

THE CHIMES

July 22, 2015

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deadline:
August 12**

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UUMC will host a flu clinic on Friday, September 25.

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

Focus on gratitude a turning point in life journey of our new pastor

Our new pastor, Alicia Wood, is a native of Central New York. She grew up in Mattydale, where she lives today, as do her parents, and graduated from Cicero-North Syracuse High School. She attended Calvary United Methodist Church while growing up.

After high school Alicia graduated from Onondaga Community College and then Oswego State, where she earned a degree in secondary education with a focus on social studies.

Immediately after college she married and had a child, daughter AnnMarie, and stayed home to raise her, working part-time jobs in the meantime. One of those was as a Pampered Chef consultant, where she managed 25 people, which she

did for 10 years.

When tragedy struck and Alicia's husband died suddenly, she needed to think about her and her daughter's future and she became a certified life and spiritual coach.

Nine years into that career, Alicia heard a calling to ministry and enrolled in Boston University School of Theology in the fall of 2012. Before she made that decision, Alicia said, "there were a lot of little calls. I just didn't pay attention." She graduated from BU this past May.

Her daughter, AnnMarie, just graduated from C-NS High School and will be attending Anna Maria College near Worcester, Mass., where she plans on majoring in English.

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UUMC thanks temple for aid after 1914 fire

By Rosemary DeHoog
Church Historian

On May 1, Vito Sciscioli, chair of UUMC's Governing Board; Rosemary DeHoog, church historian; and Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay, Governing Board member, attended a Friday evening Shabbat service at Temple Concord for the dedication of our gift to the temple in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of their kindness to our congregation after the fire of Feb. 14, 1914.

After the fire in 1914, the University Church congregation worshipped at Temple Concord for nine months until a makeshift space was

reconstructed at the church. During that time, our congregation was not charged one cent for heat, lights or the use of the space. The initial gift of thanks from University Church is a bronze plaque that is in the foyer of the Temple.

A year ago, an archivist at Bird Library sent the church a picture of the fire in progress.

As 2014 was the 100th anniversary of the fire, I thought a gift of remembrance to the temple was appropriate.

In the summer of 2014, with the approval of our Governing Board, I
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If we want a peaceful world, let's start with ourselves



Alicia Wood

In the last few days I have not been able to shake the feeling that I need to speak about peace. (Thanks, God, for your persistence).

I hear and see violence all around us: in our city, in our world and sometimes even in our homes.

How can we even dream of peace when in our schools, our workplace and even our churches we are taught how to react "if" a person comes in with a gun and starts shooting? How can we believe in peace when war is a constant in our world? How can we fight for peace when colonialism has shaped our nation so that many claiming Christianity in the past and present have done so much harm to so many people?

Peace seems so unobtainable that many just give up hope.

I applaud Pope Francis for talking with world leaders to urge them to set aside differences to become peaceful.

I am in awe of the Mayors for Peace who have asked for a call to action to limit and hopefully eliminate nuclear arms.

Right here in Syracuse, Inter-Faith Works has created space for interfaith dialogue for years and years so that people of different faith traditions get to know one another and respect difference.

I am thrilled to see activists across the globe pray and call for

peace. Yet, peace can be found in many forms.

Peace has been on my heart because I believe peace is more than world peace.

Many give up hope because world peace seems too big a task to even start. I say give peace a chance. As our beloved hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" says, "Let it begin with me."

Beginning with you and me doesn't necessarily mean we start with world peace. It means we start by finding peace within ourselves.

We intentionally work to find peace with our troubles, struggles, self-esteem and our relationship with God. We are kind to ourselves. With God's help we learn to love our own flaws and gifts. Therefore, when we interact with our loved ones we are able to be peaceful. We intentionally interact in peace with our loved ones.

This may not be easy. You and I may be ready to be peaceful with our loved ones, but they may not be as ready. Let's give peace a chance. Let's work to find peace within ourselves and peace with our loved ones.

