What’s up with the building projects planned and unexpected at UUMC?

You may have noticed that various building projects have been taking place at UUMC, some planned, some not expected.

Trustees authorized funds from the unrestricted gift Freda Kirkley made to UUMC to pay for a replacement of the center portion of the front stairs on East Genesee Street.

Not only was there surface deterioration, but the top slab showed extensive reinforcement bar corrosion weakening the top slab. Work has been completed by Viau Construction. (Photos, page 5) Work on a coping slab high above the east portion of the exterior is also planned.

Parking lot paving work has also begun. The area adjacent to the church has already been sealed. The lower parking lot resurfacing is scheduled soon, possibly this week.

Parking will be available in the Copper Beech lot off East Fayette Street when that work is going on. The upper lot will be done last.

Some plaster repair in the sanctuary is also planned this fall.

Unexpected repair work has been completed to the kitchen fan. Thanks to Building Superintendent Tim Neiss for getting this done economically.

Mold has infiltrated the Music Center (South Room). Work has recently been done to that space, the dehumidifier has been replaced, heat pumps have been put into operation and stored items have been treated.

Other projects are planned, and we will report on those as they take place.

— Vito Sciscioli, Chair, Board of Trustees

Pastor Alicia outlines her path to ordination

Editor’s Note: Pastor Alicia wrote the following to explain to the congregation her expected journey to ordination.

I met with my DCoM, District Committee on Ministry in mid-September.

I have met with this committee once a year since Spring 2012.

Methodists have methods for everything. One method is the way in which one can become an ordained Elder in the UMC.

Currently, I am a Licensed Local Pastor with a Master of Divinity seeking ordination.

DCoM has approved me for another year with this title.

The next step for me is to complete paperwork including “the historic questions” for people seeking ordination in the Methodist tradition so that when I meet with DCoM in Fall 2016 it can (hopefully) approve me to the next step, which is an interview with BoOM, Board of Ordained Ministry. My hope is to meet with BoOM in Spring 2017.

If the interview and paperwork go well, BoOM will commission me as a Provisional Elder. As a Provisional
Don’t let your fears keep you from being what God wants

I was watching the “CBS Morning Show” one day this week and caught a story about Bill Withers. He is a singer and songwriter from the 1970s and 1980s.

He had many hit songs like “Lean on Me,” but in the prime of his career he walked away from it all. The interviewer asked him if he will ever write songs to perform again.

Withers responded, “No, I don’t plan to, but if I did I would write about my old friend fear.”

This statement really hit me, “my old friend fear.” Withers had been a stutterer. He revealed that he overcame stuttering when he stopped worrying about what the listener would think about his spoken words.

I thought, what else could we accomplish if we stop running with fear? What chances would we take? How many times would we make a fool of ourselves as we grow into God’s purpose for us? What successes would we achieve?

Sometimes fear is a good thing. For example, I have a fear to jump off a cliff into the water. I’m OK with this fear even though others have no problem jumping off a cliff into water.

Yet, I am afraid of heights and while on vacation several years ago my friends and family wanted to go zip-lining. I was so scared but decided to go.

I didn’t want to be sitting around doing nothing while they were out on an adventure. Although every single time I had to jump off the platform and depend on the zip-line I was SO scared, I did it!

The funny thing is I was the only one to get stuck in the middle of one of the zip lines and was hanging there until one of the monitors came to my rescue. I lived to tell you about this adventure.

Sometimes our fear holds us back from trying new things. It sometimes keeps us back from being who and what God intends for us.

I can’t imagine the world without songs such as “Lean on Me,” “Ain’t No Sunshine,” “Just the Two of Us” and “Lovely Day.”

What could happen if we were to decide to let fear be an old friend rather than our best friend? What music would we make? How could the Holy Spirit shift us? What would happen if we let go of the fear and let God? Only God knows.

Peace,

Pastor Alicia

Speak up so kids don’t go hungry

The next meeting is 1:30 p.m. Oct. 28. The hostess is Margo Koten, 317 Standish Drive, Syracuse, and co-hostess is Barbara Cook. The program: Outreach Coordinator Galyn Murphy-Stanley on the Outreach Program.

Guests are welcome, but please call Margo, 446-0649, to let her know. Members should call Margo if they cannot come.

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The city of Syracuse is fortunate our schools and community centers offer summer meal programs for all children. Our surrounding counties’ offerings are sparse at best. Lewis County maintains not one summer feeding site for its kids. Summer remains the hungriest time for our school-age children and their families.

The Food Bank of CNY is asking us to speak up for our children. Please sign onto a letter supporting the Hunger Free Summer for Kids Act at http://goo.gl/forms/mhjNXHeSeh or contact Senator Gillibrand at (202) 224-4451 or, www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/ and ask her to be a co-sponsor on the Hunger Free Summer Kids Act and the Summer Meals Act. The goal is to have reliable, nutritious meals for all of our children all year long. Not so different from the goals of Boston’s New England Kitchen 125 years ago.

