

# THE CHIMES

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Rev. Craig French, Pastor  
Tom Boll, Editor

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AUG. 19 AT PRATT'S FALLS

Clear your calendar on Sunday afternoon Aug. 19 for the annual church picnic.

It's a time of good food, fellowship, conversation and fun before the busier fall schedule begins for many of us.

The picnic begins at 3 p.m. at the Falls Shelter of Pratt's Falls County Park, 7671 Pratt's Falls Road, Manlius.

Bring a dish to pass, something to grill and sports equipment (volleyball, Frisbee, softball, etc.) Dishes, plastic ware, iced tea, lemonade and chips are provided. Fires will be going by 4 p.m. to start grilling.

To get to the park, take Route 91 south out of Jamesville — go a little less than five miles and take a left on Pratt's Falls Road.

Go about 2.2 miles on Pratt's Falls Road and the park will be on your left. Follow signs to the Falls



**UUMC hikers were rewarded with a view of the beautiful falls last year.**

Shelter. A \$1 admission fee/donation per car is suggested.

Call Ted and Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler, 446-6333, or the park, 682-5934, with any questions.

### Our newly elected bishop

Mark J. Webb, York district superintendent in Pennsylvania, was elected bishop at the Northeast Jurisdictional Conference and will succeed Marcus Matthews Sept. 1 as bishop of our Upper New York Area.



### Our Grace House intern

Lyndsey Graves, our Grace House intern, will arrive at the end of this month. She's from Georgia and is a 2012 graduate of Lee University in Tennessee with a degree in biblical and theological studies. See the next Chimes for more details on Lyndsey.



# Faith: stepping out hand in hand with God



Rev. French

*“Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day; and though I am poor, today I believe.*

*“Lord, you have always given strength for the coming day; and though I am weak, today I believe.*

*“Lord, you have always given peace for the coming day; and though of anxious heart, today I believe.*

*“Lord, you have always marked the road for the coming day; and though it may be hidden, today I believe.*

*“Lord, you have always spoken when time was ripe; and though you be silent, today I believe.”*

(excerpts from “An Affirmation of Faith,” contained in “A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals” by Shane Claiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove)

Faith — like love (and ultimately, the two may be more alike than we realize) — is not so much about intellectual assent or a “gut feeling” but an act of will or a matter of choice. We *choose* to be faithful ... or not. And it is a choice we must make daily, even moment by moment.

My brother called me the other day to see if I would pinch-hit by officiating at my nephew’s wedding this coming weekend. My dad, a retired United Methodist pastor, was prepared to do the wedding, but health issues for my stepmother will now prevent them from traveling to Ohio.

I was already planning to attend, and I’d do anything for my brother, so it was easy to say “yes” to his request; but it’s the first wedding I’ll perform without any kind of preparation. No premarital counseling. No getting to know the couple’s history, plus their hopes and dreams for the future. No designing the wedding ceremony. Nothing ... other than calling my nephew to find out what the clergy

dress code should be for their simple outdoor wedding.

I’ve known Andy forever. Watched him grow up. Heard about him from his parents. But even though he and Lisa have been a couple for a long time, have lived together for perhaps five years, and have caused us all to wonder when they’d finally get around to getting married, I think I’ve met her exactly one time, maybe twice.

So what do I possibly have to say to them — knowing that, as a pinch hitter, they (and everyone else) will just look for me to get the job done as quickly and smoothly as possible?

If I have only one thing to say to them ... one word of wisdom or advice to give them ... what

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“To be a Christian, you must step out into uncertainty.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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should it be? Simply this (which is usually the final thing I tell every couple I marry): that strong, healthy marriages may be built on love and desire, but even more they’re built on faithfulness and commitment.

Passion and romance may wax and wane, but faithfulness is a consistent and practiced virtue (even when the fire burns low). One is an emotion that blows hot and cold; the other a resolve that is unwavering.

The exchange of wedding vows happens once; Choosing to make those vows real is a daily decision and daily discipline.

How we live our lives ... how we live our faith ... is always a matter of choice. The circumstances of life may be impossible to predict or control, but how we choose to respond is always up to us.