But wait, there is one more way in which we can let peace begin with you and me. This is when we are out and about.

I know people don't know how to drive and the lines are too long at the store. Yet, in these moments we can extend peace in a real way. We can give peace a chance with our neighbors. With

God's help, we can be kind and compassionate with our neighbors.

What would the world look like if you and I were to intentionally interact peacefully with everyone we met?

What if our peace brought them to peace and they were inspired to be peaceful?

What if, from this inspiration they were peaceful and were inspired to be peaceful and then even more were inspired. This peace could expand out quickly throughout our world!

My prayer is that each of us intentionally lives in peace, so that there is peace on earth, one person at a time.

These two songs are on my heart today. Reba McIntyre's song "Pray for Peace" is beautiful. My suggestion is to listen to it three times.

First, listen to the song as if the lyrics "pray for peace" refer to peace within yourself.

Second, listen to the lyrics "pray for peace" as though it means peace at home, with your family and friends.

Finally, as you listen to the lyrics a third time, listen for the message of peace in our beautiful world.

I've also included the hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Peace Be With You,
Pastor Alicia

Here are the links:

<http://youtu.be/YHbv4M8d3As>

http://youtu.be/wRFNg-Eyt_0

To the Altar Guild and members of UUMC,

The beautiful, fresh floral arrangement delivered Sunday by Lee and Ed Potter continues to bring its caring message from University Church. I hope this note reaches all of the visitors and "messengers" who have delivered flowers, lilies and poinsettia along with their pleasant visits over the past few years. Their dedication assures me of the strength and endurance of the Community in Christ that is University Church. Thank you all.

Dorothy Logan (Dot)

Outreach depends on volunteers —they deserve thanks



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

Wikipedia says that Volunteering is an altruistic activity that is intended to promote goodness or improve human quality of life.

Volunteering is well known for skill development, socialization and fun. It includes helping, assisting or serving another person without pay.

References state that the noun, volunteer, was first recorded in the 1600s derived from the French word *voluntaire*, “one who offers himself for military service.”

Fast forward to the 1800s in America where the famous volunteer Clara Barton organizes the American Red Cross during this country’s civil war, mobilizing hundreds of female volunteers who sewed, fed, nursed and ser-

vised needful soldiers as well as providing disaster relief to fellow Americans.

Currently, volunteering is often renamed “service-based learning,” providing an individual a hands-on learning experience while providing for their community and exploring a potential career or educational change.

Our volunteers at University United Methodist impress me every day. Each Friday morning about 15 volunteers arrive to make coffee, move about large clothing racks, haul large (heavy) boxes of food, greet our guests, educate, listen and provide happy greetings and pantry items to each other and our visitors.

Two Sundays a month approximately 20 volunteers arrive to prepare, cook, serve, welcome, clean, move tables and chairs like a well-oiled machine. A most impressive scene.

Our community garden blos-

soms under the hands, energy and sweat of several volunteers from UUMC and our neighbors at Welch Terrace and Sunrise Day Hab program.

In all of our efforts of executing tasks it is often forgotten that all of our very hard-working volunteers are not paid. They are here giving their time, strength, ideas and efforts as a gift to UUMC.

For the goals of UUMC’s Outreach programs, we can truly only execute our daily tasks with the help of our volunteers. Without them our UUMC community would look very different as would the work that we do and the effectiveness and efficiency of those duties.

A very big THANK YOU to **all** of the UUMC community’s volunteers. You are each greatly appreciated, for all of the gifts that you share with us.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley
Outreach Coordinator

Gift became a bookcase for Temple Society of Concord’s printed edition of the Torah

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spoke with the president of the temple, Irv Bodofsky, as to our intentions. He was quite overwhelmed at our idea.

When I asked what kind of gift would be appropriate 100 years later, he said he would get back to me. In late 2014, he called to say that their library needed a bookcase for their printed edition of the Torah, in English and in Hebrew, thus making the volumes easily accessible for use. The search for an appropriate bookcase took until the spring of 2015 to be completed.

