same apartment because I don't want to move.
- For **Ginny Dewey** and family on the death of her sister.
- For **Bryan Edwards** on the loss of his girlfriend, **Ashley**.
- Funeral of **Eric** at St. Lucy's Church on May 17. He was a L' Arche resident.
- Patience with healing and recovery.
- Pray for my mom and dad
- Pray for our organ to be repaired

Sunday, May 29

- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: Soothe my distraught mind and help focus to search for a new home!
- **Robert:** Please pray for my brother, **Charles Simmons**. He is in the hospital in Massena.
- Pray for the Zimmerman family, our missionaries in Nepal, as they visit the U.S. and us.
- Always need prayer
- For all the veterans who suf-

fer with PTSD and illness

THANKS AND PRAISE

Sunday, May 15

- **Anneke:** I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and phone calls during my recent recovery.
- **The Choir:** Thanks and farewell to **Armando**, who will be leaving the choir due to a job promotion.

Sunday, May 29

- Welcome home, **Roger MacDonald!**
- **Peter:** Thanks for President Obama's visit to Hiroshima and the opportunity to end nuclear domination

BIRTH

- **Andrew James Jennings**, grandson of former members **Roseanne and Jim Samuel**

DEATHS

- **Pat Pedro**, husband of **Julie** and father of **Melissa** and **Maria**, died May 28 at the age of 57 after a long battle with ALS.
- **Jennie Baner Evans**, sister of **Ginny Dewey**, died May 10 in Fredericksburg, Va.



Run Zhang, Sophie Finlayson-Schueler and S.J. Moon

Milestones for 3 young adults

Eight members of the young adult Connections group met April 30 for dinner at the home of Barbara Fought and Nelson Price to celebrate milestones for three of the regular members.

Run Zhang graduated from SU with a management degree but will return in the fall for graduate study.

Sophie Finlayson-Schueler has moved to Lima, Ohio, for a job as assistant planner for Allen County.

S.J. Moon graduated with a master's degree and soon returns to Korea.

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2016 total pledges: \$179,649
 Paid to date: \$53,907
 Non-pledge contr.: \$9,834

Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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

Organ Repair Fund Goal: \$12,000

Matching Gift received \$6,000
 Donations received \$9,025

Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:
 By Patti Gill, in honor of my mom's birthday.

By Janet and Vito Sciscioli, in honor of loved ones living with serious health concerns.

By George and Rita Soufleris: Blessings and gratitude for all the men and women in our armed services.

Flowers were given to Ginny Dewey, Rosemary DeHoog, Anneke Vasquez and the Weah family, in honor of their four daughters who joined through confirmation.

Diaper Bank aids pantry

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I shared all this with my interviewer in addition to the "tricks" parents use to maintain a diaper longer or to be able to go without.

I also expressed my relief and happiness that a program now exists that we at UUMC can benefit from for our guests, congregation and friends.

It's been a long time coming, and I'm glad the CNYDiaper Bank is here.

— *Galyn Murphy-Stanley*
Outreach Coordinator



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WEEK OF JUNE 5

Sunday the 5th

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues
10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Laubach Rm
11 a.m. Worship, Dr. Mark Zimmerman. Sermon: "Solid Ground." Special choir music, Communion.
12:15 p.m. Potluck luncheon with Dr. Mark and Deirdre Zimmerman and sons

Tuesday the 7th

5:30 p.m. United Methodist Night at the Ballpark, NBT Stadium

Wednesday the 8th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Friday the 10th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF JUNE 12

Sunday the 12th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Laubach Rm
10 a.m. Contemporary Issues
11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Olga Gon-

zalez.

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm

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

Tuesday the 14th

7 p.m. CNY Pride Interfaith Worship Service

Wednesday the 15th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Friday the 17th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF JUNE 19

Sunday the 19th

10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Laubach Rm
10 a.m. Contemporary Issues
11 a.m. Worship, UUMC Youth.
12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm.