Maybe I need to reconsider the gift of those school lunches.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley
Outreach Coordinator
Thank Boston for the origin of today’s school lunches

My dad buys a subscription to Yankee magazine for me each Christmas. He knows I utilize this magazine to plan many of my family trips through New England and enjoy learning more about the history of specific areas.

He also knows that I will share that history with his grandkids when we eventually arrive to a certain town/monument or community, thereby educating them on the wonderful area we live in.

In one of this summer’s editions of Yankee, the theme was the “Gifts New England gave to America.” Number 28 was “Takeout Food and School Lunch.”

Instantly I’m skeptical. Takeout food, definitely a blessing to busy individuals around the world, but school lunches? As I was growing up with four sisters and two work-consumed adults, school lunches were a large part of my and my sisters’ lives.

Although I have fun memories of standing in line with my friends, making the daily menu announcement on the school’s PA system and pooling all of my pocket change with my high school girlfriends to see how many hamburgers we could buy, my fondness is not about the food itself.

“Yankee” explains that Bostonians of 125 years ago decided that Americans’ eating habits needed to change.

With the birth of a group called the New England Kitchen, the poor of Boston were offered education, cheap, nourishing and hygienic meals for 15 cents.

At 142 Pleasant St., Boston, patrons at a takeout window were supplied with nutrition education, beef broth, cornmeal mush, pea soup, Indian pudding, oat cakes and milk.

Due to Boston’s strapping ethnically diverse neighborhoods, the New England Kitchen’s takeout window didn’t last long. However, those repurposing New Englanders found another place for “New England's Kitchen.”

The Boston School Committee negotiated with “New England’s Kitchen” to set up a central facility that could deliver meals to the city’s high schools.

Soups, sandwiches, meat pies, scalloped dishes, cakes and puddings arrived, feeding Boston’s schoolchildren a homemade, reliable, nutritious, free meal every day — thereby creating America’s first school-lunch program.

After attending a conference at CNY’s Food Bank this summer, I learned of the great dependence and success of free breakfasts and lunches for all of our Syracuse City students.

Close to 80 percent of our children rely on fortifying themselves with these reliable, nutritious, free daily meals.

Public money doled out to families takes into account the school meals and money is adjusted so families receive less money based on the school meals for school-age children.

This is a well-oiled machine that works great when school is in session.

When schools close for the summer holidays, large numbers...
**People/Prayer Connection**

**PRAYERS REQUESTED:**

- For those in military service: Jim Pettyjohn and Matt Fischer  
**Sunday, September 13**
- Barbara Cargo: Healing prayers for Larry Myers  
- Elise: Prophet Jesus, I praise you, for acknowledging; apologize, and action for my flaws.
- Khaliyah & Kiki: We wish for love, hope and peace for everyone.
- Lacey: Stability in life to accomplish what needs to be done to achieve home & financial stability. May peace and love reign for our family.
- John: Grandpa George to get better.
- Peter: For the Laubach family on the passing of “Dr. Bob” — with appreciation for his legacy of international understanding and empowerment. For the family of Marcia Rutledge, who died last night — and memories of her sweet musical voice.
- Robert J.: Pray that God will open the heart of a church to partner with Legal Advocacy for Disabled.
- Robert S.: Let me stay well enough to see my projects completed.
- For the Laubach family & Martha Sutter’s family in their grief at the loss of loved ones.
- Pray for Helena Schmidt.

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- Special prayers for former member Roseanne Samuel as she recovers from surgery.

**Sunday, September 20**
- Barb Cargo: Healing prayers for Genn Thuma.
- Barb & Jess Miller: We give thanks for Christ’s loving spirit in this church that has blessed us for the 40 years we lived in Syracuse. We give thanks for the many points of light that have ministered to citizens of Syracuse, both rich and poor. May the Lord continue to bless this light and service.
- John: Grandpa George Sr. is back in VA hospital. Pray for him to get better and to come home.
- Kiki: Love and respect to all seeking peace and love.
- Kathy & Logan: Prayers of love and safety for our lost cat, Pepper.
- Lacey: A better more secure future with no crime so people won’t have to be scared to go to sleep at night.
- Special prayers for former member Roseanne Samuel as she recovers from surgery.

**All Saints’ Day:** Our remembrance will be during Nov. 1 worship. The bulletin will include names of loved ones who have died since November 2014. The names will be read aloud during the service. Please email the church office with loved ones’ names before Oct. 25 at uumc@twcny.rr.com.

**Spiritfilm:** The next selection is “Grandma,” starring Lily Tomlin, now showing in Manlius. Meet at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10 for discussion at the Price/Fought home, 6305 Hamlet Crest in the condominium complex across from Christian Brothers Academy on Randall Road.

