

# THE CHIMES

Nov. 8, 2017

**Next Chimes  
deadline:  
November 22**

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**December birth-  
days will be in the  
Chimes issue of  
November 29**

Articles for *The Chimes* must be submitted by noon on the deadline day and can be sent to: [uumctb@twcny.rr.com](mailto:uumctb@twcny.rr.com) or put in Box No. 12 in the church office.

Alicia Wood, Pastor  
Tom Boll, Editor

## Thanksgiving: Filling bags for dinners, worshiping with fellow Methodists

Sunday, Nov. 19, will be a day full of Thanksgiving activities at UUMC.

Our usual Thanksgiving service at 10:30 a.m. will have the cornucopia from the Altar Guild. It's also Laity Sunday, with Lay Leader Barbara Nunn speaking on "Hope Through Hospitality."

After worship we'll stuff the Thanksgiving bags that will be given to food pantry guests Nov. 21 for a full holiday meal.

Before stuffing, there are ways to help this project succeed:

- Adopt a family and buy all the ingredients for their bag. You'll be able to write a brief greeting for their bag.
  - Give money that will be used to buy food in bulk. It costs \$28 for a family of five, including a small turkey. Label contributions: "Thanksgiving bags."
  - Buy any or all of the items for a bag: fresh or frozen turkey, recyclable bags with handles, canned or fresh yams, canned gravy/gravy mix, canned fruit, Jiffy corn
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## Time to hand in your pledge for next year

*By Nelson Price*

I've not yet made my pledge to the ministries of UUMC for 2018.

Perhaps you are with me as one of the 50 percent of pledgers from last year who have not yet made a pledge for next year. I hope so (congratulations and thank you to the other half). But here is the good news:

There are nine new pledgers; our goal is 10 (maybe we should raise the goal – how about being the one to top the goal – and then let's exceed it!)

The nine new pledgers and those who increased their pledges over last year have committed

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## 'Angels Among Us' is theme for Advent

We're starting Advent a week earlier this year, on Nov. 26. The theme is "Angels Among Us."

The fourth Sunday is Dec. 17, which leaves Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, standing on its own.

That day there will be a Sunday service as usual at 10:30 a.m. and the traditional Christmas pageant at 7 p.m.

But before we get there, we'll journey through the angels' appearances to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds and the reactions to them.

The individual Sunday subjects are: "Make Ready a People," "Nothing Is Impossible," "Do Not Be Afraid" and "This Will Be a Sign."

## 'Prayer changes us and we change things.' What will you do?



Alicia Wood

Greetings!

I know I'm getting a little ahead of myself since Advent is about three weeks away, but I can't help but ask "How Long?"

Today, I'm longing for the Prince of Peace, the infant child of hope, Jesus. I'm waiting impatiently for Jesus and his peace-filled presence.

Do you know that we sent two of our staff people, Tim and Rachel, to Philadelphia last month for a full-day workshop dedicated to preparing churches on how to react if a gunman enters the church? Can you believe a class like this exists!

Currently, Tim and Rachel are working on a plan that we hope to publish by the end of the year. I'm saddened to think that we have to think like this or plan

for an event like this.

I pray for peace every day. I pray for peace within myself, those around me and for our world.

In fact, I pray for you to have peace every time I write you an email. I do not have a prewritten signature at the end of my email. I type it every time, on purpose, so that I can pray for you.

I greet you and send you off on Sunday mornings with a prayer, "Peace be with you." I don't say it for something to say. I actually mean it.

Prayer is very important. One of my favorite quotes by Mother Teresa is, "I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."

Prayer has changed me. I recently read an article about Holy anger. I think that is what has changed in me. I will not stay

quiet about my prayer for peace on earth any longer.

I plan to advocate for gun safety laws. I have already made three calls today. Prayer has changed me.

I refuse to live in fear. Prayer has changed me.

I will be observant and prepared in all I do but will *not* believe people are dangerous. I *will* believe people are good-hearted.

Today, I long for Jesus' arrival. I long for Peace. I pray for you to have peace. I pray for a peace-filled world.