The bookcase is of oak and is in the Library as one walks into the room. It has a dedication to University United Methodist Church in commemoration of the February 14, 1914 fire. The printed editions of the Torah fit perfectly in the bookcase that was chosen. After kind words from the president of

the Temple, I unveiled the bookcase. I was extremely touched by its beauty and appropriateness. And the cookies were excellent.

August birthdays

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| 2 – Dr. Barbara Miller | 12 – Don Steenberg |
| Beth Drew, Ray Ashwood | 15 – Barbara Fought |
| 4 – Michael Borenstein, Valerie Young | 19 – Sue Bambacht, Jesse Miller |
| 5 – Will Drew, Dan Hyland, | 20 – Susan Borenstein |
| Jonathan Hosler | 21 – Maria Fay |
| 6 – Kathleen Stevenson, | 25 – Julia Duru, Katie Flynn |
| Gloria Morgan, Ingrid | 27 – Bruce Borenstein |
| Coutts | 28 – David Duru, Teddy Toe |
| 9 – Marjorie Carter | 31 – Roger Lund |

People/Prayer Connection

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

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

Sunday, June 28

- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus, I now know and continue to learn, the true nature of hypocrisy. Redirect me!
- **John:** I want to thank Pastor Craig for baptizing me last Sunday. It means a lot to me.
- **Peter:** For refugee families who are continuing to flee oppression and need the security and comfort and human rights all people deserve.
- **Robert:** May God bless Pastor French in his retirement and always.
- For my stepmother, **Jeanne**, who had hip surgery yesterday;
- Pray for God's guidance to the new pastors soon to serve the Methodist Church in the city of Syracuse;
- For **Kevin**, a young man who came to breakfast. Pray that he finds his way and for his recovery from his problems.

Sunday, July 5

- **Irvin:** My sister **Johanna** got a surrogate mother for her twin babies. The babies were delivered by C-section at 24 weeks, and the babies died. Please pray for my sister with the loss of the babies and extremely high medical bills. Please pray that God leads her.
- **Martha:** Healing for my father and **Carol Boll's** father, both hospitalized with infections.
- **Peter:** For the ongoing healing of our country in race relations and an end to systems

that maintain the disparities of class and race.

- **Tom and Carol Boll:** For Carol's dad, who is hospitalized with an infection, and for **Rachel**, on her way to Portland, Oregon, to start the next chapter of her life.
- Mother of **Harry Miller's** memorial service in two weeks
- Keep me in your prayers as I take this long travel south
- Prayers for **Valerie Young**
- Please pray for peace in my home country, Lesotho, and the rest of Africa and the world at large
- Please pray for my good friend and neighbor, **Bob Tompkins**, recovering from open heart surgery.

Sunday, July 12

- **Jeff:** To have a better knee and to know God is there for me.
- **Martha:** Continued healing for my father, who is now in rehab.
- **Robert James:** For Legal Advocacy for the Disabled to find a church to partner with in mission for equal justice.
- **Robert:** Outside our church reflect the love within.
- Prayers for **Joyce's** daughter **Maggie** as she delivers her baby this week and then begins chemo treatments.
- Prayers that Eva's son **Joel** gets his visa and can come with his brother to live here with **Eva**.
- Please pray for my brother in-law, **Frank Scales**, who is struggling and critically ill.
- For a friend, **Roseanne**, whose husband was recently diag-

nosed with ALS.

- For a friend, **Beth**, whose father just died from cancer.
- Family of **Mina Rathbun**, whose funeral is Monday in Binghamton. Mina was **Lee Potter's** aunt.
- God bless those who are in need.
- For those struggling with isolation.
- Prayers that we may understand those who are different from us.
- For the families of all those who were shot and wounded over the Fourth weekend.
- Pray for support of the New Hope Farm Animal Rescue.