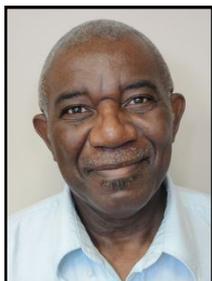
The evidence of God’s presence may not always be obvious, but choosing to believe, no matter what, is an act of faith — perhaps the very definition of faith.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer put it this way: “To be a Christian, you must step out into uncertainty.” Lisa and Andy may think they know what they’re doing on their wedding day. The truth, however, is that the only sure thing they have is their promise to step out into uncertainty together.

Perhaps that’s what faith looks like, too: stepping out into uncertainty — into the uncertainty of today and the uncertainty of the future — with hope, with confidence, with rejoicing, hand in hand with God.

— Craig

## OUTREACH MINISTRY



Thanks to those individuals who volunteered with our Friday Community this summer. Five such persons made themselves available. They did and are still doing a fantastic job in the limited time. I look forward to working with some of them through the year.

### School Supplies

I received some items for the school supplies program. I hope more of us will support this venture this year. Last year we provided supplies for at least 40 families. We hope we will do better this year. Those who are able to support us, your gifts will be appreciated.

### Regular Volunteers

Several of the regular volunteers took time to visit friends and families. From their reports the visits were profitable. One is attending the Olympics in London.

### Families Served This Year

From July last year through June this year we served 507 families. Of special interest to me is the number of single heads of households.

After counting them I identified 127 single males and 136 female heads of household.

These figures suggest that there are many single persons who continue to need help with food and clothing and other things — e.g. jobs.

One of the challenges we face is there is a limited amount of men's clothing and especially clothing for larger men.

In light of these statistics we hope we will develop programs that will be helpful to this section of the population.

I am glad we are able to serve them and hope next year we will do more for this group of persons.

### Needs

In recent weeks pantry friends asked me for items such as: pots, plates, hot plates and

microwaves. If you can help in these regards to the Friday Community I ask you to do so. Just give me a call at 472-1715 and I will supply these items to the needy persons.

### Intern at University Church

At the end of this month we will welcome Lyndsey Graves, our intern, to our congregation. Let me hope her stay with us will be challenging and rewarding.

### Feinstein Foundation

Earlier this year we contributed toward the Feinstein Foundation. Several members of the congregation supported this project and in so doing supported the pantry. In response we received \$279.34 from the foundation. This fund will go toward our pantry, and we look forward to being a participant next year. If you are curious about what other churches and organizations received visit their website at [www.feinsteinfoundation.org](http://www.feinsteinfoundation.org).

— Rev. Joseph Smythe  
Friday Community chaplain

## Evening Guild: planning and providing

The next Evening Guild meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the home of Rita Soufleris.

This is a planning meeting for next year, and we need ideas for possible speakers and meetings....lots of ideas.

If anyone is not able to attend, please give your ideas to any member, or call Rita at 299-7702.

We welcome any new women who would be interested in our group. We have room for more!

Also, the Pettingill Center has a wonderful new stove, (pictured at right) and the women's restroom in the basement has a new baby changing table, both items courtesy of the Evening Guild.



## Meet new member Memory Mungure

Memory Mungure of Syracuse recently joined UUMC as a member.

Memory grew up in Zimbabwe. She has a diploma in teacher education, a bachelor's in education, honors in religious studies and a master's in religious studies. She received all of her higher education, except her bachelor's, at the University of Zimbabwe. She earned her bachelor's at Solusi, a private university.

Memory and her two children, Merylyn, 17, and Melissa, 10, have been in the United States a little more than three months.

She is married to Solomon Mungure, a doctoral student in environmental and natural re-



**Memory Mungure and her children, Merylyn, left, and Melissa.**

sources policy at SUNY-ESF. Solomon has just completed two years in the U.S.

Memory taught in high schools for 14 years and for one year at a teachers college in Zimbabwe.

## Music Notes

### Handbell Choir Meeting

An organizational meeting/workshop for people interested in playing in the handbell choir will be held after church on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Those who have played with the choir before and anyone interested in finding out about handbells are welcome. More details in the next Chimes.

### Senior Choir Starts Up

The Senior Choir resumes weekly rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 in the Music Center.

This group rehearses again at 9:45 a.m. Sunday before singing at the 10:30 service and presents a variety of anthems as well as two special music services during the year.