On this day, what are you praying for? What are you willing to do for things to change?

*Ephesians 6:15: "And put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace."*

Peace be with you until we meet again,

— *Pastor Alicia*

## Advent 'Faithful' book study examines Christmas from Joseph's perspective

The next book study has an Advent theme and begins the week of Nov. 27.

It is "Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph" by Adam Hamilton.

Classes will meet for four weeks at different times at four Syracuse UM churches.

The times are:

- 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Erwin First UMC, 920 Euclid Ave.
- 1 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul's UMC, 2200 Valley Drive
- 6 p.m. Thursdays at Bellevue Heights UMC, 2112 S. Geddes St.
- 12:30 p.m. Fridays at UUMC.

The city pastors will rotate during this study and teach one week at each church. A signup sheet is on a table in the Peale Entrance for all the locations. Please sign up so we can reserve a room large enough for our class size.

## Children will be celebrated, focus of worship Nov. 12

UUMC will observe Children's Sabbath Nov. 12.

Peter Swords will preach, and the focus will be on Proverbs 17:6 and Mark 10:13-16. We'll be talking about the challenges, resilience and the hope of children. The children will sing.

The congregation will be asked to write on green leaves the wonderful things about children or childhood that need to remain and write on the colorful leaves things that need to change for children. The leaves will be collected and displayed in the sanctuary.

We are hoping out of our love and compassion for children the congregation will be willing to take action on one children's issue.

## For poor, life is filled with reactions to immediate woes



**Galyn  
Murphy-  
Stanley**

A total of 1.5 billion people in the world live on less than \$1 a day.

Syracuse ranks 13th nationally as the poorest city in America.

Poverty holds an unbreakable grip on families, neighborhoods, cities and entire countries.

It stretches from one generation to the next, trapping individuals in a socioeconomic pit that is nearly impossible to get out of.

Studies show that one huge reason for poverty's unending cycle is its suppressing effect on individuals' cognitive development, executive functioning, and attention span.

In studying the effects of early childhood poverty on brain development, it has been determined that if the first five years of life are within disadvantaged environments, depressed memory, limited cognitive processes and delayed brain development will carry into adulthood, without fail.

However, data also shows that poor people make far clearer decisions than popularly believed.

Folk weigh financial choices, pay special attention to prices and juggle resources carefully.

However, their intense focus on stretching those scarce resources and obtaining much needed things absorbs all of their mental capacity, leaving them with little or no "cognitive bandwidth" to pursue job training, education and other opportu-

nities that could lead them out of poverty.

A 2013 study shows that an individual preoccupied with poverty-related issues shows a decline in cognitive function similar to a 13-point drop in IQ. This same study concludes that poverty, itself, hurts one's ability to make successful decisions about school, finances and life advancement.

During our Friday morning food pantry at UUMC we see expensive cars, people with pricey smartphones or professional manicures on worn hands.

Upon conversation, one finds an individual who largely lives without, whose financial burden is unmanageable by this individual, whose life experiences are extraordinarily limited and whose future goals are startlingly minimal.

Resources and personal administrative processes are unknown. Lives are a series of reactions to immediate problems without gaining a skill set to prevent that problem from happening again and again.

An interview with a 50-year-old impoverished man in a New York City soup kitchen published by *The Atlantic* speaks to this:

*"Poverty is bleak and cuts off your long-term brain. It's why you see people with four different baby daddies (4 different fathers of 4 different children, carried, delivered and raised by 1 mother) (the reverse also exists).*

*You grab a bit of connection wherever you can to survive. You have no idea how strong the pull to feel worthwhile is. It's more basic than food.*

*You go to these people who make you feel lovely for an hour that one time, and that's all you get.*

*You're probably not compatible with them for anything long term, but right this minute they can make you feel powerful and valuable.*

*It does not matter what will happen in a month. Whatever happens in a month is probably going to be just about as indifferent as whatever happened today or last week. None of it matters.*

*We (folk who live daily in poverty) don't plan long term because if we do we'll just get our hearts broken. It's best not to hope. You just take what you can get as you spot it."*

My 17-year-old beaming daughter, Brynn, shared her paper written for 11th grade English class to me this evening. The title: "The American Dream."