Sunday, July 19

- **Carol Boll:** Prayers for all dealing with life changes and challenges
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: Guide me to correct and continue to correct my poor decisions to better decisions
- **Rebekah:** Prayers for my grandfather in Virginia. His cancer spread to his brain, and he is now with hospice care at home
- **John:** For the families of the Marines who were killed
- **Robert:** That we can reach out to as many of our neighbors in need as we can
- Continued prayers requested for neighbor and good friend **Bob Tompkins**, who is recovering from open heart surgery
- **Jane Jere:** For direction and to learn to follow God's word. Guidance in my life.

BIRTH

- **Matthew Colin Upcraft** was
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People/Prayer Connection

born at 5:08 a.m. Saturday, July 11, weighing in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Mom and baby are doing well.

- Thanksgiving for birth of a son to **Maggie and Quincy Loney**. He is the grandson of **Joyce Flynn** and nephew of **Katie Flynn**. All are doing well.

THANKS & PRAISE

Sunday, June 28

- Bless **Pastor French!** Bless UUMC with radical growth!
- Praise the Lord and welcome to **Joviet Cooper**, Eva's daughter, who just moved from Liberia. Pray her brother **Joel** gets his visa and older brother **Alphonso** can move here, too.
- Thanksgiving for miracle of

health improving for my uncle and aunt in Indianapolis.

Thanks to all who prayed for them. God bless them in celebrating their golden (50th) wedding anniversary in June.

Sunday, July 5

- Thank you for **Tai**, a student at SU
 - Blessings to **Alicia**. Welcome!
- #### Sunday, July 12

- I wish to thank the congregation for the support offered during my recent back operation.

Sunday, July 19

- **Jayne:** Thank you, God, for the many prayers which helped my brother Alan survive surgery for a torn aorta. And many thanks to all who

are praying for him. He is doing much better.

- Congratulations and blessings to **Mary Magowan** and **Jonathan Woodburn**, who were married yesterday.
- ### CARE AND SHARE MINISTRY ASKS PRAYERS FOR:
- **Aug. 2:** Martha and Donald Nicholas, Sharon Lewis
 - **Aug. 9:** Eric Nilsson, Eric Nilsson Jr., Krystina Nilsson
 - **Aug. 16:** Vicki O'Neill, Carlton and Wendy Parsons
 - **Aug. 23:** Julie and Patrick Pedro, Maria Pedro, Melissa Pedro
 - **Aug. 30:** Leslie Perkins, Marsha and Dennis Plucinik, Gary Peck

Thanks, from our former pastor....

Dear Friends,

As I rode my bike the other day, I passed a home all decked out for a backyard wedding reception. The party tent was up, lined with lights, tables and chairs. The catering equipment was in place. A beer truck was parked at the end of the driveway, with its cooling unit's power cord snaking across the street to a friendly neighbor's garage outlet. All was ready for the arrival of the next day's guests. With one exception: a small toy cannon conspicuously placed in the center of the driveway, pointing at the spot where guests would first step into the yard. It made me smile and wonder whom they were preparing to welcome ... and whom they were not.

As I think about Sunday's farewell reception, I have a similar set of mixed emotions. It was such a fun and joyful time -- a true celebration of you as a congregation and our time together. At the same time, it made me aware -- deeply aware -- of how much I treasure and will miss each one of you. What a wonderfully fitting culmination to my active years in ministry -- not just Sunday's celebration, but my entire seven years with you. Truthfully, there was no better place for me to be. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all of it, including your generous sentiments and gifts on Sunday. I will cherish them and you forever (and forgive your Red Sox apostasy!).

For all that has been, thanks be to God. And for all that will be, thanks be to God.

—Craig

Rachel Kgama becomes executive administrator as responsibilities expand

Rachel Kgama's administrative responsibilities have been increased. Her new title is executive administrator.