New members are always welcome and no audition is required, although a knowledge of



**Handbell choir director Danny Magowan plays the chimes at a two-day Handbell Musicians of America workshop last week at DeWitt Community Church.**

music reading is helpful.

For more information, please contact Martha Sutter at [mlsuter@syr.edu](mailto:mlsuter@syr.edu).

## Finance Corner

### Pledging Update

Total amount pledged for 2012: \$203,360. Amount paid to date: \$101,200. Pre-paid pledges: \$14,500.

### "Sounds of the Spirit"

Approximately \$40,000 is needed to upgrade our antiquated sound system.

Current "Sounds of the Spirit" campaign balance is \$28,048. Current expenses paid are \$6,215. Total donations received are \$34,263.

Checks should be made out to University UMC with a notation of "SOS." Thanks to all who have contributed.

## Thanks, UUMC...

### From Africa University UNY Scholarship Endowment Fund

Thank you for your contribution of \$1,737 to the Upper New York Africa University Scholarship Endowment Fund. Your gift brings us closer to our goal to support eight scholarships in perpetuity. Thank you for living out the UNY Annual Conference mission statement: "To live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love to our neighbors in all places."

### From UMCOR

Thank you for your gift of \$52 to the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100 percent of your contribution will support the missionary community in honor of Mark Zimmerman.

## Mark Zimmerman relates difficulties in Nepal, asks for prayers, support

“The next-to-best thing is money,” said Mark Zimmerman, speaking of what UUMC members could do to help nutrition and missions work in Nepal. “But the best thing is prayer.”

Mark, who attended UUMC while in medical school in Syracuse, has worked in Nepal for more than two decades. He spoke July 24 to about 25 people gathered for a potluck.

Mark, a United Methodist missionary, works for the Nick Simons Institute, an organization that trains and supports rural health care workers.

NSI works closely with the government hospitals to help improve health care in its hospitals.

That training is much needed, Mark explained, due to the poverty and mountainous terrain preventing many people from access to the urban centers with

higher quality care.

To illustrate how hard it is to travel Mark showed a photo of a rubble road and said it can take as long as 14 hours to go 60 miles, not to mention that the road edge drops off sharply hundreds of feet down.

NSI trains birth attendants, ultrasound techs, anesthesia assistants and biomedical equipment techs — all who get training and then go back to the rural areas to work.

The malnutrition in Nepal is worse than Sudan, Mark said. Deidre, his wife, works in a nutrition program, which always needs additional funds.

He told the story of a woman who has become a key advocate for the nutrition program after seeing the difference it made in her daughter’s life.

Mark showed before-and-

after pictures of the child, first malnourished with a distended belly, and then later, appearing very healthy.

Deidre and the nutrition staff knew the mother could not afford more food or get other food, but taught her how to use the food she had so the family got the best out of it.

To support Mark and/or Deidre’s work, see information on the UMC website, <http://unyumc.org/pages/detail/1442> or give through University Church, marking it: Advance Special #10908Z (Mark’s work) or #13171Z (Deidre’s work).

**Note:** If anyone wants to receive the Zimmermans’ newsletter directly to their personal email, please let Tom Boll know at [uumctb@twcny.rr.com](mailto:uumctb@twcny.rr.com)

— Barbara Fought

## Native American Outreach seeks volunteers

The Native American Outreach/Transportation Program is seeking a few volunteers to join a committee to oversee and assist with program operations.

Volunteers would meet with the driver to review hours and operations, submit paperwork to supporting agencies and monitor the maintenance schedule of the wheelchair bus.

Meetings are held bimonthly in the Nedrow area. Volunteers do not have to be members of the United Methodist Church or the Committee on Native American Ministries to help.

The Native American Outreach/Transportation Program has existed for over 25 years and operates as a subcommittee of the Committee on Native Ameri-

can Ministries.

The program provides rides to Native Americans age 60 and older and individuals with disabilities who live on the Onondaga Nation and in the surrounding Syracuse area.

The program operates on a “will call” basis with a driver providing services 25 hours per week.

While most services are for medical appointments and treatments, services also include transportation to pharmacies, nutrition sites, food pantries, the post office, banks, shopping, and other necessary places.