Brynn gives the colonial definition of the American dream and how that has evolved, citing specific articles along the way.

She wraps up her paper stating the American dream "cannot be reached until the chains of hatred, ignorance, poverty and the past" are broken.

That "The American Dream" has not been reached by many and will not be reached by those for many years to come, "but it is an end goal that we can all work toward to get our own interpretations of freedom, justice and liberty for all."

Brynn got a 100 percent on her paper.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley  
Outreach Coordinator

# People and Prayers

## CONTINUING PRAYERS

- **Erika:** Barb and Bob Weaver, Maria Storto and family
- **Bob & Barb:** Alayah Green and family, Carus Olcott Jr., Mary and Carus Olcott Sr.
- **Sue Bates:** My family and my health
- **Jackie Sadowski:** Fern Townley fighting cancer.
- **Sharon Smith:** Please pray for my friend **Linda** and her family.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED:

- For those in military service: **Matt Fischer**

## Sunday, October 15

- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: I praise you for a peaceful and quiet home.
- **Peter:** Joy for the Nobel Peace Prize, honoring generations of work and courageous leaders of 122 nations, all saying no to nuclear weapons.
- **Jim:** Healing prayers for my mom.
- **Barbara Gilbraith:** Marilyn Krackhardt, who has terminal cancer.
- **Jackie Sadowski:** Fern Townley fighting cancer.
- Mandalay Bay.
- **Shirley and Harry Miller:** Prayers for the families and friends of those who lost their lives in Las Vegas. Prayers also for those recovering.
- Prayers for the people of Cuba who can no longer join their families in the U.S.
- **Kathy:** Prayers for all those who have suffered a loss of a loved ones due to the storms and shootings.

- **Barb Cargo:** Prayers for my sister **Anne**, who needs back surgery. As well as my two friends **Clair Wilson, Clare Fortunato**.

## Sunday, October 22

- **William Belle:** Take away all the sins in the world.
- **Stephanie Hitztaler:** Thanks for all the fall colors, for my supportive parents, and prayers for a vision and hope for a better future for our country.
- **Sherri Cullen:** **Kathy Dewey, Jayne McCarthy, Annette Reed, Billy & Mike Howard**.
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: Bless everyone that I meet and help in tough times.
- **Sue Bates:** All those with health issues.
- **Rita Soufleris:** Happy Birthday to **Nancy Hough** tomorrow.
- Congrats and blessings to **Olesea Cojohari**, now Dr. Cojohari. She passed her dissertation defense this week.
- **Kathy Cleary:** Prayers of better health for **Darline** and good test results tomorrow.
- **Shirley Kern:** For **Mary Green, Melissa Bell and Coreen Denman**. They all have very serious things going on in their lives.
- For world peace.
- **Courtney:** I pray my neck gets better soon.
- **Laura Blair:** Rebecca Frass, healing prayers for stage 4 ovarian cancer.

## Sunday, October 29

- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: I praise you for a storm of blessings by fortitude.

- **Jim:** Welcome to our church, **Adolph, Moza and their families**. God bless you all.
- **Peter Swords:** For solidarity across all the divisions in our communities and country, so we can withstand all the confusion and repression.
- **Olesea:** Praying for my sister **Crestina** and her health.
- **Mamie:** Pray for the state of America for safety, praise and blessings.
- **Jim Tallman:** He came in second place at his bowling tournament yesterday.
- **Jackie Sadowski:** Fern Townley fighting her second round of cancer.
- **Gail Tyndall:** **Barbara Silverman**, who is dealing with some health issues.
- **Robert S.:** Not alone, Not lonely
- Continued healing for **Nelson** from his knee surgery.
- **Stephanie:** Prayers for getting over bad cold in our house.
- **Angela Martin:** I pray for my daughter **Emme**. That she may be happy, healthy, and be filled with God's love.