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

Wednesday the 22nd

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Friday the 24th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

June birthdays

5 - Angela Tillapaugh
 7 - Audrey Benton, Jerome Weah Jr.
 11 - Caroline Tompkins
 15 - Rachel Boll
 16 - Rev. Edwin A. Potter
 Charles Chappell III
 17 - Sophie Finlayson-Schueler
 Leah (Threatte) Bojnowski

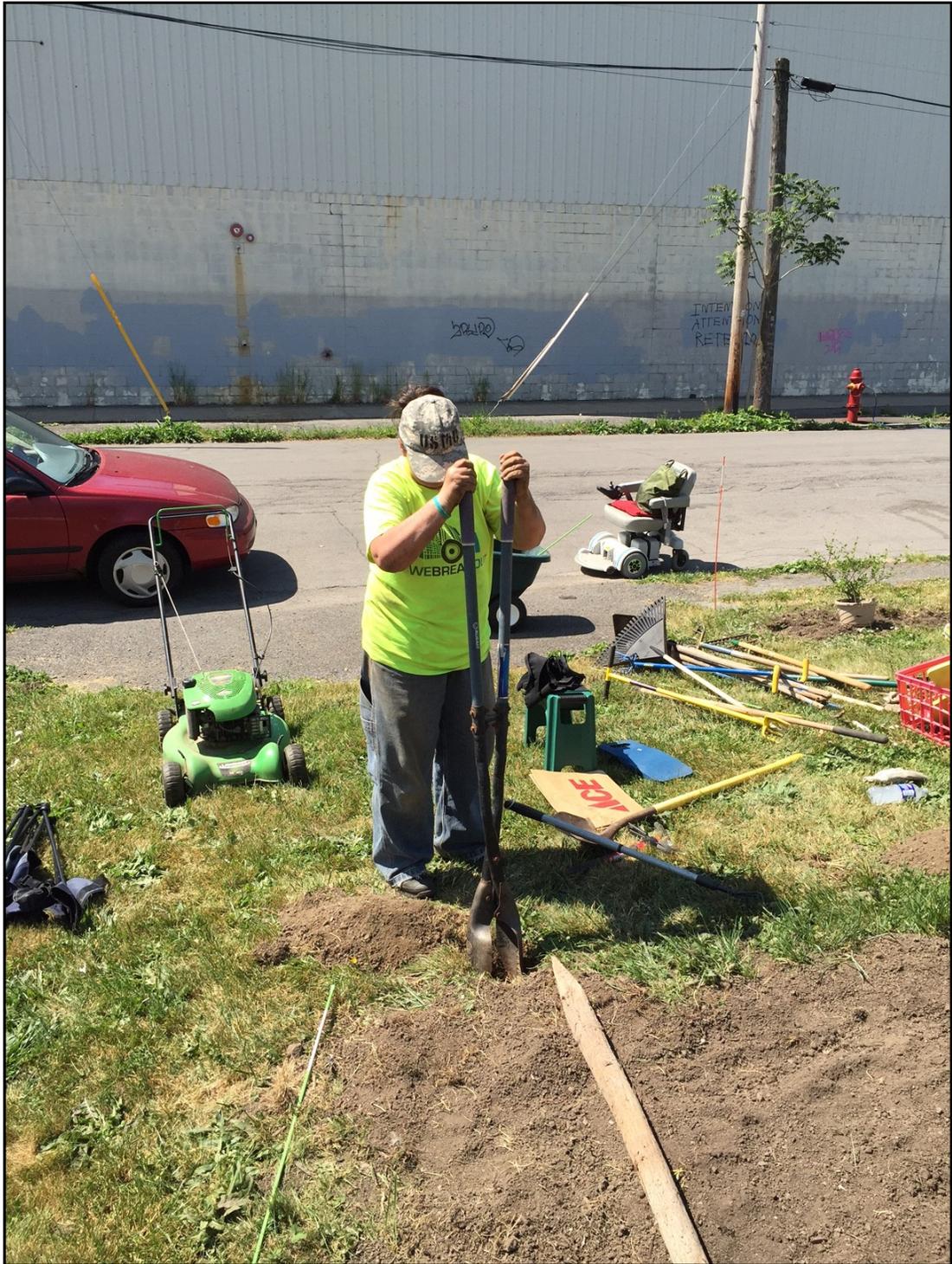
Stephanie Hitztaler
 19 - Rev. Dr. Kris Best
 20 - Leigh Safford
 22 - Ted Finlayson-Schueler
 Martha Sutter
 Deborah Bradshaw
 25 - Steve Bacon
 28 - Aaron Sarkodie-Mensah
 29 - Elisa Skeeter