If you are interested or would like further information, please call Sharon Schmit at 315-655-2500.

## Cookies needed to welcome students!

Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26, University Church will help host a welcome picnic for the new residents of Copper Beech Commons (the new apartment complex next door to the church). We expect to meet 150-200 students, welcoming them to the neighborhood.

We have agreed to provide dessert for the picnic, which translates into 50 dozen homemade cookies! You can sign up on Sunday mornings to provide 2-3 dozen (or more!) homemade cookies or register your cookie “pledge” by calling the church office, 475-7277. All cookies need to be brought to the church Friday morning, Aug. 24.

# PEOPLE/PRAYER CONNECTION

## THANKS

- Thanks for time to share “pantry” news with another “soldier,” from **Grandma Ann**
- Thank you for rain! And please provide for all those who earn a living off the land during the hot and dry summer
- Praise God for bringing our grandson **Ryan Scales** home from Kenya after a successful mission trip, from **Shirley and Harry Miller**

## JOYS

- A joy to announce daughter **Corrie Fagut’s** engagement to **Andrew Pratt**. A March 2013 wedding in Washington, D.C., is planned.
- For **Alicia and Tim**, who were wed on July 7 and celebrated with family and friends in Ithaca, from **Peter Swords**

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

- Those in military service: **Nathan Miller, Jim Pettyjohn and Matt Fischer**
- God keeps my spirit up, from **Greg**
- Blessings on our daughter, **Julia**, who begins her graduate studies at Indiana University next week, from **Martha and David**
- Help my friend **Shelby Watson** feel and get better from pneumonia, from **Dakota**
- Fight off the spirit of fear as I know it is not God. He has not giving me the spirit of fear. Change can be welcomed.
- Happy Birthday, **President Obama!** His success is our success.
- Pray for guidance as I begin

- the candidacy process, from **Billy Kluttz**
- Sacred heart of Jesus: Help your servant look and see with kaleidoscope eyes, from **Elise**
- **Wayne Herrington**, who is undergoing cancer treatment
- Bishop **Marcus Matthews and Barbara**, as they move to work in and near Washington, D.C.
- Help stop bullies from bullying me, from **Dakota**
- **Joan Bronman and Jean Sheehan** as they continue cancer treatment, from the **Kotens**
- The right to health — as we thank our neighbors, and how it helps us if they are well: “I am well, if you are well,” from **Peter Swords**
- The life of **Bob Comer**, Syracuse Rose Society and Men’s Garden Club member and former city parks gardener, who died Thursday, from **Starke Donnally**
- The **Steve Chastain family**, who lost their son this past week
- Bring healing to my brother and his wife.
- Jesus, help your servants to enforce your sacred laws.
- **Thomas Luke**: health and **Aly Wane**: immigrant status.
- Fire and weather victims
- Another gardener gone to tend the gardens in heaven, my friend **Wayne Bertrand**, from **Starke**
- I hope that I will have a great birthday, from **Esther**
- **Richard Coute**, who is given only days to live and has liver cancer; New Hope Mission;

- Dr. Fallon**, who died this week
  - Sword of King David, lay still with a focus to satisfy our natural desires and wants, from **Elise**
  - All the newly assigned bishops of the UMC as well as the areas receiving new bishops
  - Those who are in prison, those in nursing homes and those who do not have heart to serve God
  - Those who lost their lives or were injured and their families in the tragedy in Aurora, Colo.
  - **Mary Skelly**, who recently suffered the loss of her husband and has fallen on hard times, from **Brad**
  - Our next door neighbor **Sue Pavat**, whose partner, **Peter Cornell** was killed in a bicycle accident in Georgia, from **Dave and Ellen**.
  - **Tim and Maxine**. Tim was recently diagnosed with esophageal and liver cancer
  - We offer our gifts to God to use us to make them bigger
  - A much-needed dialogue on gun violence in America
  - Sacred Jesus, teach your servants the true benefit of receiving fortune, from **Elise**
  - Good outcome for a friend’s Social Security disability claim; more work hours for K; a successful completion for W’s summer project
  - Share God’s word with those who hunger for God’s word
  - My health to be restored and renewed so that I may continue to do God’s work here on Mother Earth
  - **John Ginn**, to have a **success-**
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# Climate-change book study group launches Aug. 23