- Cynthia: That I might find peace in my heart for all that have harmed me.
- Elise: Prophet Jesus, Guide my thought and failure to rejuvenate my needs to serve others who need you!
- Kathy: Prayers for all of my community and people without homes.
- Lacey: A better week full of great resources for everyone.
- Mardea: Healing.
- Peter: For 50 years of CUSLAR, the Committee on U.S. – Latin America relations at Cornell University.
- For Martha Sutter and her family since the death of her father, John Sutter.
- For favorable response to my job applications.
- Lord, help me be more thoughtful to plan and do for you.
- Let God bless me. I want to be a blessing to others.
- All struggling to pay the bills.

**THANKS AND PRAISE**

**Sunday, Sept. 13**
- Praise and thanks to University Church for a lifetime of support and community.

**Sunday, Sept. 20**
- I got my old job back.
ALTAR FLOWERS were given:
- by Barbara Nunn, in memory of her mother, Bernie Hinds
- by Ralph Best, in memory of his wife, Betty
- by David and Ellen Bacon, in honor of their daughter Nancy Richmond

Flowers were given to Mary Wilson, Ann Milner, Genn Thuma, Joanne and Ed Zinsmeister-Yarwood and the Laubach Family.

Flowers were delivered by Jo Ann May, Lee Potter, Ralph Best and Charles and Laura Ann Laubach.

Ordination is final step

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Elder, one is able to gain experience as a pastor, take a mission trip and complete CPE, Clinical Pastoral Education, if it has not been completed before this time.

One is a Provisional Elder for two or more years. The last step, I believe, is going before BoOM one more time to be approved to be ordained.

The bishop ordains Elders (once BoOM has approved) at a worship service held during Annual Conference.

I believe I am called to be an ordained Elder in the UMC.

I hope the congregation will keep me in prayer through this process.

I will certainly keep you in prayer as you have to live with me through this adventure with its ups and downs.

Please put Sunday newspaper coupon inserts in Mailbox No. 24 by the church office for an upcoming couponing class.

Lay Leader Beth Drew holds the “Golden Flyswatter” she received from Laurel O’Connor, UNY Conference field coordinator for Africa 360, recognizing that UUMC gave the most money of all churches in the conference that donated to the Imagine No Malaria campaign.
WEEK OF OCTOBER 4
Sunday the 4th
10 a.m. Contemporary Issues
10 a.m. Sunday School, kindergarten-12th grade, Pettengill Center
10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, History Room Annex
11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood, World Communion Sunday
11:15 a.m. Sunday School for adults with special needs
12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sermon Chat, Chappell Rm

Wednesday the 7th
9 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir
Friday the 9th
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11
Sunday the 11th
9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. Contemporary Issues
10 a.m. Sunday School, kindergarten-12th grade, Pettengill Center
10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, History Room Annex
11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood
11:15 a.m. Sunday School for adults with special needs
12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm,
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sermon Chat, Chappell Rm

Monday the 19th
7 p.m. Handbell Choir

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18
Sunday the 18th
10 a.m. Contemporary Issues
10 a.m. Sunday School, kindergarten-12th grade, Pettengill Center
10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, History Room Annex
11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood
11:15 a.m. Sunday School for adults with special needs
12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sermon Chat, Chappell Rm

Wednesday the 21st
9 a.m. Staff Meeting
Thursday the 22nd
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir
Friday the 23rd
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25
Sunday the 25th
9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. Contemporary Issues
10 a.m. Sunday School, kindergarten-12th grade, Pettengill Center
10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, History Room Annex
11 a.m. Worship, Pastor Wood
11:15 a.m. Sunday School for adults with special needs
12:15 p.m. Fellowship, Gathering Rm
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sermon Chat, Chappell Rm

Wednesday the 28th
9 a.m. Staff Meeting
Thursday the 29th
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir
Friday the 30th
10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

Hand to Plow: During the next year, starting Oct. 14, the clergy and a member of each Syracuse city congregation will meet twice a month for spiritual and leadership development. Five times through the year a large gathering will be held open to anyone from all the congregations for peer leadership. The first large gathering is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 10 at InterFaith Works, 1010 James St. It includes lunch. The October 10/14 gatherings will focus on Erwin McManus’ book “The Artisan Soul.” You can sign up through the church office at 475-7277.
Community Breakfast, Sept. 30, 2015
9 photos
Putting on the armor of God.
Some 30 people took advantage of a Rite-Aid mobile flu shot clinic during the Friday Community on Sept. 25.
Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015

3 photos
Some 30 people took advantage of a Rite-Aid mobile flu shot clinic during the Friday Community on Sept. 25. Laurel O’Connor, the Upper New York Conference’s field coordinator for Africa 360, talks to the children about the No More Malaria effort of the United Methodist Church.
Laurel demonstrates what happens to a person’s blood when they get malaria.
Rally Day
Sept. 13, 2015
16 photos
Photos 1-15 by Sophie and Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler

Sunday School resumed Sept. 13, and children made bracelets during that time.
Steve leads the Sunday School class for adults with disabilities on Rally Day.