This was done in recognition of Pastor Alicia Wood's responsibilities to facilitate and focus on ministry at the UUMC campus of the United Methodist Church of Syracuse and as a member of the pastoral team, which will also require a portion of her time.

Pastor Wood can be contacted by calling the church number — 315-475-7277 — any time of the day and leaving a voicemail message in the pastor's voicemail box.

— Jim Wiggins,
Chair

Staff/Parish Relations
Committee

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2015 total pledges: \$210,572
Paid to date: \$115,264
Non-pledge contr.: \$18,032

Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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

ALTAR FLOWERS were given:

- by Ted and Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler in memory of Ted's mom, Louise Schueler, and in honor of Jeanne's mom, Mary Lou Finlayson, who will be 90 on July 28.
- by Steve Bacon and Bette Helwig in honor of Ellen Bacon's birthday
- by the University Church staff in honor of Rev. Craig French
- by Don and Margo Kotten in memory of their parents, Dr. Irvin & Dora Kotten and Rev. George & Marguerite B. Schnabel

Flowers were given to Sue Bambacht, Ann Milner, Ruth Houser, Dot Logan, Lois McTarnaghan, Pastor Alicia Wood, Rev. Craig French and Harry Miller.

Flowers were delivered by Steve Bacon, Marg McDivitt, Ed and Lee Potter and Don and Margo Kotten.

The Guild

Our next meeting is on Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Rita Soufleris. This is our yearly planning meeting, and we need most of you to be here, if possible. If you have a conflict, please let Rita know, 299-7702, AND give her any program suggestion that you may have for next year. We hope to have the program all set for the September meeting. Many thanks to all.



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WEEK OF JULY 26

Sunday the 26th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Narthex

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

Wednesday the 29th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Friday the 31st

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF AUGUST 2

Sunday the 2nd

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood,
Communion

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Narthex

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

Wednesday the 5th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Friday the 7th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF AUGUST 9

Sunday the 9th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Narthex

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

Wednesday the 12th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Friday the 14th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF AUGUST 16

Sunday the 16th

10 a.m. Contemporary Issues

11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood

12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Narthex

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

Wednesday the 19th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Friday the 21st

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

Fayetteville artist helped turn pastor's focus to gratitude

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Alicia said a turning point in her life came about 13 years ago when she began focusing on gratitude and started writing in a gratitude journal.

She credits a friend of hers, Lori Portka, an artist from Fayetteville, with helping her make that shift in her life. A video about Lori can be found here: <https://>

vimeo.com/121724954

Alicia has one sibling, a brother, who is a criminal defense attorney in Brooklyn and whose wife works for the FBI. They have three children.

When she's not working, Alicia likes to travel, hang out with friends and be by the water. She hopes to find time to take a dance class. And she wants to get a dog.



Bill gives Pastor Alicia's office a fresh coat of paint.



Let them eat cake. Children sit on the steps eating cake after Pastor Alicia's first service July 5. A more formal welcome for her will be held later in the year.

Children's Blessing

July 12, 2015 (1 photo)





Angela and her girls weed at the Community Garden.



Starke with lettuce and kale, the first harvest from the Community Garden this year, ready for pantry guests to take home.



A food pantry delivery is unloaded and taken into the church.



Doug Randall, David Blakes, Anneke Vasquez and John Indick became members of UUMC last month.