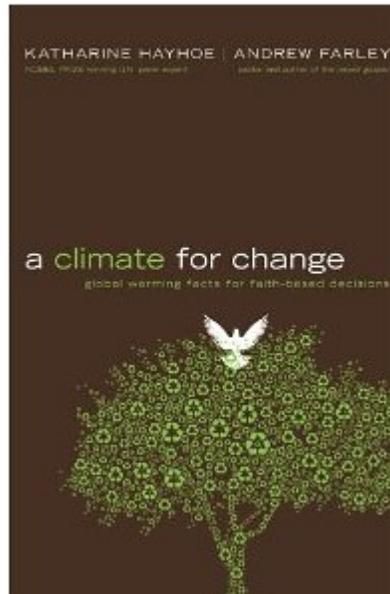
Please mark your calendars for 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. We invite you to an evening of fellowship with members of UUMC and other area congregations who are interested in exploring a faith-based response to global climate change.

At this meeting we will introduce the book "A Climate for Change: Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions," which will help guide our discussions.

Beyond discussion, we hope to create a community around this issue where people can openly share their concerns and actively listen to those of others.

This sense of community will be vital in supporting one another as we move toward a deeper understanding of climate change and ways to put our faith into both collective and individual actions.

The primary intent of our first



meeting will be to get participants' input on how they would like to see the group structured and run.

We will meet at Stephanie Hitztaler's place — refreshments will be served — 211 Lafayette Road, Apt. 431. This apartment is in Building 3 in the Nob Hill Apart-

ment complex: Take your first left off of Lafayette Road. Upon arrival please call Stephanie at (315) 440-3156, who will come down and let you in the front door. Carpooling is encouraged.

Also, there are Centro buses that go directly to Nob Hill, and a free bus goes directly from central campus to Nob Hill for SU students/faculty (you must provide ID). Peter Swords has offered to provide rides home for those arriving by bus.

Any questions, or interested in the group, yet not able to make our initial meeting? Please contact Stephanie at [shitztal@umich.edu](mailto:shitztal@umich.edu) (or at number above) or Peter at [pswords@ocmsinc.org](mailto:pswords@ocmsinc.org), co-chairs of Creation Stewardship. We look forward to seeing you!

— *Stephanie Hitztaler,*  
Co-chair

## PEOPLE/PRAYER CONNECTION

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- ful job interview and job offer this Tuesday
- **Betsy Wiggins** in her health concerns
- **Chris**, who became ill at breakfast this morning here
- **Beth Drew** in her teaching in The Gambia and as she returns this week
- All who live on the streets and have insufficient health care
- Those who have suffered from extreme weather conditions, especially those in Colorado who lost their homes in the wildfires
- Prayers of gratitude for healing and prayers of comfort for those suffering medical problems.
- Best of luck to **Mary** as she travels across the country to her new job as a music teacher in Phoenix, Ariz.

- Heavenly Father, please have your servants relax and reflect on your precious surroundings, from **Elise**

### CARE AND SHARE MINISTRY ASKS PRAYERS FOR:

- **Aug. 5:** Martha and William Potter, Marion Rush
- **Aug. 12:** Don Steenberg, Tom and Barbara Cook
- **Aug. 19:** Kay Wiggins, Ben Stiles, Diane Tarbell
- **Aug. 26:** John Swords, Genn and Ted Thuma

### PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CROSSROADS DISTRICT CHURCHES AND PASTORS:

- **Aug. 12:** Marcellus, B. Lee Williams Jr.
- **Aug. 19:** Minoa, Roger Parker; North Mexico
- **Aug. 26:** North Syracuse Andrews, Brad Hunt
- **Sept. 2:** All who are attending school; Oswego First UMC, Yohang Chun

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given by Rita and George Soufleris, Bette Helwig and Steve Bacon, Ted and Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler, Marsha and Gary Wood, Marg McDivitt and Fre-da Kirkley.

Flowers were given to Dean Mo- yer and Jill Sarkodie-Mensah, Ellen Bacon, Tiffany Steinwert, Nelson Price and Barbara Fought, Margo Kotten, Julia Ross, Rev. John Swords, Bridget Moriarty, Katie Flynn, Kirsten Magowan and Rob, Buff and Emma Lingo.