Community Garden

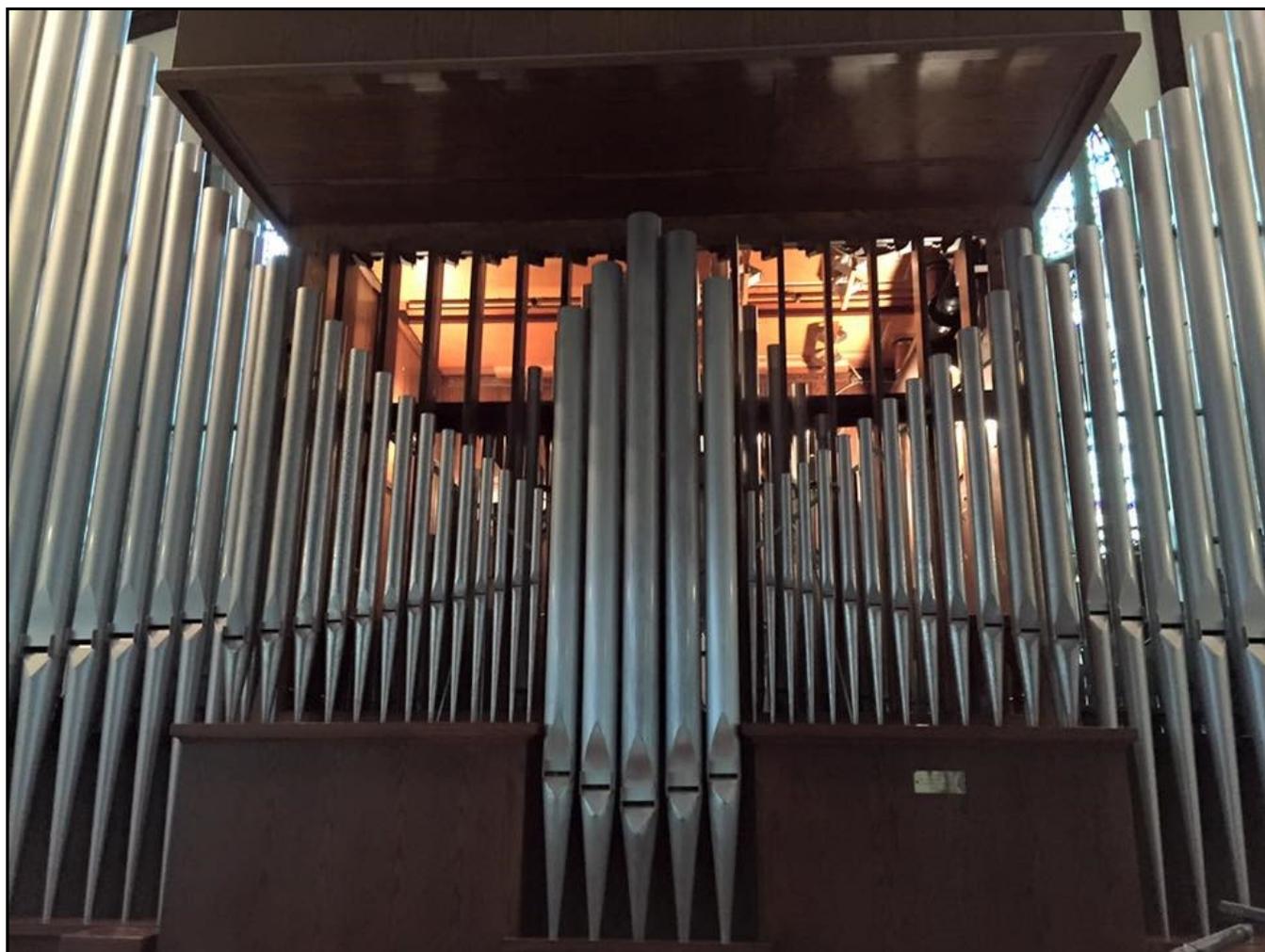
May 28, 2016
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Organ Cleaning
May 23, 2016
(4 photos)









Confirmation Sunday
May 15, 2016
(6 photos)













The citywide United Methodist confirmation class.

Connections Dinner
April 30, 2016
(2 photos)



Nneke Eke and Pan Yangweiyu



Rebekah Grella and Rachel Li