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Alicia Wood, Pastor
Tom Boll, Editor

VBS moves to the mountains and forest to experience, discover God everywhere

Vacation Bible School is back at UUMC for a second year, this time 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 20-24 for children ages 4-11.

We move from last year’s beach party to the mountains and forest with the theme “Camp EDGE.” EDGE stands for Experience and Discover God Everywhere.

As last year, children will be divided into preschool, lower elementary (2nd-4th grade) and upper elementary (5th-6th grade) groups. Each day the children will embark on a “trek.” They are to the Promised Land, Bethlehem, Pharisee’s House, Upper Room and Galilee.

There’s a color of the day: blue, yellow, green, red and purple.

The curriculum includes a daily EDGE Pledge: “God is with me. I will stay close to God.” “God guides me. I will follow.” “God teaches me. I will learn.” “God loves me. I will love God and others.” “God sends me. I will go.”

Can you loan: Stuffed animals to use as woodland creatures, camping gear for props?
Can you donate: Paper plates, napkins, food for snacks?
If you can, contact Morgan Mills at morgan.r.mills15@gmail.com.
If your child will attend, please contact the church office: 315-475-7277

Six-month budget review shows need for tenant for upper floors

The trustees of UUMC met July 17 to discuss results from the recently completed audit and to review the first six months financial operating results.

The budget has created some challenges, and the result of the first six-month review highlights the need to find a tenant for the second and third floors. If we do not find a tenant for the last quarter of the year, we will need to amend the budget with respect to both revenue and expenses.

Consequently, if you are aware of an organization that needs 5,000 to 10,000 square feet please contact us immediately. Trustees dis-See AUDIT, Page 4

Thanks, Martha Sutter, for years of devotion to UUMC choir

As chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, I wish to thank Martha Sutter for her 35 years of devotion to the choir at UUMC, including 25 years as music director.

Due to expanding job responsibilities at SU she feels the church needs someone with more time and energy to take over the music director duties. This will only be a transition as she plans to stay an active member of the church and serve in other ways.

She plans to step down at the end of the summer.

Again, my sincerest thanks for a job so well done.

— Rosemary DeHoog
Loving our neighbors as ourselves is a very difficult task

Greetings! As I gather my thoughts for this article, I can’t help but think of all the exciting and new things happening at University UMC! It’s hard to select one thing to talk with you about.

Hard…that’s an interesting word. We have been working hard this year at UUMC. We have even been working hard this summer!

Some say, work hard, play hard. We have been playing hard this summer as well. (Or at least I have.) What about rest hard? We do need to work hard, play hard and make sure to take time to rest. What have you done lately to rest?

We even need to make sure we feel the hard feelings and talk about them.

It’s hard to be frustrated, angry, hurt or grieving, but it’s important to feel and acknowledge our feelings.

God is always ready to hear all about your feelings. It’s especially hard to be a Christian. I’m sure if we asked 100 people what it means to be a Christian we would get 100 different answers.

Here’s the hard truth for me: “Love God with all your heart, soul and mind, AND love your neighbor as yourself.”

Loving God may seem easy at first, but then something happens in our life that just doesn’t make sense like we lose our job or physical abilities, or a child dies or is hungry or abused (to name a few).

Then, we have some hard/harsh questions for God.

Of course, God can handle our hard questions. God loves us and is with us through it all.

Love our neighbors as ourselves is poetic. Put into action is hard.

How often do we realize we were not the Good Samaritan but the one who walked by the man in need of treatment and health care?

How often do we judge someone by appearances instead of facts?

This fall, I’m hoping that the entire congregation and city of Syracuse will read the book “America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America.”

It’s going to be hard. My hope is that we can begin to have the hard conversations about race and white privilege.

To truly love our neighbors as ourselves we need to know more about our neighbors and more about ourselves.

I believe this book will be a good starting place.

I’m grateful our neighbors in ACTS will be reading and having the hard conversations along with us.

Let’s continue to do the hard things in life together. God is with us, always.

Peace,

— Pastor Alicia

Next book study is ‘America’s Original Sin’

Our next book for study this fall is “America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America” by Jim Wallis.

Although UUMC study groups will not begin until the fall, hardcover copies of the book are available now in the church office for only $8. If your schedule gets very busy in September, you can get the book now and have more time to read it whether or not you are able to attend a study group. Member communities of the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS) are reading this book together this fall. UUMC is a founding member of ACTS.

UUMC grateful for work of Co-Lay Leader Gwen T-F

We are grateful for the faithfulness and work that Gwen Til lipsaug-Fay has done as our Co-Lay Leader in 2016 and 2017.

