Proposal recommends UUMC join CNY Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition

Several congregations in Syracuse are considering how they might participate in the growing Sanctuary movement in the United States to practice the ancient custom of offering sanctuary to persons-at-risk—undocumented people who might be arrested as part of President Donald Trump’s push to step up immigration enforcement.

Members of the UUMC Church & Society Team have been meeting for several months with members of other congregations to discern the needs and the risks of providing sanctuary.

The movement has grown to over 800 congregations nationwide.

A UUMC draft document proposes that our congregation be “supportive” of those congregations that provide physical space for persons at risk of deportation.

Generally, persons in sanctuary are in a legal process to determine their status and are in sanctuary on a temporary basis.

There has been a long tradition by immigration officers not to violate “safe spaces” provided by faith groups, hospitals and schools.

However, there is no legal prohibition protecting persons in sanctuary and no guarantee the safe-space policy will continue.

The congregation will have an opportunity to discuss and consider the proposal at an after worship potluck on Sunday, Sept. 17.

It recommends that we become a Sanctuary Congregation and become a part of the CNY Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition.

Copies of the proposed resolution will be available after worship.

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Celebrate Martha’s ministry!

As announced, Martha Sutter is retiring after 25 years as our music director—Sept. 10 is her final Sunday in that role. (She’ll remain an active member) Come that day for a post-worship celebration to thank her for her ministry.

The following is a secret. Don’t tell Martha! You’re invited to write letters, notes or cards and send photos or other expressions to be part of a memory book.

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Greetings!

As the days become cooler and so beautiful, I can’t help but think about autumn. I love autumn. I love the cold breeze, the warm days and cool nights. I love the leaves and weather changing.

Last week I sold the house I have owned for six years. It was a cute little house that was just right for my daughter and me to start fresh. She started high school and now college while living in that house. I started seminary and a second career. It was time for me to transition to the next stage and house in my life.

So, the same day I sold my cute little house I bought a “new to me” house in the city of Syracuse. I wanted to live where I am in ministry. This has already shifted my life. I run into folks from church and the neighborhood every time I am out!

Now that I have told you the good stuff, I’ll share with you the part that I struggle with. I love change.

I don’t love the in-between time of change. I don’t love the packing, moving and putting away all my things. I don’t love the realization that I have a lot of stuff I don’t need! I don’t love knowing that my body tires more quickly than it once did. We all change or are made to change because things around us change. Some of us like it, and some of us fight it tooth and nail. However, as we deal with change one thing is for sure, God keeps promises.

Autumn is a special time of year. I love the way the leaves turn several shades of yellow, orange and red. Each year they are different. I know there is a scientific reason for the same tree’s leaves to turn different colors, but it is also a wonderful metaphor for our steadfast God.

As we twist and turn and change we are reminded that God promised to make all things new like the leaves and each of us. Yet, God also promised to remain faithful just like the tree.

Transitions are challenging. Sometimes it takes getting rid of things in our lives we don’t need any more, moving things around a little or rearranging our priorities. God is faithfully with us each step of the way. As we are made new, God is keeping promises!

Peace be with you,
— Pastor Alicia

Bellevue Heights says thanks for Backpack aid

Dear Sharon Smith, Pastor Wood and UUMC,

I am continually amazed that you “discovered” our Blessings in a Backpack mission and have been so willing to be a huge part of it!

Your congregation obviously has enormous dedication to Christian mission. For so many people to have donated money and sponsored children so quickly demonstrates their dedication to Christ and his work.

With your terrific help, we will be able to feed nearly one-half of the Delaware children on school year weekends. We hope this will help with their health and concentration.

We thank you with all our hearts!

Yours in Christ,

Jeanie Brown
Bellevue Heights UMC

Editor’s Note: Volunteers with a van or pickup who are available at 1 p.m. on Thursdays are needed to help deliver the food from Bellevue Heights UMC to Delaware Academy. If you can help on occasion, email Sharon Smith at ssladybug157@aol.com.

UUMC collected $10,600 in donations, which sponsored 40 children for the upcoming school year.

September birthdays
5 – Sharon Huard
8 – Martha Potter, Sarah Lund, Noel Sommers, Joshua DeHoog
11 – Eva Cooper
14 – Oliver Onninen, Aidan Mountain
15 – David Magowan
17 – Patrick Hyland, Bill Potter
23 – Dithole Thebe
28 – Kristofer Alestalo

Guild Meeting
The next meeting will be 1:30 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Chapel Room at the church. The program is to be determined.

