

# THE CHIMES

June 22, 2016

**Next Chimes  
deadline:  
July 13**

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**A picnic to welcome the  
city pastors is Aug. 10 at  
Ormond Spencer Park.**

*Articles for The Chimes  
must be submitted by  
noon on the deadline day  
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or put in Box No. 12 in  
the church office.*

Alicia Wood, Pastor  
Tom Boll, Editor

## Summer's Here!

Be ready to greet visitors,  
and wear your nametag

Church growth experts say that summer is one of the most popular times for newcomers and seekers to check out a religious institution, so all the more reason that UUMCers should be ready to show friendliness and hospitality.

Beth Drew has agreed to be a transition liaison for those members of James Street UMC who are interested in learning more about UUMC after the congregation disbands. Their final service is this Sunday, June 26, at 2 p.m.

UUMC will welcome new members in worship June 26 and at a special reception afterward.

The Care Team is organizing nametags on a rotating carousel in the Peale entrance.

If you come in a door nearer East Genesee you'll see nametags  
See **VOLUNTEERS**, Page 4

Small groups to start soon  
on affirmations and Jonah

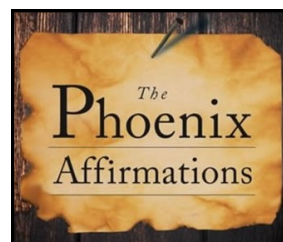
Three new small groups are starting at UUMC. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, thought small groups were integral to the faith.

Two are complementary to a sermon series Pastor Alicia begins this Sunday, June 26, on the Phoenix Affirmations.

These are 12 principles of Progressive Christianity written by laypeople and clergy from Phoenix, Arizona.

The principles are divided into three groups of four principles under the headings of: Love of God, Love of Neighbor and Love of Self.

The first principle is: "Walking  
See **ALL ARE**, Page 2



Far fewer resolutions voted on at Annual Conference this year

By Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay  
Co-Lay Leader

June 2-4 I had the opportunity to attend our seventh session of the Upper NY Annual Conference.

The theme was "Planting God's future in hearts and neighbors called to give thanks."

And... just so you know, I was privileged to be one of more than 168,000 members the Upper New York Annual (Regional) Conference of The United Methodist Church com-

prised of 915 churches in 12 districts, covering 48,000 square miles in 49 of the 62 counties in New York state!

I think it is very important for UUMC to have lay representation at Annual Conference because John Wesley said, "Holy conferencing is one of the means of Grace."

And, in our UM Book of Discipline, Para 602.6, it says laity members "shall participate in all delibera-  
See **ALL**, Page 4

## UUMC served as a sacred site of healing, a safe and loving place



**Alicia Wood**

Greetings!

Long ago in American history, churches were one of the first buildings erected in a town. They were built as the center of town. The center of the geographic area and a center point for people to gather.

Today, churches are no longer the same kind of center point. University UMC is working on once again becoming the center point for our city.

Sometimes, this can be a planned event like our Food Pantry that has served this community for many, many years on Fridays yet sees the need to open one evening a month *or* the clothing closet for everyday clothes and professional clothing *or* our upcoming VBS *or* Sunday morning worship to connect as community with the Divine.

Sometimes a tragedy occurs and our church is able to be the center of the city to help in the healing. This happened last week with the Interfaith Pride Service. This was the Seventh Annual Interfaith Pride Service held in Syracuse.

This one was very meaningful



**A total of 234 people attended the CNY Pride Interfaith service at UUMC.**

since the mass shooting in Orlando against the LGBTQ community happened just days earlier.

Many people came to the service sad, frustrated and uncertain where they belonged in God's eyes.

What they found was a huge community filled with Love, including people from many faiths. The service and theme was pre-planned as "Solidarity through Pride."

Guests and participants found this in our church. Solidarity in God's love and loving one another through the sadness, frustration and uncertainty no matter who they are or who they

love.

I am so proud to say that University UMC was able to be an unplanned sacred site of healing for our city, becoming a safe and loving place for the LGBTQ community.

I am proud to say that our congregation is continuing to create a church that is the center of our neighborhood. A place in which God's love shines through in worship and outreach.

It may no longer be a norm for a church to be the center of the city, but thanks to God sometimes we are.