At this time she has decided to step out of this role.

We wish her the best and look forward to seeing her next adventure in ministry at UUMC.

— Pastor Alicia

Livestreaming: Our service is livestreamed every Sunday. To watch, go to our webpage or to http://tinyurl.com/uumcliveworship

Guild planning meeting

The next Guild meeting is 1:30 p.m. Aug. 23 at Rita Sanner’s home, 5195 Point East Drive, Jamesville. This is our program planning meeting, and we would like all to bring ideas. Please call Rita, 315-299-7702, if you are unable to come, but we hope many can so we can get our program filled and printed for our September meeting.

Chimes newsletter Volume 17 No. 9 August 2, 2017 Feed God’s People: Body, Mind and Spirit
Bring in your garden bounty for our Food Pantry guests

My maternal grandparents grew up and raised their family in New Jersey. My grandparent, my mom, my uncles and aunts had a happy and safe life there. Living in an Irish neighborhood, in a large home with a big, fenced lawn with fruit trees, gardens and within a short drive or walk, they could access milk, eggs, meats, bakeries, great schools, churches and diverse employment.

My grandma, with her sister and mom, filled their days caring for their children, volunteering at local schools and churches and growing prolific vegetable gardens.

My grandma often carried vegetables and fruits from her garden as she made her daily rounds. Many in the neighborhood benefited from the produce.

My grandma enjoyed sharing her bounty and that another was getting fed. My grandma easily was able to re-identify her garden as a “Victory Garden” when called upon to do so.

World War I and World War II saw tremendous strain on many of America’s national resources.

Many of our farmers and agricultural laborers signed on as soldiers, and their lands were used for war productions.

Many American products, including food items, were diverted to feed, clothe, fuel and arm our fighting soldiers living and working outside of the U.S.

1917 saw the beginnings of “War Gardens” in both Canada and the U.S.

American Charles Lathrop Pack, with others, conceived the idea that the supply of food could be greatly increased without commercial lands and manpower already engaged in food production and transportation needed for America’s soldiers and our allies.

The “War Garden” campaign promoted the cultivation of any available private and public lands by private citizens to generate food for themselves and their community.

In 1942 the introduction of food rationing in the United States happened, and Americans had an even greater incentive to grow their own fruits and vegetables in whatever locations they could find.

This resulted in over 5 million gardens in the U.S. and food-stuff production exceeding $1.2 billion by the end of each world war.

Fruit and vegetables harvested in these home and community plots was estimated to be 9 million to 10 million tons in 1944. That equaled all commercial production of fresh vegetables in that same year.

To bring this tale closer to home, UUMC’s and every other CNY Food Pantry’s annual food bank grant has been approved for one quarter only of the 2017-2018 grant year.

Due to the unusual manner in which we have received our food budget, we have not received our monies to purchase produce for our food pantry guests.

Fresh produce is one of the highlights of a Syracuse summer for many of us, and it is sought after by each of our visitors.

As our cold, wet spring blossomed into a beautiful July with moderate temperatures and clear skies, many of us who planted vegetables are on the brink of a bumper crop.

Certainly our regional market and local CSAs are beginning to show the bounty with laden boxes and tables.

If you have any spare produce, a bundle of herbs or any CSA items that you are unable to use, we are happy to move them on to UUMC’s food pantry guests.

We can all join in an effort to ensure we all can enjoy the foods of a Syracuse summer.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley
Outreach Coordinator
‘Project Plates’ gives voice to pantry guests

We have begun “Project Plates” as requested by the Food Bank of CNY. This project is another method of advocacy directly from our Food Pantry guests.

Guests are given the option of putting their feelings about food, hunger and the pantry down in words and pictures on paper plates. The Food Bank uses the plates to focus politicians’ attention on hunger, poverty and emergency food systems. This is a nationwide effort.

Some quotes from completed plates:

“IT IS PAINFUL WHEN A PERSON BECOMES MALNOURISHED...”— Heather
“EVERYONE DESERVES TO BE FED NO MATTER WHO OR WHAT COLOR THEY ARE”— Joe
“STOP LOWERING food stamps & HELP KIDS STAY OFF THE STREET WITH more programs”— Digna
“CHOICES: Medication or Food”— Donald

Drew institute offers worship ideas for social change

Eight people from UUMC attended the Drew Theological School Summer Music Institute last week in Madison, N.J.

This year’s theme was “Black Lives Matter: Disruptive Worship for Social Change.”

“Wow,” I thought, “that’s a theme full of thought-provoking discussion!”

