

# THE CHIMES

April 4, 2018

**Next Chimes  
deadline:  
April 25**

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**Beginning April 15,  
Sunday School will  
begin after Children's  
Time during worship.**

Articles for *The Chimes*  
must be submitted by  
noon on the deadline day  
and can be sent to:  
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or put in Box No. 12 in  
the church office.

Alicia Wood, Pastor  
Tom Boll, Editor

## Teach-in to educate us on complexities of poverty in Greater Syracuse area

Our Church & Society Team continues its work by inviting us and the community to learn about poverty at a teach-in at 7 p.m. April 13 at UUMC. Snacks will be available at 6:30 p.m.

The high poverty level in greater Syracuse affects us all.

It impacts people's well-being, the economy, taxes and more. Many efforts have tried to reduce and eliminate poverty but haven't succeeded.

Why is poverty so hard to overcome? What holds people in poverty? Why does a near-full economy not reduce poverty?

The "Poverty in Greater Syracuse" teach-in will examine the many facets of poverty to reveal its complexity.

The speakers will be Helen Hudson, president of the Syracuse Common Council, and Ocesa Keaton, di-

rector of Greater Syracuse HOPE (Healing, Opportunity, Prosperity, Empowerment). Greater Syracuse HOPE is in the Governor's Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative.

In other Church & Society news, on March 24, UUMC hosted a capacity crowd in Fellowship Hall for dinner and Barbara Smith's talk in the sanctuary, as Syracuse Peace Council celebrated 82 years as the longest continuously serving local peace and justice organization in the U.S.

SPC staff and volunteers are very grateful for UUMC's hospitality.

Ongoing organizing is focused on coalition building in support of the new Poor People's Campaign, whose New York State coordinating council includes Smith, in resistance to the intersecting systemic racism, militarism, economic and environmental oppression by the present U.S. administration.

## Choir's special Sunday is here

Our choir's special musical presentation — Schubert's "Mass in G" — will be this Sunday, April 8, during 10:30 a.m. worship.

The choir, led by Music Director Aimee deBerjeois, will be accompanied by organist Dennis Triggs and string musicians.

They are: Kevin Giordano, viola; Mary Coburn and Alyssa Blount, violins; Terrance Squires, bass; and Suzanne Stephenson, cello.

Invite a friend!



UUMC has its own logo, unveiled during Easter worship.

It has a rainbow flame with a cross embedded, proclaiming our reconciling status as a community that welcomes all, and our vision statement.

Easter worship attendees received a magnet with the logo on it as they left the sanctuary. You'll be seeing the logo often.

## The world may be waiting for us to step up, share our faith stories



**Alicia Wood**

Happy Easter!  
What a glorious Easter Service we had on Sunday! It was filled with music, prayer, Holy Communion and the good news

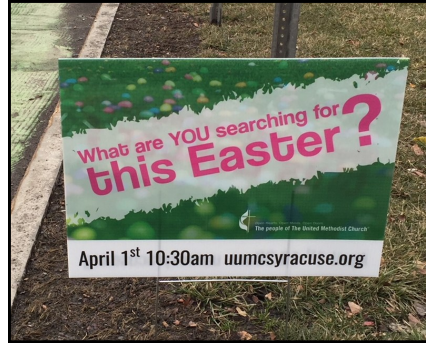
that Jesus lives!

We continue to spring into new life as a congregation. We had 245 people in worship Easter morning.

Our new church logo was unveiled. Our new logo created in rainbow colors showing Syracuse all are welcome at UUMC.

As we continue in the Spirit as Easter people we will turn from the reflection of Lent to the challenge of "Dare to Dance" and live as Jesus' followers.

Our next worship series will give us a chance to have some fun and lively music as a part of worship. It will also challenge us to share our stories of faith. Reflection time is necessary for



**One of our Easter lawn signs.**

change and growth so that we are ready for whatever may come next.

You may have noticed our lawn signs along the curb of the church. The worship team selected the design. The conversation and process was enlightening.