## Sunday, November 5

- **Laura:** For those afflicted with illness and disease.
- Pray for Ben to win on Tuesday.
- **Olesea:** Please pray for my sister **Crestina** and her health.
- **Adolph:** God bless my family and church.
- **Gail Tyndall:** **John Tyndall, Barbara Silverman**
- **Ellyn Gale:** Spread his love each day with your love and  
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# People/Prayers

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- kindness and respect to everyone.
- Patience and strength for those sick and healing. As well as for **Gerald Young** and **Deborah Bradshaw**.
  - **Jim**: Prayers for **Bruno and Yalala and family** on the passing of a family member this week.
  - **Mike Rodda**: The family of **James Gooley**.
  - **Barb and Jerry Cargo**: It is so nice to have **Dick and Ethel Phillips** worshiping with us this morning from Colorado.

- **Marcia**: My friend **Kay**. My lonely mother in Wisconsin. **Beverly**, after the passing of her husband, **Harold**.
- **Kathy**: Continued prayers for Darlene. Prayers of support for my family.
- **Mary**: Prayers for the families in Texas. Prayers for the many hurting in the world, and if you would put your hands on them and let them know they are not alone.
- **Angela Palmieri**: **Walter Palmieri**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

## THANKS & PRAISE Sunday, October 15

- **William**: Thank you, God, for your answers.
- ## Sunday, October 22
- **Bruce**: Thank you, Dad, for your prayers.
  - I just want to thank God for a fruitful week.
  - **Jerome**: Thanks be to God for everything he has done for my family and me.
  - **Allen Lum**: Thank the Lord for all that are here.
  - **Sungsu Lee**: I have a joy! She said yes! I am getting married!!

## Women's Guild Meeting

The next meeting will be 1:30 p.m. Nov. 29.

Ernie Hemphill will present the program: "Journey to See the Eclipse and On."

Bobbie Hemphill is the hostess at 4628 Providence Road, Jamesville. Members should call if they cannot attend. Visitors coming should also call, 315-430-4893.

## Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By Joanne Zinsmeister Yarwood and Dr. Ed Yarwood in honor of our church friends that we miss seeing.

By Martha Sutter in memory of the October birthday of her mother, Laurine Sutter.

By Sharon Smith in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith.

In loving memory of Erna Bowes Berwick, who was for many years a devoted member of UUMC.

Flowers were given to Dick and Ethel Phillips, Yalala Baraka, Nancy Nevin, Mary Dougherty, Katie Flynn, Dot Logan, Danielle Adams and Galyn Murphy-Stanley.

Flowers were delivered by Barb Cargo, Gail Tyndall and Lee Potter.

## Pledging goal for 2018 is within reach

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\$4,290 in new income plus the \$3,000 in the matching fund – \$7,290 in new pledge income for 2018!

This year (2017), we pledged \$215,752. Commitments for 2018 are \$143,088.

Here's the deal: If the 50 percent who haven't pledged represent 50 percent of the giving this year, the total would be \$250,964! Our goal for 2018 is \$227,000.

But as Vito Sciscioli pointed out in last month's Chimes, with the loss of rental income from our second and third floors, we cannot sustain our budget into 2019. So over-pledging our goals is a real plus. (We are aggressively searching for new tenants.)

Bottom line: We can do it! We are on the way. Pledge cards will be available Sunday.

You can make your pledge with your credit card using the website or the QR Code on back of your prayer slip. Or ask your bank to make monthly contributions from your account. No fuss. No worry.

Make a commitment! Increase your commitment! Be a first-timer!

**Pecans**: They've been ordered. If you want to reserve your favorites, stop by the pecan table after church. Here are the choices: glazed, \$8; clusters, \$8; cinnamon glazed, \$8; chocolate-covered, \$10; extra-large halves, \$12. Also: walnuts, \$10 and cashews, \$10.