— Pastor Alicia

## All are welcome in small groups; Alcoholics Anonymous launches new session

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fully in the path of Jesus without denying the legitimacy of other paths that God may provide for humanity."

Dean Moyer has agreed to host and lead 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon discussions about the affirmations at his home, starting this Sunday. Contact the church office for information.

Pastor Alicia will lead a second group on the affirmations Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the church

beginning June 29.

She also will lead a Bible Study on the book of Jonah at 12:30 p.m. on six Fridays beginning July 8 at the church.

Everyone is welcome in these groups.

Also a new Alcoholics Anonymous group has begun meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. after the second- and fourth-Sunday Community Breakfast.

—Barbara Fought

## Labels from other parts of life disappear on Senior Prom night



**Galyn  
Murphy-  
Stanley**

On Friday night, June 10, my two oldest children attended Nottingham's Senior Prom.

Aydan, my oldest, who will be a graduating senior, asked her younger sister, Brynn, who will be a graduating freshman, to attend this monumental event as her partner.

Devin, my son and youngest child, provided each of his sisters with a corsage and was happy to stay home and eat takeout with Mom and Dad.

Prior the kids heading off to the prom, Nottingham's tradition is for all children and their parents to meet at Thornden Park's rose garden for photos.

This is especially exciting as the kids finally get to see each other in all of their finery, to see who is going with whom and to solidify the plan of partying all night.

As parents we witness the children, many of whom we've known since preschool, present as adult men and women.



**Brynn, Aydan and Devin  
Murphy-Stanley, at Thornden  
Park before Nottingham High  
School's Senior Prom.**

One also recognizes the evolution of the costumes worn, the support systems kids have at home and the partnerships the kids choose to take.

Many children attended their prom as a large group, some went as a traditional pair, some went as a same-sex couple and a few went as transgender.

As I took a minute to quietly note this moment in my mind, I included this: These young men and women, as goofy, as in transition, as excited, and as young as they are, might have figured something out.

This important milestone is not about how different each of these kids are, but how they all are celebrating together in the best way they are able. Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, Straight, Bi-Sexual, Differently-abled, Refugee, Immigrant, Athlete, Academic, Poor, Wealthy are labels that Nottingham's prom-goers might carry in other parts of their life but not on that night. This night was special.

Kids rejoiced, celebrated, laughed and carried on, equally accepted by their peers without exception.

As we mourn the 49 individuals killed in Orlando, Florida, due to their sexual orientation. As we manage our patience in the re-defining of United Methodist policy toward the LGBTQ community. As UUMC prepared to proudly host the CNY Pride Interfaith Worship and march in Syracuse's Gay Pride Parade, let's learn from our children.

Together we are stronger without exception. There is a place for all of us at life's party.

— *Galyn Murphy-Stanley*  
*Outreach Coordinator*

### New evening hours for Food Pantry

Beginning next month, our Food Pantry will add evening hours to serve eligible neighbors. The new time is 6 to 8 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month, starting July 19.

The neighborhood need has been obvious to many of us working in the Outreach ministry. We are excited to open our doors to our community.

We need volunteers to help out. There is no age limit on volunteering. All new volunteers will be trained. Please contact Galyn for more information at [uumcoutreach@twcnyny.rr.com](mailto:uumcoutreach@twcnyny.rr.com) or 315-475-7277.

— *Galyn Murphy-Stanley*

### Seven youth to attend Camp Casowasco; Campership Fund needs replenishment

Seven UUMC youth will be attending Camp Casowasco this summer in July and August.

They are Esther, Princess, Lisa, Emelia and Sandy Weah and Erick Jah and Joel Cooper.

Consequently, we need to replenish our Campership Fund.

If you are able to help, please write "Casowasco" on the memo line of your check, or on your offering envelope, if you are giving cash during worship. Thank you!



## All Syracuse pastors were reappointed; Africa 360 campaign celebrated

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tions and vote upon all measures except related to clergy credentialing and status..."

Plus, I love singing with so many United Methodists during times for worship.

An opening worship time was led by Bishop Mark Webb, a memorial service was led by Rev. Nola Anderson, a morning worship was led by young adults and in closing we had time for worship with the ordination ceremony.