As we began to center together, a scripture we have heard at UUMC this spring was offered. Amos 5:24: “But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.”

And so we journeyed together for two days being filled with new and exciting ways to bring new songs, movement, lyrics, stories and current testimony to our worship at UUMC.

And not just new! We also began to blend “the old, old story” with today’s needs for social justice and change, just as Jesus did.

New songs with provocative lyrics and messages may seem disruptive at first. Yet as we began to sing and dance and breathe in the reality of today’s world and injustices, the uncomfortable or seemingly disruptive songs filled us with fresh, new experiences of the Holy Spirit.

For me, new songs and lyrics that address today’s injustices are the sound of Spirit that enables my feet to go into action so that beginning with me, justice may begin to flow as waters and God’s righteousness as an ever-flowing stream.

Those attending were: Pastor Alicia, Ted and Jeanne Finlayson Schueler, Dean Moyer, Peter Swords, Jayne Humbert, Barbara Nunn and Dale Fryer.

— Dale Fryer

Later August birthdays

12 – Don Steenberg
15 – Barbara Fought
19 – Jesse Miller
20 – Ben Borenstein
21 – Maria Fay, Carrie Hunt
23 – Nate Appleton
25 – Katie Flynn
27 – Bruce Borenstein
28 – Teddy Toe
31 – Roger Lund

Early August birthdays were in the June 28 Chimes. September birthdays will be in the Aug. 30 Chimes.

Audit recommends separation of duties

CONTINUED from Page 1 discussed a number of options, but no definitive plan has been approved.

In the management letter of the audit, it was pointed out that a separation of duties of our Executive Administrator/Financial Secretary and the Treasurer needs to be instituted so that incoming funds and outgoing funds are handled by different people.

Clear separation between authorization to make payments and making the payments needs to be established.

Along with other recommendations that were made in the letter, trustees have approved a new Internal Accounting Control written procedure. That procedure also addresses the need to change our plate collection policy.

There were no indications in the report regarding financial improprieties, just procedural changes.

— Vito Sciscioi President of the Trustees
Restart helped people moving into apartments

Each time Restart reaches out to support others, we respond to the words of Jesus reminding us to take care of “the least of these members of my family.”

Syracuse has one of the highest poverty rates in the United States, which results in many homeless citizens in shelters. When people move out of a shelter, they have nothing. Restart begins by donating beds or at least mattresses.

Often, Restart volunteers provide other household items.

We have assisted at least seven individuals by providing minimal apartment setup necessities. General setups include kitchen items, linens, and maybe a lamp.

These individuals are restarting their lives with nothing but their clothes, so Restart has given them an opportunity to concentrate on other aspects of their lives.

One of the first deliveries Restart volunteers made was to a man who had moved out of a shelter and desperately wanted a bed to sleep in.

At the time, we were not able to provide a bed and mattress but assured him that we would work on it.

Recently, we had a large donation of mattresses and let this man know.

He got on his bike and headed over to the storage area to pick up a mattress, tying it on his bike and riding back across town.

Over the last several months, Restart supported people. See RESTART, Page 7

Charlotte Burnap spent her life in service

Editor’s Note: The following is from an obituary in The Post Journal in Jamestown for longtime member Charlotte Burnap.

Charlotte Elaine Abbott Burnap, 103, died Thursday, May 11.

Born in Buffalo and a proud native of Orchard Park, Charlotte was a lifelong resident of Western and Central New York except for when her parents lived in Cuba and Michigan. She and the love of her life, Alan H. Burnap (d. 1963), had one daughter, Susan B. Yager, who died May 11, 1996.

Charlotte is survived by granddaughters: Kimberly Foster (David) and Elizabeth Yager; adopted granddaughter, Hayley Everding; great-granddaughter, Adrienne Foster (Derek Halpern); great-grandson, Paul Thomas Foster (Barbra); beloved granddogs: Zoe and Mr. Bities; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom adored her.

A homemaker, caregiver and companion, Charlotte spent her life in service.

She was a dedicated member of University United Methodist Church in Syracuse, active in the Gertrude Brown Guild, led a Girl Scout troop, and was a charter and lifetime member of the Community Hospital Auxiliary. She was an avid bridge player, unbeatable at Scrabble, obsessed with tennis, and, having attended Syracuse University, closely followed both the men’s basketball and football teams.

Charlotte loved gardening and hated to go inside before the last weed had been picked. She enjoyed reading, had excellent command of the English language and was honored by having a character named after her and a dedication in the novel “Bob at the Plaza” by R. Murphy.

A memorial service was held July 22 in Western New York.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By Gary and Marsha Wood in memory of loved ones.