Livestreaming: Our service is livestreamed every Sunday. To watch, go to our webpage or to http://tinyurl.com/uumcliveworship
My family and I enjoy listening to podcasts. Podcasts are audio files a user can download to a computer, smartphone or other mobile media player. Similar to a traditional radio show, a podcast allows the consumer to listen at their leisure on a personal device.

We each have our favorites. Many of our podcasts provide us with a bit of knowledge that we didn’t have before and/or give us a bit of compelling information to spark a conversation.

One of my favorite podcasts is entitled “FoodStuff.” This series is historical in nature. In less than an hour one learns the history of a specific food, how it was/is used, commerce of that food, how it traveled the world, the customs and culture that brought the food into the present.

With titles like “Could honey save us all?” “Life of Apple Pie,” “The Troubled, Tasty Story of Fried Chicken,” I am excited each week to receive the latest episode.

Recently, I listened to the story of bagels. Bagel is a Yeshivish term for sleeping 12 hours straight (bagels also need to rest for 12 hours during preparation). (Yiddish: beygl; Polish: bajgiel; German: beugel), meaning “ring” or “bracelet” is a bread product originating in the city of Kraków in 1610. This Slavic bread was given as a gift to women in childbirth for its ease of digestion and ability to fill a belly quickly.

Seventeenth century Poland was the breadbasket of Europe. King Jan Sobieski was the first king not to confirm the decree of 1496 limiting the production of white bread and obwarzanek (bagel-like rolls) to the Krakow bakers guild. This meant that Jews could legally bake rolls and bread within the confines of the city walls.

Bagels were brought to the United States by immigrant Polish Jews. Their size and ability to stay soft made them the perfect travel food. Thriving bagel businesses developed in New York City with 70 bakeries existing on the Lower East Side by 1900.

Certainly, immigrants from Eastern Europe, with their cravings for the foods of the old country, sparked the New York bagel craze that quickly traveled across the U.S. as a satisfying travel food.

UUMC’s food pantry is gifted several dozen pounds of bagels each week. These bagels are reorganized into zip-lock bags appropriately sized for a family. The bagels are included on a table full of bread offerings for our Friday morning pantry guests.

About 100 bagels pulled from this same donation have enabled us to begin serving our neighbors, guests and congregation a bagel breakfast the first, third and fifth Sunday of each month, beginning at 9 a.m.

Folks can now have a breakfast at UUMC each and every Sunday. Spare bagels left after these two events are shared with the Hendricks Chapel Food Pantry at Syracuse University to be shared with students for their own pantries.

Each week this considerable bagel donation feeds three separate groups of people.

Historically, the intention of the bagel hasn’t changed much. It still provides a staple food product for so many folk who move through and near UUMC.

We count on it as a resource that travels well, tastes good and provides sustenance for many.

The history of food is interesting to me as it speaks of the people, the communities, the resources and the cleverness of people to feed themselves and their families.

The bagel has had a long life of feeding families. This history still continues today at University United Methodist Church.

If you are interested in continuing the story of the bagel at UUMC, consider helping at one of our Sunday bagel breakfasts. A signup sheet hangs on the bulletin board outside the church office.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley
Outreach Coordinator

Copy of proposal can be mailed; bylaws also will be available for examination and discussion

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the next two Sundays. If you’d like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

There are many articles on the internet if you google Sanctuary Movement.

— Nelson Price

Also at the potluck/congregational meeting, the bylaws for the incorporation of the Syracuse United Methodist Churches will be available for examination and discussion.
People and Prayers

THANK YOU

Thanks to the Altar Guild and UUMC friends for the flowers, cards, prayers and condolences shared on the passing of my father on July 16.

A special thanks to Jerry Cargo for his friendship with my dad and to Ted and Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler and Pastor Alicia for going above and beyond to join Tom and me for his services in Carlisle, Pa.

It was a beautiful surprise and deeply appreciated.

— Carol Boll

CONTINUING PRAYERS

• Sherri Cullen: Dan and Annette Reed, Grace Antonio, Adelaide Ferrandi, Kathy Dewey, Gloria Goodison, Patti Walker, Billy and Barbie
• Erika: Barb and Bob Weaver, Maria Storto and family
• Bob & Barb: Alayah Green and family, Carus Olcott Jr., Bev Hoskins