This year during the business component only nine resolutions were presented, as compared with 54 last year.

A motion calling for examining the possibility of restoring funding for Campus Ministries in next year's budget was passed as was a motion to require every UNY congregation to appoint a Camp and Retreat agent with their leadership selection in

2016 to begin serving in 2017.

Here at UUMC we are already responding for summer camp 2016!

The Rev. Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., conducted three 90-minute teaching sessions. You will learn more about his presentations in the coming months.

Gwen's other news and notes:

- Pastor Alicia and all the Syracuse pastors have been reappointed.
- In addition to UUMC, Pastor Alicia will have the Destiny USA Church Plant as her second charge.
- The move from UUMC into the new conference center is anticipated by year's end, dependent on the contractor.
- Three-fourths of the UNY conference churches paid their

ministry shares. There was discussion of this impact on our conference budget and the resulting program cuts, such as the SU Protestant chaplaincy.

- End of Africa 360 campaign was cause for celebration with over \$750,000 received!
- The UNY Conference delegates to General Conference gave a brief summary of their experience together.
- Prayer is requested for Bishop Webb. In August the Jurisdictional conference will meet and decide on bishops' appointments for the next four years.

There is a wealth of conference information on the UNY website:

[www.unyumc.org/events/annual-conference](http://www.unyumc.org/events/annual-conference).

The Daily News and Notes covers most of the event activity in a quick-read outline form.

### Hamilton's sessions available online

The three 90-minute teaching sessions the Rev. Adam Hamilton gave at Annual Conference are available for viewing at the UNY Conference website. In fact, they currently are promoted on the site's homepage. When that ends, put his

name in the search box to find them.

Pastor Alicia encourages us to watch them. She also wants some of us to travel with her for leadership training at Hamilton's church in Leawood, Kan., in September.

## Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By the Bacon/Helwig and Steenberg families, in honor of their fathers, Donald Steenberg, David Bacon and Charles Helwig.

By the Altar Guild, in honor of our choir.

By Mary Fridle Wilson

and Jo-Ann May, in memory of Rev. and Mrs. W.N. Fridle.

Flowers were given to Martha Sutter, Dennis Triggs, the Zimmerman family, Jerry Cargo, Roger MacDonald, Jerome Weah and Ted Guercio.

Flowers were delivered by Judith Bowers.

## Volunteers sought for greeters

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in a case, as before. Please make sure you pick yours up and wear it so newcomers can learn your name. If you don't have a nametag, leave your name at the church office and look for it the next week.

Greeters will be offering a smile and "welcome" at the doors through the summer. If you're interested in being a part of this greeting and hospitality ministry, contact Barbara Fought (bcfought@syr.edu or 443-4054). She has a "how-to" so you'll know just what to do.

# People/Prayers

## PRAYERS REQUESTED:

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

### Sunday, June 5

- **Angela:** For **Kelly** as she starts chemo and for rain for the farmers.
- **Ann:** Keep everybody in the church safe from abuse – pray for world peace. I pray that my boyfriend and I can find work soon.
- **Chuck:** Pray for peace in the world
- **John:** I had an MRI on my head and I hope everything is OK.
- **Jim:** Prayers for family members of **Muhammad Ali**, the greatest boxer of all time.
- **Kathy:** Prayers of wellness for **Bob Weaver**
- **Peter:** For the natural resilience & recovery we can find, even in adversity, staying connected in God's love.
- For **Ann Price** with health concerns; for family and friends of SUNY Cortland swim captain who died.
- For **Sophie Finlayson-Schueler**, who has relocated to Ohio.

### Sunday, June 12

- **Arielle:** For the 2016 graduates, that they continue to grow in faith on their new journey.
- **Barb:** Congratulations to **Steve Bacon**, who was selected to go to NASA in Florida for five days to learn about astronauts in space. He will share this information with his class.
- **Chuck:** Pray for the victims at the Orlando nightclub