At first, we were drawn to an image on the signs that meant something to us. It was an empty tomb with a beautiful sunrise. Then, we realized that this was a perfect image for Christ followers and people who already knew the Easter story. We also thought that Easter is a good time of year

for the curious to stop in to see what our church is all about.

So we chose the lawn signs that we thought would be more inviting to people who are yet to learn or maybe remember from childhood the message of Jesus resurrection.

Signs and Facebook posts are a good way of inviting people to attend church, but the best way to invite people is to share our faith stories.

It can seem challenging. It may be uncomfortable at first to talk about something so personal.

Yet, people are looking for persons of faith who are authentic. Daring to share our faith stories may be just what the world needs.

Let's "Dare to Dance" by sharing our stories of faith in the resurrected Jesus.

Peace,

— *Pastor Alicia*

## Thursday worship averaging 20 weekly; invite three people to come

Our Thursday evening worship service is off to a good start! We have had an average of 20 people each week.

The positive things we have heard are: this gives us another option to worship when we travel on the weekend, the experience of worship is different in the intimate space of The Gathering Room, the fellowship comes so naturally before and after worship.

The only thing we lack are a steady stream of new people. So far, we have posted Thursday Worship as an event on Face-

book and placed a sidewalk sign on East Genesee and University Avenue. This is where you can help. We are asking every person to invite three people to our Thursday Evening Worship. We have small invitations for you to hand out.

You may be thinking, "Who will I ask?"

The concept of a second service on a Thursday came out of the statistic that one-third of Syracuse works on Sunday. This makes sense given the number of people who work in the health care system, retail and restau-

rants.

As you live your normal life, just invite people you come in contact with to our worship on Thursday evenings. Our goal is to have 20-25 new attendees on Thursday evenings by March 2019.

We would like to thank everyone who has attended Thursday Worship, greeted, brought a snack and participated. We could not pull this off without you!

If you are wondering what you may be missing, join us on Thursday!

# Transportation is biggest barrier for poor to get food



**Galyn  
Murphy-  
Stanley**

Last Thursday about 25 undergraduate students from Syracuse University's Food Studies program came to UUMC's food pantry to see, understand and learn more about Emergency Food Access sites.

In an hour I showed them the spaces that we use on Friday mornings, mimicked the actions that are taken and explained the methodology of the Food Bank of CNY, UUMC Outreach ministry and the CNY Diaper Bank.

I attempted to create a visual image of our community, our volunteers and our efforts.

The students and professor left with many papers in hand and an invitation to assist us in whatever manner they liked in the future.

At the conclusion of their visit the students, hopefully, had a better understanding of the history of food accessibility, appreciate the multiple challenges faced by the people of Syracuse and could begin to understand the monumental issues of poverty in our neighborhoods.

Before their visit Professor Anne Bellows gave her students several points she wanted them to make note of while at UUMC.

One of these was the barriers people encounter in accessing food. Of course the list of barriers is long and fairly personal.

But I found myself reiterating several pieces of conversation, understandings and experiences I have on assisting individuals' access to human services and food in Syracuse:

*"Folk living in poverty in Syracuse will not starve to death. SNAP (historically know as Food Stamps) has put an end to that.*

*America maintains the largest national model of financial support directly to individuals to access their personal foods.*

*Additionally, Syracuse has always been a city of immigrants. With this, many diverse, religious houses have been anchors to neighborhoods who pursue and support the feeding of their com-*

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***For two hours every Friday, John will drive our pantry guests, with their foods from UUMC, to their homes.***

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*munities.*

*Free meals/Free foods are available daily to the citizens of Syracuse who need them.*

*Ironically, one of the main barriers is transportation of our participants to the food or meal site.*

I paused the conversation for the students, who looked up from their notetaking, confused.