By Steve Bacon and Bette Helwig in honor of Ellen Bacon’s birthday.

By Ted and Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler in recognition of their mothers’ birthdays, Louise Schueler on July 19 and Mary Lou Finlayson on July 28.

By Beth Drew in honor of her son, Will Drew, and Stacy Orris, who were married in Highland, N.Y., on July 22.

By Edwin and Lee Potter in memory of their parents, A. Leslie and Eunice Potter and Edwin and Inez Eaton.

Flowers were given to Lois Lum, Ann Marie Cronin, Devine Cooper, Mary Townley, Alexis Jones, Jamie Jenson, Sue Bates, Carol and Tom Boll, Hilde Cooper, Dot Logan, Alan and Lois Lum.

Flowers were delivered by Barbara Fought, Dean Moyer, Alicia Wood, Gail Tyndall and Ed and Lee Potter.
People and Prayers

CONTINUING PRAYERS

- Sherri Cullen: Dan and Anne.
  nette Antonio, Adelaide Ferrandi, Kate Dewey, Gloria Goodson, 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, July 2

- Damas: That God bless me and heal me as I struggle with health issues.
- Stephanie Hitztaler: Safety during all summer activities and travels, appreciation for the beauty of the season; prayers for the farmers during the growing season.
- Yalala: Thanks, church, for prayers for my family. I say God gives long life for this church.
- Kathy: Prayers for Adrianna with her job interview.
- Carol Boll: Prayers for my dad, Dr. Howard Long, who continues to struggle with health issues.
- Peter: For the compassion being saved in our dialogues about health care, and the sense we all deserve good care.
- Leigh Safford: Blessings to have my telephone services reactivated Friday, June 30
- For our church finances and a potential new tenant for our empty space.
- Jayne Humbert: Congratulations to Bruno Mukasa, new president of the Congolese Community of Syracuse and to all Congolese on the anniversary of Congolese independence on June 30.

Sunday, July 9

- Eva Cooper: I need prayers for my family.
- Cynthia Steinem: Dear God, We thank you for the service and lives of the three ambulance drivers who died this weekend, as well as the other diver and all who were injured. Please watch over us traveling.
- Jackie Sadowski: Traveling mercies for family and friends.
- Donna Ricci: I would like to say a prayer for my sister Barb.
- For Rochelle Dail as she begins seminary.
- Sue Bates: Continued healing for my hand and for my family.
- Olesea Cojohari: Please keep my friend Neva in your prayers as she lost her fiancé, Matt, who died tragically.
- Shirley Kern: For my brother-in-law. Pray that he heals.

Sunday, July 16

- Jim’s neck and Tom and Carol Boll (Dad)
- Gail Tyndall: Barb Silverman
- Olesea Cojohari: Please keep my sister Chestina in your prayers. She is facing some health issues.
- Jim: A very Happy 16th birthday to Kiza. Enjoy your day, my sister.

Sunday, July 23

- Jim Tallman: Trophy Wednesday at 5 p.m.
- Prayers for the healing. For the elbow and broken aching ankles.
- Sharon: Prayers for Dick and Mary and family.
- Jim: Prayers for Yalala’s mother. Happy 19th Birthday to Alphonsoa!

Sunday, July 30

- Peter: For the healing of good sleep, the beauty of the morning each new day, and God’s blessings — including the rights of life and liberty for all!
- Sue Bates: My aunt, who is in the hospital.
- Sharon Smith: Please pray for Dick and Mary and family; Nan and family.
- Mike Rodda: The family of Maria Raneri, past city school teacher
- Willie and Shirley: For our uncle and brother-in-law. May their health get better.
- The Entire Bacon Clan: Happy 85th Birthday to Ellen Bacon
- Marg: Happy Birthday to Lee Potter, Margo Koten, and Ellen Bacon.
- Jeff: For my new friends at the day program on East Washington Street. They are all so intelligent and smart.