- **Elise:** Thank you, Prophet Jesus, for calming my mind to take on difficult choices.
- **Harry:** I pray that we as a nation become busier building bridges and tearing down walls.
- **Jayne:** Congratulations to **Joe Viet Cooper**, who achieved her CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant) last Friday. Good work, Joe Viet!
- **Michael:** Lord, please help me get a job.
- **Peter:** For **Joelle** and **Cheryl**, who finally made it to Boston for medical help for Joelle's illness; for the family of **Peggy Heineman**, my cousin, who died suddenly on a hike in California.
- **SJ Moon:** Prayers for my family in Korea as they prepare for the funeral of my grandma, who died Friday.
- Prayers of love and health for **Marva**. May I be well enough to continue to do God's will.
- Prayers for all the pastors who do important work in our community.
- Orlando: Pray for the LGBT community in Florida after tragic loss of lives due to what is being called a terrorist attack. We grieve again at the tragedy of yet another mass shooting. We pray for the victims and families and the people of Orlando.

### Sunday, June 19

- **Shirley:** Pray for my sister **Barbara**, who fell last evening and broke her kneecap and tore a ligament. She is in surgery at this moment.
- **Robert:** With God's love and our prayers, everything is pos-

sible

- **John:** I wanted to wish my nephew **Jaysun** happy birthday, but he is in heaven because of his mother killing him 10 years ago on my birthday.
- **William:** Let's find a cure for losing your memory
- Congratulations to **Lyndsey Graves** and **Nate Medford** on their wedding this afternoon in Georgia. They met here at UUMC.
- Dear God, Please watch over us all, but especially the Orlando community as they experience the funerals of all those who died at Pulse.
- Healing for **Adama Kamara**
- Prayers for the people of James Street UMC
- Pray for love and peace
- Aunt, **Alice Hinton**, suffering from stage 4 cancer

## THANKS AND PRAISE

### Sunday, June 5

- Thanks to Prophet Jesus, who died for our sins and blessing to everyone.
- For 60 years completed with God's grace and innumerable blessings.

### Sunday, June 12

- Grateful to God for life.

### Guild meeting

There is no meeting of the UUMC Guild in July.

The next meeting is our planning meeting at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Rita Soufleris' home, 5195 Pointe East Drive, DeWitt. Please think of program ideas for the next year. We need a lot of input. Call Rita for information, 299-7702.

## Finance Corner

### Pledging Update

2016 total pledges: \$179,649  
 Paid to date: \$61,584  
 Non-pledge contr.: \$10,204

### 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 \$9,060



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### WEEK OF JUNE 26

#### Sunday the 26th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood.  
 New members.

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm

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

#### Wednesday the 29th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1 p.m. Phoenix Affirmations

#### Friday the 1st

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

### WEEK OF JULY 3

#### Sunday the 3rd

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood.  
 Communion

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm

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

#### Monday the 4th

Office Closed—July 4th holiday

#### Wednesday the 6th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1 p.m. Phoenix Affirmations

#### Friday the 8th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

12:30 p.m. Bible Study: Jonah

### WEEK OF JULY 10

#### Sunday the 10th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood.

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

12:30 p.m. Soup and Sermon

Chat, Chappell Rm

#### Wednesday the 13th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1 p.m. Phoenix Affirmations

#### Friday the 15th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

### WEEK OF JULY 17

#### Sunday the 17th

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm

12:30 p.m. Soup and Sermon

Chat, Chappell Rm

#### Tuesday the 19th

6-8 p.m. Food Pantry

#### Wednesday the 20th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1 p.m. Phoenix Affirmations

#### Friday the 22nd

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

## July birthdays

2 - Israel Toe  
 3 - Kate Drew Rios  
 4 - Kelsey Youmell  
 6 - Matt Fischer, Mark Zimmerman, Linda Oertel, Ping Hemphill-Wu  
 8 - Jon Boll, Esther Weah  
 9 - Sol Swords  
 10 - Jeff Foley  
 11 - Matthew Upcraft  
 14 - Elizabeth Bradshaw, Esther Livingstone, Richard Schemichen, Eli Weah  
 15 - Lee Potter, Margo Kotten

16 - Ellen Bacon, Timothy Damron  
 17 - Deirdre Zimmerman  
 18 - Elisa Sciscioli  
 21 - Harold Britton, Afton Kapuscinski  
 22 - Tajmier Brackett  
 24 - Dorothy Logan  
 25 - Rebecca Youmell, Peter Sciscioli  
 26 - Corrie Fagut-Pratt  
 28 - Jayne Humbert  
 29 - Jackie Simmons  
 30 - Helena Weah

## Vacation Bible School in August

UUMC will host Vacation Bible School 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 21-25.