I continued:

*"Transportation is the largest barrier for folk living in poverty in accessing Emergency meal sites."*

I verbally painted a scenario: *"I have 5 people in my family. I will receive approximately a half a large box or 1 very full grocery bag of food for each person in my family.*

*Returning home I need to walk through the snow/ rain/ ice, etc. probably over a snow-drift/ puddle/ icy patch onto a*

*public bus keeping my 5 grocery bags secure. I may need to make a bus transfer to get to my home.*

*I may have a small child or elder with me and I may have gathered diapers or some clothing from UUMC's clothing closet. How do I physically manage this?"*

The students looked at me, mouths agape. The notetaking has stopped.

Emergency Food Sites throughout Syracuse and the Up-state region struggle with this barrier.

We recognize that our public transportation systems are far from perfect, that our weather can be hard to move around in and that our guests do not have the resources to access hireable or personal autos.

Every Friday our guests choose to leave great foods that are available to them on the shelf as it's too hard to transport that item home.

This item could provide another meal, another serving or another full belly.

UUMC's Outreach team is working to establish a contract, a financial stream and relationship with taxi driver/owner John Yuga of Black Jack Taxi, who will be linked to us during our Food Pantry hours.

For two hours every Friday, John will drive our pantry guests, with their foods from UUMC, to their homes. With the removal of one more barrier, we celebrate a small victory and hope that folk who visit UUMC are free to select the food they and their family need.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley  
Outreach Coordinator

# People and Prayers

## CONTINUING PRAYERS

- Prayer that the second and third floors of our building be rented.
- **Sue:** My family and all those struggling with health issues

## PRAYERS REQUESTED:

- For those in military service: **Matt Fischer**
- **Sherri Cullen: Jeanne & Shane, Kathy Dewey, Patti Fasulo & Family, Connie & Ted, Annette & Family, Arianna**

### Sunday, March 11

- Prayers that I may get a job that pay fairly and stresses me out less.
- **Verle:** Wife, **Natasha**, recovering from TMJ surgery and for him as he does **Zikeisha's** hair.
- Letting go of the past and embracing the present and looking to the future.
- Prayers for **Dean Moyer**, who is recovering in the hospital.
- Family of **Jeff Morrow**, who died last week.
- For a colleague diagnosed with breast cancer.
- **Jeff Foley:** To have better health and wisdom

### Sunday, March 18

- For **Eva Cooper** family resettling in Iowa.
- **Verle:** Love one another unconditionally a Jesus loves you.
- **Peter:** We need to hear what the students are saying- God help us in our shared responsibilities to protect all of our children from violence.
- For **Luc Hadley**
- For **Katie Mearns**

- Prophet Jesus: I praise you for angels who watch me, when I was in trouble.
- **Seth and Holly:** Heal baby **Rylee** quickly.
- 12 million dead in my country. I like our church to pray for peace.
- Help me through the days ahead with my job.
- Prayers for my family as we grieve the death of my dear grandmother this past Monday.
- For my son.
- Letting go of past wrongs and petty resentments.

### Sunday, March 25

- **Alice and Ronald:** For **Adele's** continued healing from back surgery; for **Audrey** to tolerate chemo.
- **Jayne:** Peace and healing for **Dean Moyer** still in the hospital.
- For world peace and our military family and friends.
- **Bill Joles**, who is having health issues.
- Prophet Jesus: I give praise and thanks for your presence by messages of peace and hope.
- Please pray for my brother, who is having surgery on Tuesday.
- **Zonetta Vigers: Ronald Lazafame**, safety for our children, Zonetta Baker, world peace
- **Kathy:** Pray for the people who have become angels in my life: **Mel Grose, Chris Gedney**, and my Irish sister **Darlene**.
- **Willie:** That I have a successful operation and may my friend recover from cancer.
- Welcome back, **Marjorie**