## Finance Corner

### Pledging Update

2017 total pledges: \$215,752  
 Paid to date: \$180,532  
 Non-pledge contr.: \$23,899

### Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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

**Volunteers Needed:** We're looking for people who'd enjoy being ushers, greeters or liturgists. Contact Ann Owens at annowens1134@gmail.com to volunteer.



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### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12

#### Sunday the 12th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Room  
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for K-12th, Pettengill Center  
 10:30 a.m. Worship.  
 10:45 a.m. Christian Education for adults with disabilities  
 11:45 a.m. Fellowship, Gathering Room  
 Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room  
 Monday the 13th  
 7 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 Wednesday the 15th  
 5:30 p.m. Outreach Committee  
 10 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 Thursday the 17th  
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 Friday the 20th

### 10 a.m. Friday Community

### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19

#### Sunday the 19th

9 a.m. Bagels, coffee, Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Rm  
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for K-12th, Pettengill Center  
 10:30 a.m. Worship.  
 10:45 a.m. Christian Education for adults with disabilities  
 11:45 a.m. Filling Thanksgiving Bags, Pettengill Center  
 6 p.m. City UMC Thanksgiving Service  
 Wednesday the 22nd  
 10 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 Thursday the 23rd  
 Thanksgiving—Office Closed  
 Friday the 24th  
 Church Office Closed  
 WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26  
 Sunday the 26th

### 9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Hot Topics, Chappell Room  
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for K-12th, Pettengill Center  
 10:30 a.m. Worship.  
 10:45 a.m. Christian Education for adults with disabilities  
 11:45 a.m. Fellowship, Gathering Room  
 Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room  
 Monday the 27th  
 7 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 Wednesday the 29th  
 10 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 Thursday the 30th  
 5:30 p.m. Church & Society  
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 Friday the 1st  
 10 a.m. Friday Community

Bring desserts or beverages for fellowship, plus 'extra' item to Nov. 16 evening service

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bread mix, stuffing mix and cake and frosting mix.

Then at 6 p.m., we'll host a Thanksgiving service for all the Syracuse city United Methodist congregations.

As we celebrate, we will hear music from the combined choirs of all the churches, Erwin First's musical group will participate,

Jee Hae Song will preach and we will share in Holy Communion together.

A fellowship time will follow, and University UMC is asked to bring desserts or beverages for then.

All who attend are asked also to bring an "extra" item for recipients of our Thanksgiving bags.

Items sought are: winter veg-

etables (squash, sweet potatoes, onions, potatoes, collards, kale, turnips, rutabaga); dried fruit; nonperishable baking supplies (flour, sugar, spices, baking mixes) and can openers.

Help is also needed on Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to help hand out the bags.

All Saints Sunday  
Nov. 5, 2017 (9 photos)



















# Church Fair

Oct. 15, 2017 (7 photos)