We are looking for volunteers and teachers to connect with and minister to the children. We would love at least 10 teachers/adult volunteers and several teenage volunteers.

Email Pastor Alicia at [pastoraliciawood@gmail.com](mailto:pastoraliciawood@gmail.com) or Morgan Mills at [morgan.r.mills15@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.r.mills15@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Zimmermans' Visit  
June 5, 2016  
(6 photos)

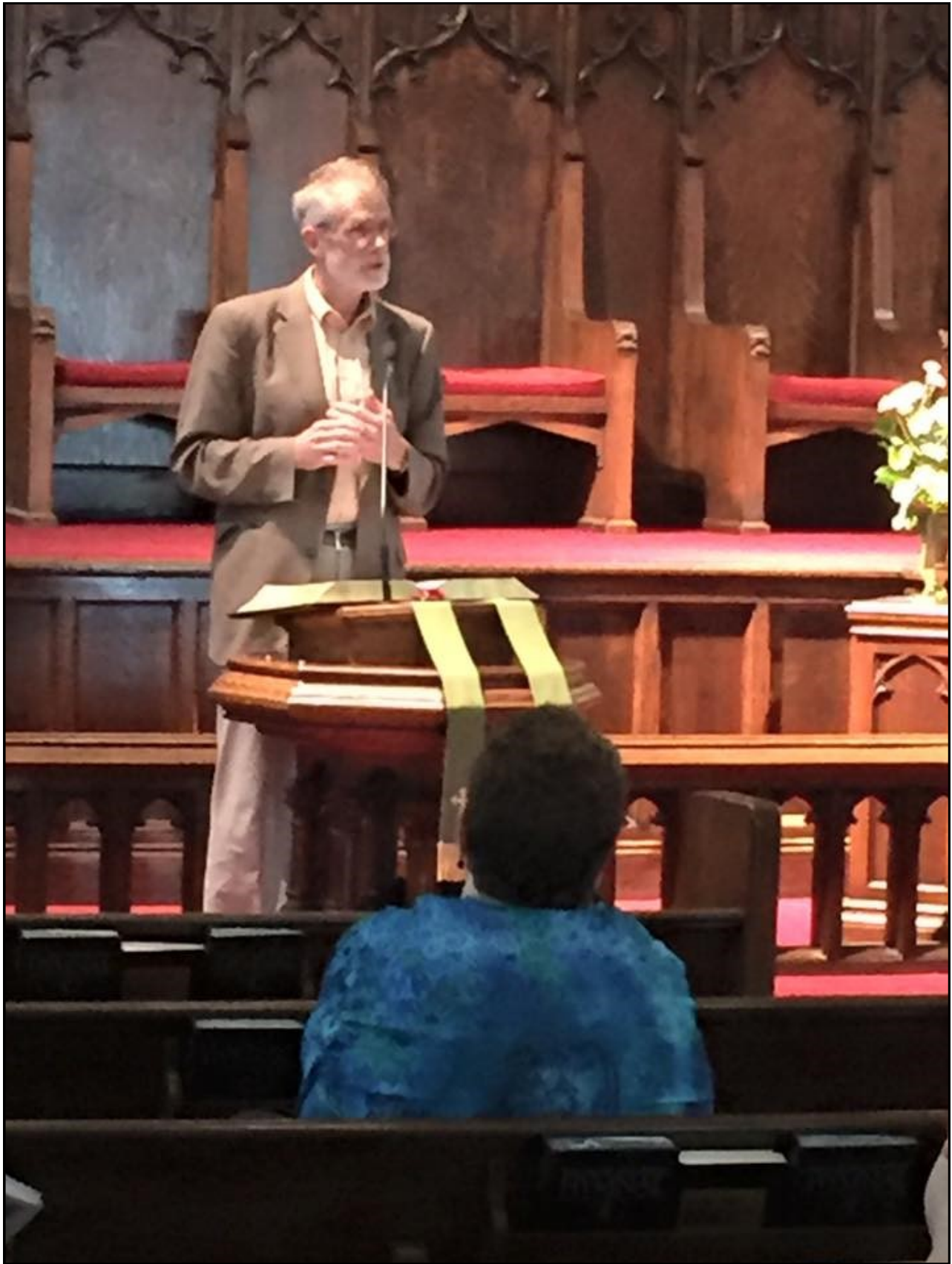
















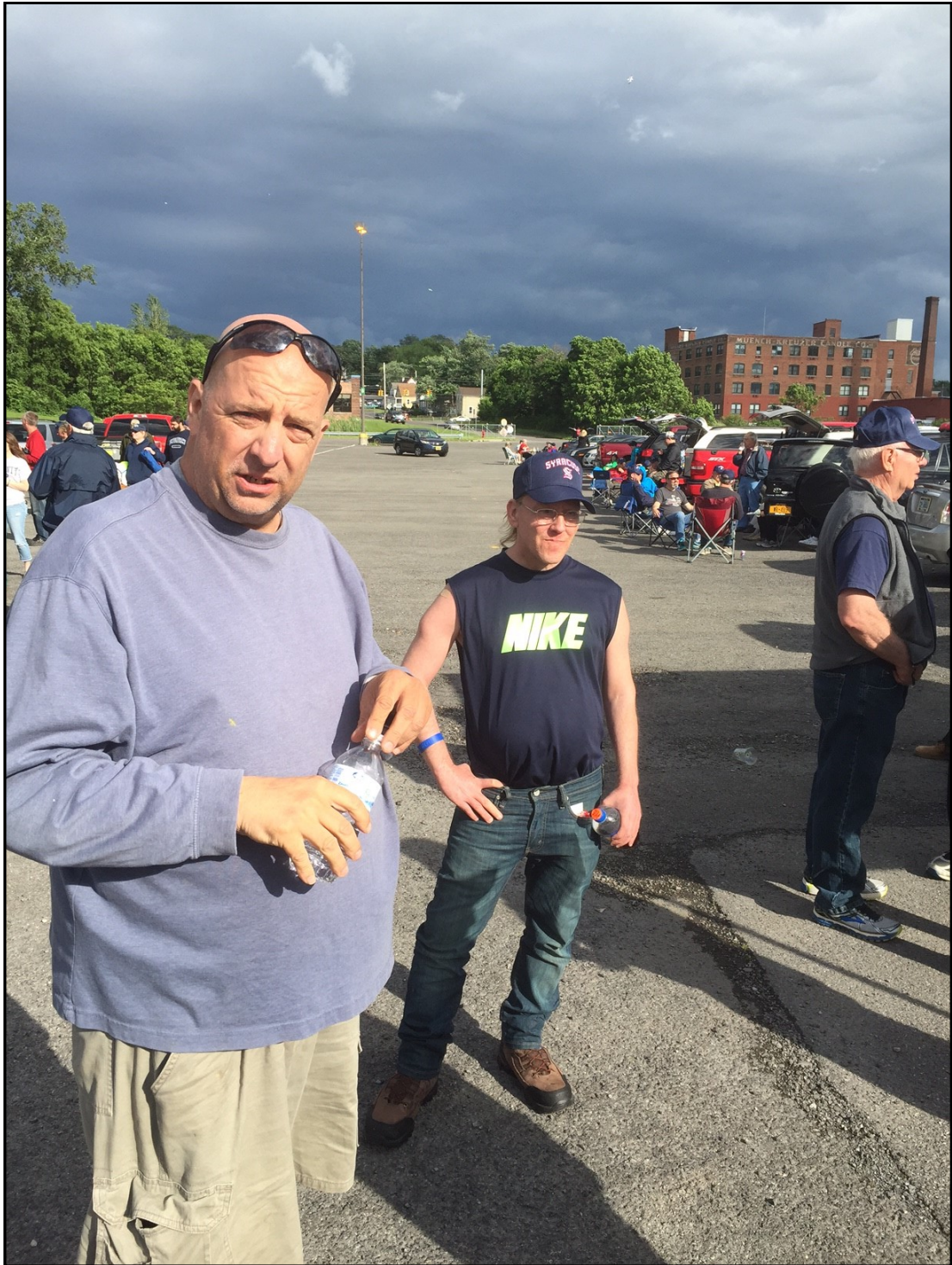




United Methodist Night at the  
Ballpark  
June 7, 2016  
(10 photos)



