### Sunday, April 1

- **Stephon Clark & family.** A prayer for an end to police violence against black & brown people.
- **Jayne:** Healing for **Dean Moyer**
- Prayers that my procedure goes well and I get good results.
- **Peter:** For the hope that keeps pushing for justice and saying "enough" to violence: "and a little child should lead the team"!
- God sees me through the procedure. Amen!
- **Erika: Bob Weaver & Barb Weaver, Maria Stortoe & family**
- **Beverly R.**, who has health issues.
- **Mary Lee Tyndall, Sue Guyer**
- **Deborah O'Conner-Slater:** For my friend **Amy**, who was diagnosed with second round of cancer.
- For **Amy**, who has cancer recurrence in bowel and lung.
- Refugees and those fleeing persecution.
- For those away from their families.
- Prayers for healing and positive answers this week.
- **Carrie and John Hunt: Heather Hunt Weaver**, who had a stroke this week. For her full recovery.
- **Toni:** For progression in thesis and job hunting
- **Gayle Bradley:** I need strength and healing in my life, protection for my children and restoration.
- Happy 91st Birthday to my brother **Ralph Best** on April 4

## UMW seek items for UMCOR School Kits

The James St./Erwin First United Methodist Women are collecting items for UMCOR School Kits **until Sunday, May 6.**

If you would like to participate in this project, you may supply a whole kit or items for the kits, or donate money toward a kit, which is estimated at \$11, or give toward the processing fee of \$2 a kit. Dollar Stores are very good sources of supplies. Cloth bags can be found at craft stores or through the website [www.myshopangel.com](http://www.myshopangel.com).

Contact persons at University UMC are Barbara Gilbraith and Jackie Sadowski.

If you wish to donate money to this project, checks can be made out to "James St./Erwin First UMW" and given to Jackie or Barbara.

The UMW much appreciates your help in this project.

School Kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps or other difficult settings, some of the basic tools for learning.

Here's what you'll need. **No deviation** from list, please.

- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip, only. **No** plastic scissors)
- Three spiral, top or side bound pads of paper or combination there of (100-150 sheets of loose-leaf paper **can be substituted for one pad**) **No** 3 or 5 subject notebooks & **No** composition books
- One 30-centimeter 12-inch ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener (**must be** at least one inch long) Remove from package
- One 2-inch or larger eraser (**No** pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils (cartoon characters **are acceptable**)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12-inch by 14-inch to 14-inch by 16-inch finished size cotton or lightweight, solid-colored canvas bag with cloth handles (**No** logos). **No** reusable shopping bags or backpacks.

**All items must be packed inside of the cloth bag.**

## May birthdays

2 – Melissa Pedro, Jaxon Steenberg  
4 – David Bacon, Ethel Phillips, Marg McDivitt  
6 – Bethany Boll  
17 – Caroline Brackett  
21 – Evan Simmons  
25 – Allison Virgo, Benjamin Virgo, Kirstin Coutts  
26 – Eileen Schell  
29 – Joyce Flynn  
30 – Bunny Hannum  
31 – Sara Bergan

## Women's Guild

The next Women's Guild meeting is 1:30 p.m. April 25 at the home of Shirley Miller, 705 Scott Ave., Syracuse.

The program is "Outreach from the Everson."

Guests are always welcome, and please let the hostess know you will be there at 315-427-0245.

## Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By Dorothy I. Logan to the glory of God in loving memory of her parents, the Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Wesley T. Logan Sr.

By Jacquelyn Sadowski in memory of family members and by Barbara and Del Gilbraith in memory of their parents.

By Mary Klepper and her family in loving memory of Larry Klepper.

Altar flowers were given to Rita Soufleris, Dean Moyer, Dan Magowan, Stephanie Hitztaler, Tom and Carol Boll and Kokie Ratala.

Flowers were delivered by Lee and Ed Potter, Doug Randall and Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler.

## New worship series: 'Dare to Dance Again'

This Eastertide we move into a new worship series, "Dare to Dance Again."

This seven-week series, starting this Sunday, encourages us to "dance our dances of freedom for all the world to see. Dances of justice. Dances of love. During this season, post-resurrection stories point to the joy of living in the beloved community and extending that fellowship through or witness as we dare to dance and 'sing out strong!'"