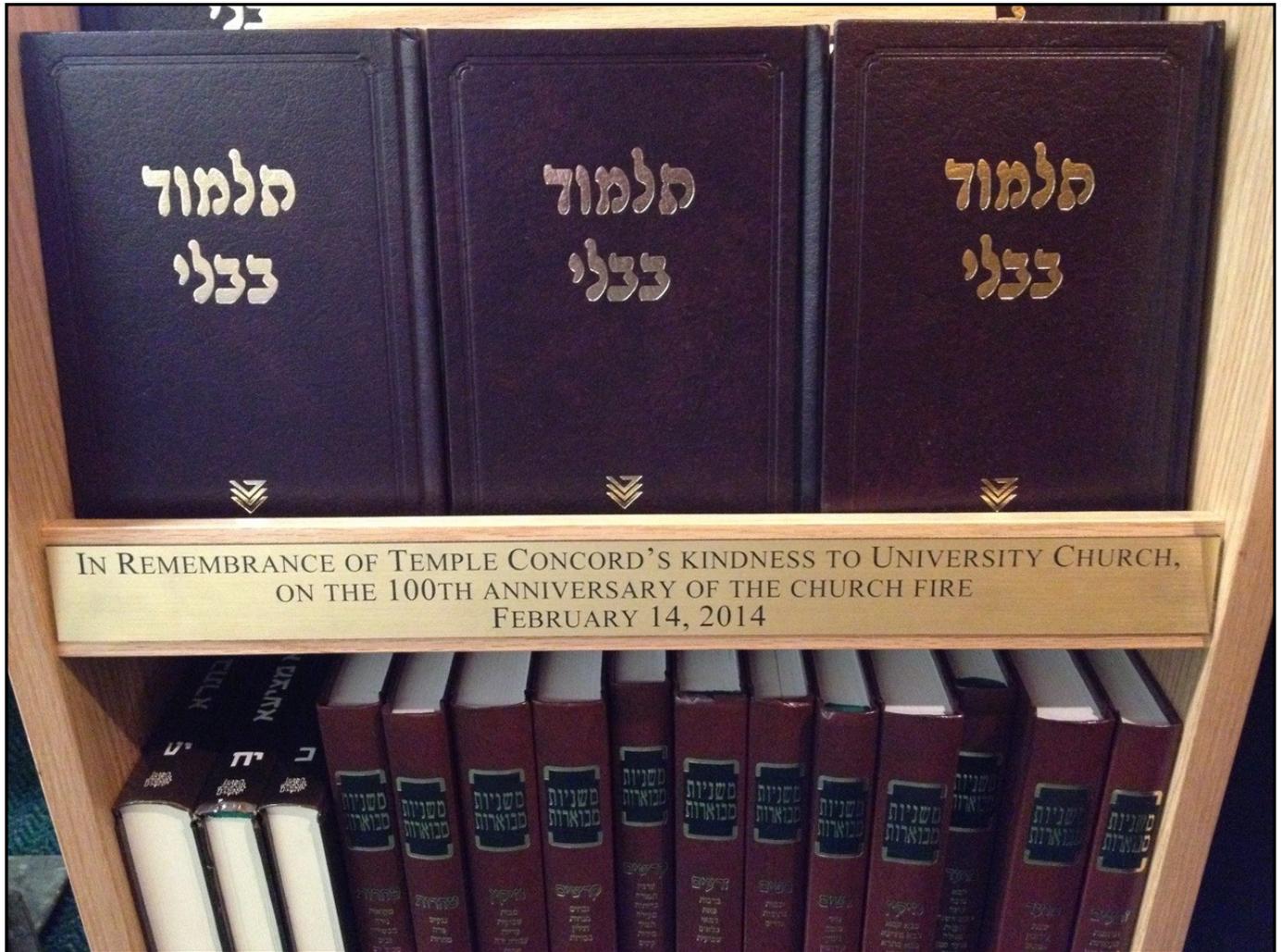
Pastor Alicia outside the Peale Entrance on a Friday Community/Food Pantry morning.



Galyn and Robert join Pastor Alicia in conversation.



On behalf of the congregation, Lay Leader Beth Drew says farewell to Rev. Tiffany Steinwert, dean of SU's Hendricks Chapel, and boys Henry and Grady. The family will be leaving for Massachusetts where Tiffany will be dean of religious and student life at Wellesley College.



A close-up of the bookcase UUMC gave to Temple Concord in commemoration of the temple's gracious help after the 1914 fire.