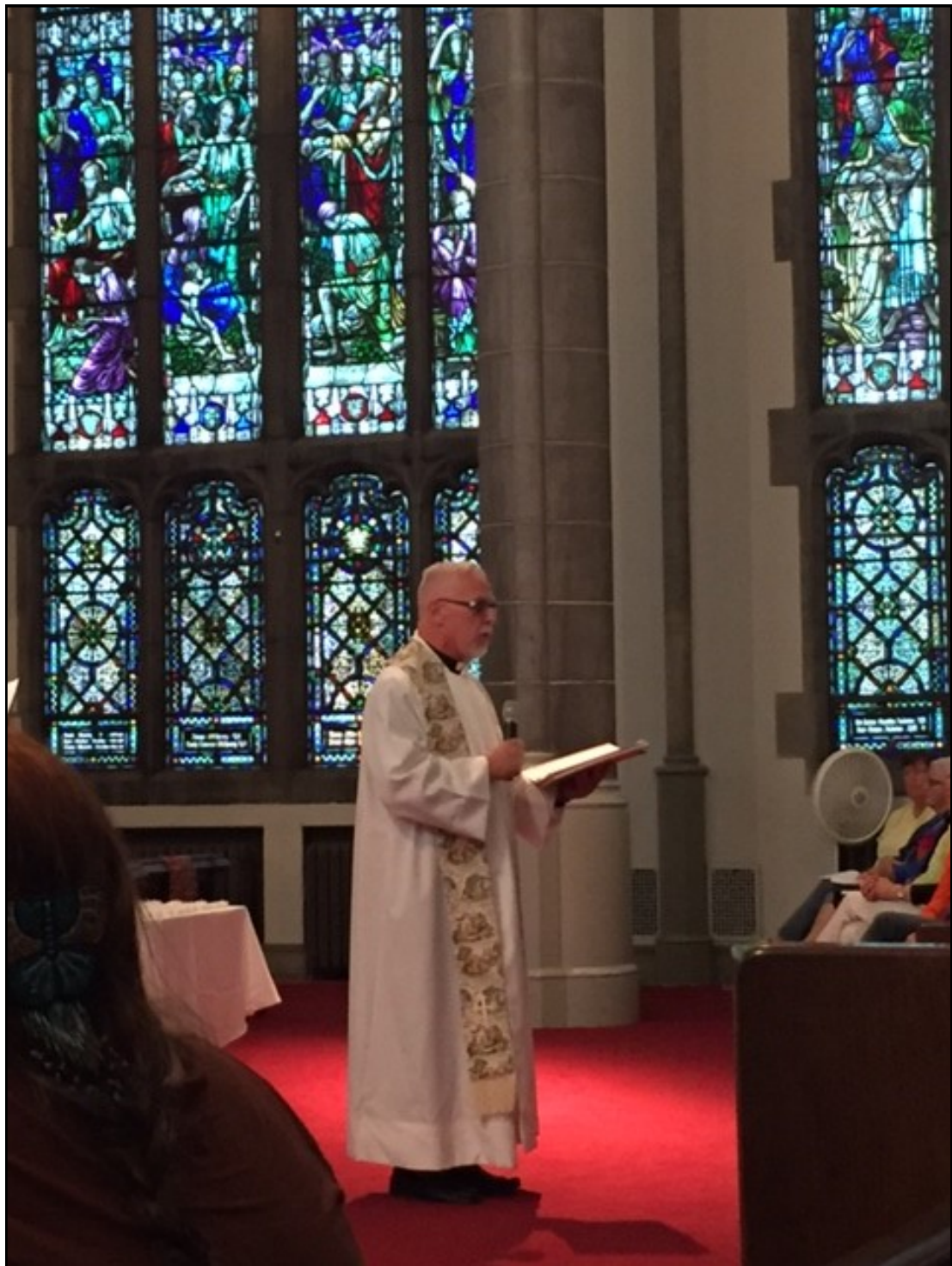
# CNY Pride Interfaith Worship Service

June 14, 2016  
(9 photos)