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

• For those in military service: Matt Fischer

Sunday, August 6

• Stephen: Prayers for good weather, great attendance at the Shakespeare in Thordend Park these next two weeks with “As You Like It”
• Ann Owens: Happy Birthday, Lois Lum, tomorrow, Aug. 7
• Verle: That all people will follow God’s word and not man’s.
• Rita: Happy Birthday to Marjorie Carter, on Wednesday.
• Mamie: Giving honor to the life of Jesus and to the gifts that go unnoticed in us some days.
• Martha: Blessing for the new dean of Hendricks Chapel, Brian Konkol, the first Lutheran to lead the chapel.
• Peter: For hope and love, for all the kids growing up in our church and our city. Healthy, safe, and happy.
• Kathy: Prayers for Staci and Tony on a safe C-section on Friday. Prayers of support for TJ and his family for the passing of their grandmother. Prayers of support for my dad.
• Myron Ellsworth died. He was husband of Rev. Dawn Ellsworth.
• Jim Tallman is having medical tests on Friday.
• Olesa: May all living beings be peaceful, prosperous, happy and free.
• Leigh Safford: Situation in Washington and Happy Birthday to Morgan.
• Blessings and safe travels to Josiah Johnson, who is going back to college, and to Ben Meade, who is studying for a semester in Ecuador.
• Elise: Prophet Jesus: I give praise and thanks for healing to my mother.
• Sharon: Pray for Dick and Mary.
• Stephanie, Oliver and Vera: Prayers of great thanks for safe travels for our family. My parents, my sister and her family. We all met in Wisconsin to spend time with my great-grandmother, who is 95.
• James M.: For my mother-in-law.
• Gerri: My family, friends, sick, ill, lost souls and the dying.

Sunday, August 13

• Prophet Jesus: I plead to you to bless my mother to heal, as she faces surgery.
• Stephen Shepard: “Folks in Clinton Square.” Protection for the local rally & vigil speaking out against the White Nationalists actions this weekend.
• Kathy Cleary: Prayers for all who are in distress in our country. Spread love and kindness to all.
• Angela Palmieri: Tim P.
• Mike Rodda: People of Charlottesville, Va.
• For tolerance, respect, compassion and love to overcome.
• Jim T. as he goes to another doctor for his throat.
• Sue: Continued healing for my arm. My family.
• Sharon: Please pray for safe travels for Dick and Mary.
• Olean CUMC mission to Jamaica.
• Leigh Safford: Donnita S. has cancer.
• Peace within our family, family unity.
• Joyce Flynn: Prayers for all the countries and communities who are experiencing hate, violence, intolerance and oppression. Help them to work together to build peace, tolerance and respect for all.
• Cynthia: Dear God, help us put our feet where you would have us go, not just talk.
• Olesa: Praying for my sister Crestina and her health.
• The Delong family, as they lost their 13-year-old son, Lucas, last week.
• Prayers for a peaceful rally vigil.

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People/Prayers

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- For those who want to forget or remove things from the past.

Sunday, August 20

- Prayers that we may work to save the environment.
- Allen Lum: Peace and joy to all. Forgiveness as needed.
- To the family and friends of Efren Bonilla, who died this week. He was a great mentor to many.
- Dale Fryer: For Christina Doran and family, on the death of her cousin Rose-marie Bell.
- Elise: Prophet Jesus: I praise you for a peaceful home.
- Tom and Carol Boll: For a former newspaper colleague, Mike Jarboe, whose cancer has spread.
- Stephen Shepherd: Prayers for the loved ones of Stanley Fedor, who died this week at 87 years old.
- Carrie & John Hunt: Please watch over, give comfort and strength to Pat & John Vitela.
- Nelson & Barbara: All those suffering from oppression.
- Jackie Sadowski: Blessing to all our college students. Choose love, not sides. Peace.
- Olessea Cojohari: Praying for strength and wisdom to make the right choices.
- Leigh Safford: Wanda G.
- To bring my relationship closer to God.
- Phillip Lee: Phillip Lee, Deborah Truesdale, Nastassja Milner, Tamika Lee, DasMario Vaughn, Alicia Booker, Shatia Smith