Flowers were delivered by Bette Helwig and Steve Bacon, Marg McDivitt and Lee Potter.

## August birthdays

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dr. Barbara Miller,  
Beth Drew, Ray Ashwood  
4<sup>th</sup> – Michael Borenstein, Valerie  
Young  
5<sup>th</sup> – Will Drew, Dan Hyland,  
Jonathan Hosler  
6<sup>th</sup> – Kathleen Stevenson,  
Gloria Morgan, Ingrid Coutts  
9<sup>th</sup> – Marjorie Carter  
12<sup>th</sup> – Don Steenberg  
15<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Fought  
16<sup>th</sup> – Barbara French  
19<sup>th</sup> – Sue Bambacht,  
Jesse Miller  
20<sup>th</sup> – Susan Borenstein  
21<sup>st</sup> – Maria Fay  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Charles Chappell Jr.  
25 – Julia Duru, Katie Flynn  
27<sup>th</sup> – Bruce Borenstein  
28<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Gregory Threatte, David  
Duru  
31<sup>st</sup> – Roger Lund

### Second Allan Drew Ride/Run

The second annual Allan Drew Memorial Bike Ride/Run is Aug. 25 around Owasco Lake. For details, contact John Allen, johnallen2233@gmail.com.



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### WEEK OF AUGUST 12

Sunday the 12th

**9 a.m.** Community/Church Break-  
fast

**9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
Class

**10:30 a.m.** Worship

**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship - Narthex

Wednesday the 15th

**11:15 a.m.** Staff meeting

Friday the 17th

**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community  
(+Food Pantry)

### WEEK OF AUGUST 19

Sunday the 19th

**9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
Class

**10:30 a.m.** Worship

**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship - Narthex

**3 p.m.** Church Picnic at Pratt's

Falls County Park

Tuesday the 21st

**7 p.m.** Stephen Ministry

Wednesday the 22nd

**11:15 a.m.** Staff meeting

Friday the 24th

**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community  
(+Food Pantry)

### WEEK OF AUGUST 26

Sunday the 26th

**9 a.m.** Community/Church Break-  
fast

**9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
Class

**10:30 a.m.** Worship

**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship - Narthex

**4-7 p.m.** Welcoming Picnic at Cop-  
per Beech Commons

Wednesday the 29th

**11:15 a.m.** Staff meeting

**5 p.m.** Outreach Committee

Friday the 31st

**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community  
(+Food Pantry)

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2

Sunday the 2nd

**9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Issues  
Class

**10:30 a.m.** Worship

**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship - Narthex

Monday the 3rd

Labor Day – Church office closed

Wednesday the 5th

**11:15 a.m.** Staff meeting

Friday the 7th

**10 a.m. - noon** Friday Community  
(+Food Pantry)

### Newspapers for Breakfast Guests

Our guests at the community breakfast on second and fourth Sundays appreciate reading The Post-Standard while the breakfast is being cooked. The sections get divided up and disappear quickly. If you'd be willing to buy one or two newspapers to bring to the church around 8:30 a.m. on one of these Sundays, contact Barbara Fought, 446-7656, or bcfought@syr.edu.



**Our youngsters collected spaghetti sauce and more for our Food Pantry during Aug. 5 worship.**



**Carol Boll, center, was among four UUMC members who attended a two-day handbell workshop at DeWitt Community Church earlier this month. Also attending were Danny and Kirsten Magowan and Tom Boll.**



**Kirsten Magowan, at the handbell workshop, days after undergoing foot surgery.**



**One of three long rows of handbells, chimes, mallets and ringers at the workshop.**



**Some of the tomatoes growing in the Community Garden.**



**Collards growing in the Community Garden.**



**The first harvest from our Community Garden: collards, tomatoes and a cucumber. All were taken to our Food Pantry.**



**With the trees removed from the front of the church, here's our new look on East Genesee Street.**



**The new Copper Beech Commons, next to and behind the church, is open for business. Most students will be arriving in two weeks. We're invited to a welcoming picnic Aug. 26 from 4 to 7 and are bringing 50 dozen cookies for dessert.**



**Copper Beech Commons apartments and parking lot behind the church.**