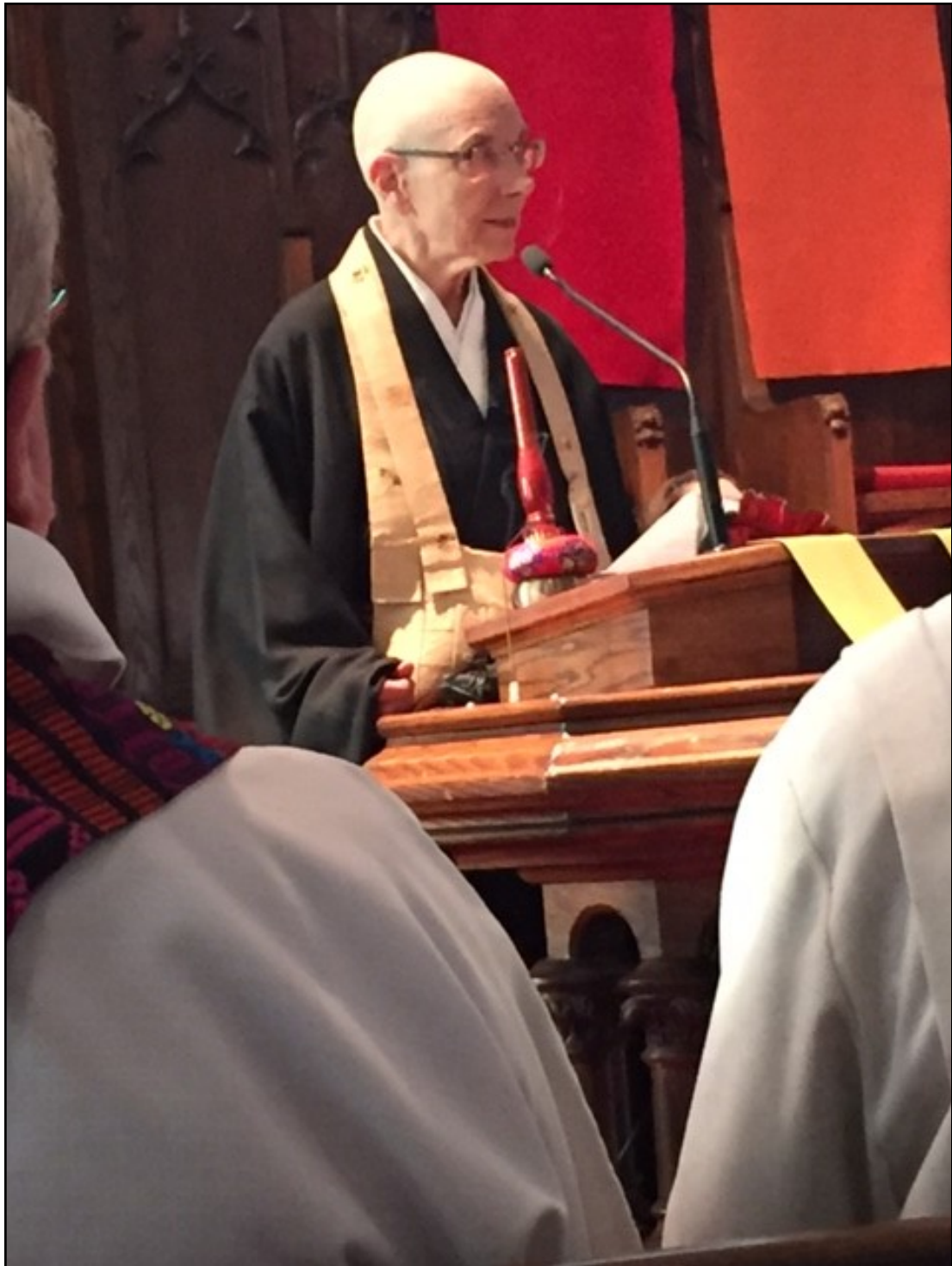




















# CNY Pride Parade

June 18, 2016  
(1 photo)



# Candy in Church

## June 29, 2016

(7 photos)



**The children hand out candy to the congregation after Pastor Alicia told us we need to love God with the heart of a child.**

