Sunday, August 27

- Dan, Morgan and Stella: Prayers for a new job offer this week.
- Stephan Shepherd: Best wishes for all the college students starting the semester this week.
- Gail Tyndall: Barbara Silverman, Irene and Marg McDvitt.
- Bob & Barb: Alayah Green, Carus Olcott Jr., Mary and Carus Olcott Sr.
- Dean: Rochelle has begun classes at Vanderbilt and joined the local UMC. May our prayers be with her.
- Kathy: Thankful for all the new things to come and the start of Logan’s freshman year of high school.
- Barbara: Prayers for Nelson Price and his doctors. He gets a new pacemaker on Tuesday.
- Laura: People fighting diseases of the spirit and physical.
- Lois Lum: People in Texas
- Allen: Health problems.
- Peter: For health and safety for Texans in Hurricane Harvey, and for people to come together to stop climate disruption and extreme weather.
- Pastor Alicia
- Sue Bates: My family
- Elise: Prophet Jesus: I plead to you to end my worries about my mother.
- Nancy Hough: The family of Dean Hough, my brother-in-law, who died yesterday on his morning walk. The family of my cousin Janet D. in Lansing, N.Y. I just found out Wednesday.
- Dear God: Help us love each other more as you love us.
- J. Preble: Pray for world peace, my dad and my friend Ann in Cortland.
- Joellyn Tuttle: Our conference summer camping staff, as they return to college and “regular” fall scheduling.
- Courtney: I want a better marriage with Jeffery.

BIRTH

- Mari Rose Woodburn, born Aug. 3 to Mary and Jon. Granddaughter to Danny and Kirsten Magowan.

THANKS & PRAISE

Sunday, August 13

- Jim: I have been blessed. My career will be store manager at Byrne Dairy. Thanks for all your prayers!

Fall Book Study Groups


Groups will meet at 12:30 p.m. Fridays at the church; 5-7 p.m. Sundays at the home of Beth Drew (light supper, 5-5:30 p.m.) and 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Dean Moyer’s home. Call the church office for information and to sign up for a group. The book is available for $8 from the church.
**Finance Corner**

**Pledging Update**
- 2017 total pledges: $192,352
- Paid to date: $129,799
- Non-pledge contr.: $21,452
- Prepaid 2017 pledges: $28,366

**Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund**
- Donations received: $79,519
- Expenses paid: $12,693
- Current balance: $3,618

**Blessings in a Backpack**
We received $10,600 in contributions, which sponsors 40 children at Delaware Academy.

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**Week of September 3**

**Sunday the 3rd**
- 9:00 a.m. Bagels, coffee, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Room
- 9:45 a.m. Song & Prayer, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship. Pastor Wood. Communion
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship, Gathering Room

**Monday the 4th**

**Labor Day – Office Closed**

**Wednesday the 6th**
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Friday the 8th**
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Community

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**Week of September 10**

**Sunday the 10th**
- 9:00 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Room
- 9:45 a.m. Song & Prayer, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship. Pastor Wood
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship, Gathering Room

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**Monday the 11th**

**Tuesday the 12th**
- 5:30 p.m. Outpace Committee

**Wednesday the 13th**
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Church & Society Team, Chappell Room

**Thursday the 14th**
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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**Friday the 15th**
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Community

**Week of September 17**

**Sunday the 17th**
- 9:00 a.m. Bagels, coffee, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Room
- 9:45 a.m. Song & Prayer, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship. Pastor Wood
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting/Pot Luck

**Tuesday the 19th**
- 5:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

**Wednesday the 20th**
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Governing Board

**Thursday the 21st**
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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**Friday the 22nd**
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Community

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**Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers were given:
- By Marjorie Carter in honor of everyone celebrating an August birthday.
- By Nancy Nevin in honor of all those who make the world a better place
- By Carrie and John Hunt in memory of Carrie’s twin brother, John Edwin Kittell.
- By Starke Donnally in memory of his father, Stark Donnally Jr., his mother, Janet Lehr Donnally, and his brother, Bruce Donnally. All were longtime UUMC members.
- Flowers were given to Mary Woodburn, Beth Drew, Alicia Wood, Ted Finlayson-Schueler, Marg McDivitt, Rosemary Chappell, J.J. Warren and Arlene Pfahl.
- Flowers were delivered by Danny and Kirsten Magowan, Marg McDivitt, Don and Margo Kotten, John and Carrie Hunt and Starke Donnally.

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**A gift for Martha Sutter**

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Also, if you would like to make a monetary contribution as a gift of appreciation, that would be great! Please make checks to UUMC and write “Martha Sutter” on the memo line. If you give cash, please be sure it’s noted for her. You may mail these remembrances, good wishes and gifts to University United Methodist Church, 1085 E. Genesee St., Syracuse NY 13210, or you may put them in our offering plates on Sept. 3 or drop them by the church office 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays, by Sept. 6. Thank you!
Vacation Bible School Scenes
Camp EDGE (Aug. 20-24)
(Experience and Discover God Everywhere)
Aug. 20 service
(1 photo)

The children examine the Charter for Compassion adopted by the congregation earlier this year and signed by members.
Pride Day Parade at NYS Fair
(2 photos by Dale Fryer)
UUMC Attendees
At Drew Summer Music Institute