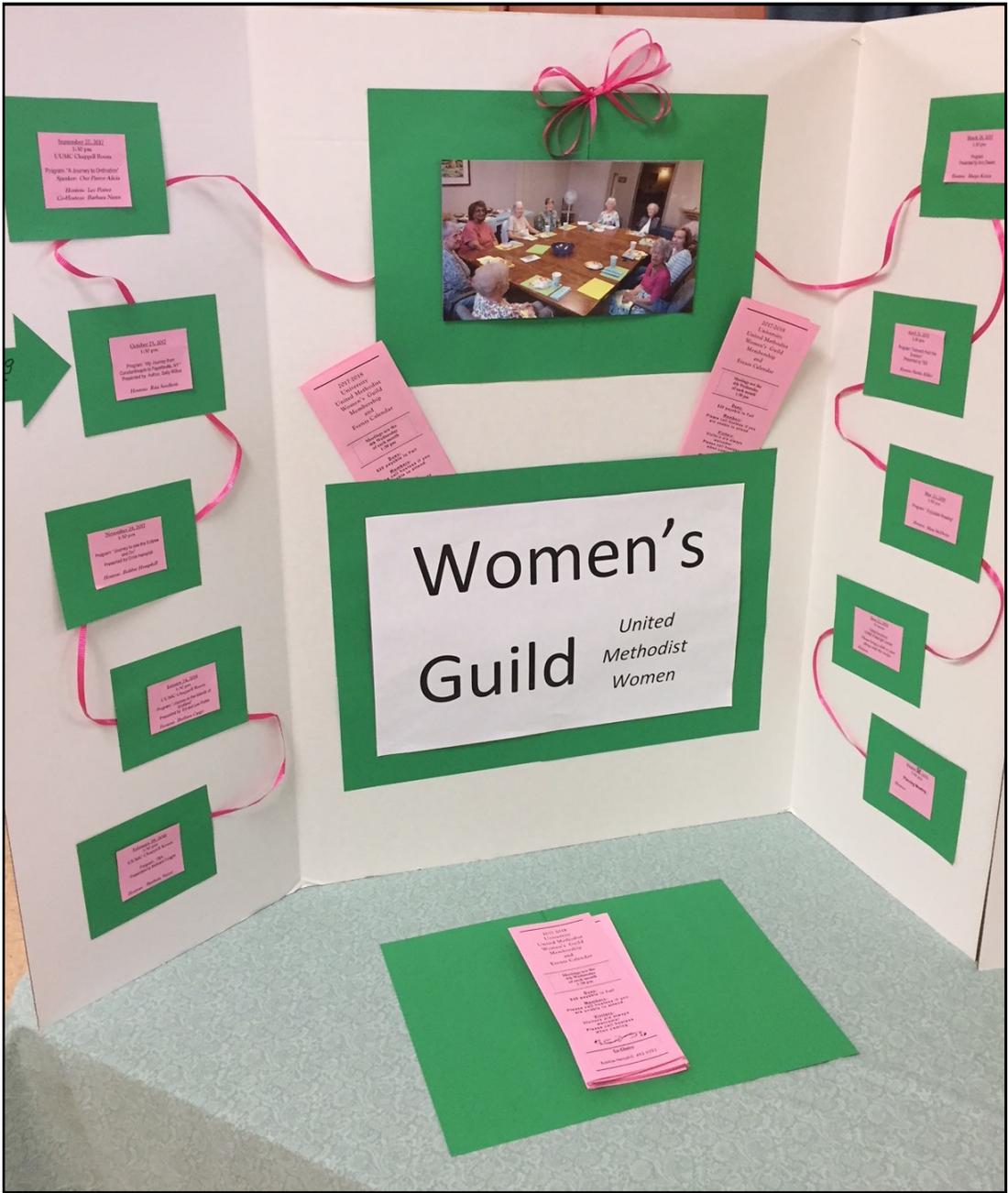












September 22, 2012  
1:30 pm  
U.S.M. Chapel Room  
Program: "A Journey to October"  
Speaker: Chai Pinar Akita  
Hostess: Liz Pinar  
Co-Hostess: Barbara Noss

October 25, 2012  
1:30 pm  
Program: "We Gather Here"  
Presented by: St. Paul's, St.  
Andrew's, and St. John's  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler

November 22, 2012  
1:30 pm  
Program: "Strong to Lead the Future"  
Presented by: Linda Noss  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler

January 24, 2013  
1:30 pm  
U.S.M. Chapel Room  
Program: "The Power of Prayer"  
Presented by: Linda Noss  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler

February 22, 2013  
1:30 pm  
U.S.M. Chapel Room  
Program: "The Power of Prayer"  
Presented by: Linda Noss  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler



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# Women's Guild

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March 22, 2013  
1:30 pm  
Program: "The Power of Prayer"  
Presented by: Linda Noss  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler

April 25, 2013  
1:30 pm  
Program: "The Power of Prayer"  
Presented by: Linda Noss  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler

May 22, 2013  
1:30 pm  
Program: "The Power of Prayer"  
Presented by: Linda Noss  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler

June 22, 2013  
1:30 pm  
Program: "The Power of Prayer"  
Presented by: Linda Noss  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler

July 22, 2013  
1:30 pm  
Program: "The Power of Prayer"  
Presented by: Linda Noss  
Hostess: Rita Kuchler

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