The series runs through Pentecost, which is May 20.

The themes for those weeks are as follows:

- With Great Power: Dancing Together
- While in Their Joy: Dancing Sure
- By This We Will Know: The Dance of Love
- From You Comes My Praise: Guide My Steps
- Who Can Withhold? Break Forth!
- Gone Up with a Shout: Clap Your Hands
- Spirit Poured Out: Dare to Dance Again



## Finance Corner

### Pledging Update

2018 total pledges: \$209,472  
 Paid to date: \$29,497  
 Non-pledge contr.: \$4,175  
 Pre-paid 2018 pledges \$43,622  
**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](mailto:annowens1134@gmail.com).



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### WEEK OF APRIL 8

Sunday the 8th

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

**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

Tuesday the 10th

**5:30 p.m.** Governing Board

Wednesday the 11th

**9 a.m.** Staff Meeting

Thursday the 12th

**6 p.m.** Worship, The Gathering Room

**7:30 p.m.** Choir rehearsal

Friday the 13th

**10 a.m.** Friday Community

**7 p.m.** Teach-in on Poverty

### WEEK OF APRIL 15

Sunday the 15th

**9 a.m.** Bagels & coffee, The Gathering Room

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

**10:45 a.m.** Christian Education for adults with disabilities, Laubach Room; K-12th, Pettengill Center

**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship, Gathering Room

**Noon** Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

Tuesday the 17th

**5 p.m.** Outreach Committee

Wednesday the 18th

**9 a.m.** Staff Meeting

**6:30 p.m.** Church Conference

Thursday the 19th

**6 p.m.** Worship, The Gathering Room

**7:30 p.m.** Choir rehearsal

Friday the 20th

**10 a.m.** Friday Community

### WEEK OF APRIL 22

Sunday the 22nd

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

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

**10:45 a.m.** Christian Education for adults with disabilities, Laubach Room; K-12th, Pettengill Center

**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship, Gathering Room

**Noon** Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

Wednesday the 25th

**9 a.m.** Staff Meeting

Thursday the 26th

**6 p.m.** Worship, The Gathering Room

**7:30 p.m.** Choir rehearsal

Friday the 27th

**10 a.m.** Friday Community

### WEEK OF APRIL 29

Sunday the 29th

**9 a.m.** Bagels & coffee, The Gathering Room

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

**10:45 a.m.** Christian Education for adults with disabilities, Laubach Room; K-12th, Pettengill Center

**11:45 a.m.** Fellowship, Gathering Room

**Noon** Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

Wednesday the 2nd

**9 a.m.** Staff Meeting

Thursday the 3rd

**6 p.m.** Worship, The Gathering Room

**7:30 p.m.** Choir rehearsal

Friday the 4th

**10 a.m.** Friday Community

### Join Earth Day Cleanup

Once again UUMC is hosting/organizing an Earth Day Cleanup in the neighborhood for the East Genesee Regent Association.

This year it's 9 a.m. to noon April 21.

Pheobe's and Ronald McDonald House plan to clean up with us.

Gloves, bags and a lunch voucher from the Varsity Pizza will be provided.

We need a point person to help organize this effort.

Please contact the church office if you can volunteer for that role and/or to help with the cleanup.

### New Uniting Covenant

An updated Uniting Covenant for the Syracuse United Methodist Churches is ready for a vote at a special Church Conference at 6:30 p.m. April 18 at UUMC.

Copies of the covenant and the Memorandum of Understanding on Pastoral Payments will be available at worship April 8 and 15 and via electronic transmission.

Easter, April 15, 2018  
(9 photos)



























# Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018

## Stations of the Cross (9 photos)













(5 photos by Ted Finlayson-Schueler)

















# Meditation and Prayer Time During Lenten Worship (6 photos)





















# March for Our Lives — Syracuse

March 24, 2018

(4 photos)











Photo by Pastor Wood

Second Floor Cleanup  
March 13, 2018  
(4 photos by Pastor Wood)