Sunday, July 31

- For my new friends at the day program on East Washington Street. They are all so intelligent and smart.
- Give prayers to God. I am here and still blessed in his glory. I am glad to be here.
- Pray for the Boll Family, as well as others who may be

See People,
People and Prayers

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- Jackie Sadowski: Esther Pardue for healing.
- Angela Palmieri: For the family of Dale Marrow.
- Pray for Sen. John McCain
- William Belle: I would like to get a smart phone. Help me, God.
- Alphonsina: Prayers for my grandmother, and today is my birthday!
- Elise: Prophet Jesus: Bless the medical workers who helped my mother to heal and recover from her heart surgery.
- Sue Bates: My family
- Claudia Letty: For a job, driver’s license and healing for friends and family.
- Ed: For my Katrina, who is traveling to Europe

Sunday, July 30

- Mamie Baxter: Please keep prayers in for my son and his family as they move to Philadelphia. Keep prayers in for those less fortunate than me and prayers in his name.
- Nelson & Barbara: For the refugees and immigrants who are blocked from coming to the U.S.
- Jim Tallman: Trophy for Challengers Baseball.
- God is good

Restart will help family of nine burned out of their home and mother with four children

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- Barb and Jerry Cargo: Prayers for our neighbor, Joe Pagano, who was hospitalized Friday night with heart problems.
- Peter: For the love that connects us in working for peace and justice and the challenges of keeping the love and peace through our day.
- For Ellen Tillapaugh, Marlow Bock, Nora Oja, Maureen Roberts, Sharon Wilkonson

THANKS & PRAISE

Sunday, July 2
- Mamie: Thank you, Lord, for my daughter’s new way of life and a summer job for me. Keep my daughter in your prayers.

Sunday, July 9
- Mamie: I thank God for changing me and give strength to those less fortunate.

Sunday, July 16
- Kiza: Thanks, God, for my 16th happy birthday and giving me a long life.
- Bruno: Thank you, God, for protecting my family since I came here.

Sunday, July 30
- Wrojay Doedeh: I thank God for my safe arrival
- Prayers and thanks for the courage of Sen. John McCain.

Soon the project will assist of a family of nine who was burned out of a home and now are in the process of finding a place to live.

Another mother with four children is waiting for a place to live, and Restart will respond with enough items to get the family back into a home with beds and furniture.

The project needs more volunteers to help with pickups and

See VOLUNTEERS, Page 8
**WEEK OF AUGUST 6**

**Sunday the 6th**
- 9 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

**Tuesday the 8th**
- 6:30 p.m. Teach-in on the Environment, Pettengill Center

**Wednesday the 9th**
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- **10 a.m. Friday Community**
- 6:30 p.m. Church & Society Team, Chappell Room

**Friday the 11th**
- 10 a.m. Friday Community
- 6 p.m. Potluck Dinner & Movie: “Before the Flood,” Pettengill Ctr

**WEEK OF AUGUST 13**

**Sunday the 13th**
- 9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Room
- 9:45 a.m. Song & Prayer, Fellowship Hall

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Finance Corner

**Pledging Update**
- 2017 total pledges: $192,352
- Paid to date: $93,865
- Non-pledge contr.: $20,050
- Prepaid 2017 pledges: $28,366

**Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund**
- Donations received: $79,519
- Expenses paid: $75,901
- Current balance: $3,618

**Blessings in a Backpack**
- We received $9,900 in contributions, which sponsors 37 children at Delaware Academy.

**University United Methodist Church**

**Feed My People: Body, Mind, and Spirit**

**6-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School**
- Tuesday the 22nd
- Wednesday the 23rd
- Thursday the 24th
- Friday the 25th

**10 a.m. Friday Community**

**Volunteers needed for pickups and deliveries; money needed for truck rentals, XL twin sheet sets**

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Deliveries. Currently, we are at capacity in our storage area with donated furniture and household items. We do need monetary donations to buy XL twin sheet sets and for truck rentals. Donations can be made by writing “Restart” on the memo line.

— Nancy Williams

The next pickup is Aug. 24. Current needs: kitchen table and chairs, kitchen basics. No TVs or electronics. Phone number for Restart is: 315-439-7971.

To donate smaller things like bedding and household items, call Deb Virgo, 315-415-7840. She can pick them up.
UUMC Outreach
Food Pantry
‘Plates Project’
(article page 4)
I care about ending hunger because—

IT is
A Necessity
I care about ending hunger because:

It Saves Lives

1st name Jason

I visit this Food Pantry because:

My Food Stamps were cut down to less than $1.50

1st name Cynthia
I care about ending hunger because-

I am a human being.
No human being should ever go hungry in America. God says “feed my sheep.” He meant both naturally and spiritually.
I care about ending hunger because

HEALTHY FOOD HELPS PEOPLE

1st name Gloria
Pastor Alicia and the children blow on their hands as a reminder that the breath of God, the Holy Spirit, is always with us.
Co-Lay Leader Barbara Nunn, far left, helped Pastor Alicia and the congregation recognize our graduates during the June 28 service.
The portal to our sanctuary for the “Bless to Me” worship series.
Communion Service
7/2/17
(4 photos)

Devine Cooper sings the offertory July 2.