

THE CHIMES

June 6, 2018



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**Next Chimes
deadline:
June 27**

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

Alicia Wood, Pastor
Tom Boll, Editor

Musicians, teachers, Ken Craig to receive recognition during June worship services

We've just observed Peace with Justice Sunday with a guest speaker, and there's much more in store for the rest of June and early July.

Next up, on June 10, we'll be honoring the musicians and their music ministry — choir and handbell choir — we've enjoyed in the past year.

You also will be seeing paper plates as part of our Outreach program's effort, in conjunction with the Food Bank of CNY, to give public voices to those affected by food insecurity. Those will be in The Gathering Room. (See Outreach Coordinator Galyn Murphy-Stanley's column on page 3).

On Father's Day, June 17, we'll honor our teachers and high school graduates.

Then June 24, member Ken Craig will be honored as he retires as president and CEO of Housing Visions, which began about 28

years ago at UUMC.

Housing Visions has become a "not-for-profit developer, general contractor and property manager with a mission to be the catalyst for sustainable positive change in neighborhoods through real estate development and community collaboration."

What started here has grown to an organization with more than 1,600 units and developments in 16 communities throughout the Northeast.

The Rev. Hal Garman, former UUMC pastor and part of the team that launched Housing Visions "bubbled up." Pastor Alicia will talk about keeping on dreaming big and making positive changes in Syracuse.

Member Ted Guercio will speak July 1 about his experiences on D-Day in the invasion of Normandy during World War II and his faith.

Poor People's Campaign nears D.C. mass rally

The Poor People's Campaign: a National Call for Moral Revival is continuing.

The aim is to "nonviolently and morally confront the immoral policies of systemic racism, systemic poverty, the war economy/militarism, ecological devastation and the distorted moral narrative of so-called Christian/religious nationalism."

UUMC has hosted watch parties on Sunday evenings, and there are

two more left, at 6 p.m. June 10 and 17. The themes for those two weeks are "Everybody's Got the Right to Live: Education, Living Wage Jobs, Income, Housing" and "A New and Unsettling Force: Confronting the Distorted Moral Narrative."

UUMC members have been among New Yorkers from across the state who have traveled to Albany weekly to demonstrate at the capitol, See **NATIONAL**, Page 6

Resolutions pass on disabilities, fossil fuel divestment and more



Alicia Wood

Each year the United Methodists of Upper New York come together to worship, network, hear reports from groups across the state and make decisions to move forward in ministry and outreach.

I am one of the nerds who really enjoy this four-day meeting called Annual Conference. This year it was held at Onondaga Community College. Next year it will be back at the Oncenter.

Here is some of good news from the meeting. We passed these resolutions:

- Local churches will have a Disabilities Awareness Weekend annually;
- To welcome immigrants and refugees into our congregations;
- The Conference will advocate for children living under Israeli occupation in Palestine;
- Divesting Annual Conference pension funds from fossil fuels and encouraging local churches to do the same;
- Our conference and district offices will make hiring bi (or

more) lingual persons for positions that interact with the public a priority;

- Training will be offered for sexual abuse, harassment, etc. (from GCOSROW) to all serving under appointment, all BOOM, trustees, all leadership teams, Episcopacy Committee, Committee on Investigation, as well as those committees directly dealing with these issues;
- Every fourth year, the special presenter at Annual Conference, usually identified as the “Bible Study leader,” will speak from a non-Christian perspective; and
- We will add a third category of “non-binary” to our accounting system for membership in churches. Currently all members must be identified as male or female. This passed almost unanimously after several amazing testimonies.

On a personal note, even though it was exciting to see such impactful recommendations pass, it was challenging to see my colleagues whom I interviewed with in March become

commissioned without me.

It surprised me how sad I was at this event. They are wonderful pastors, and I am happy for them and wish them only success in their ministries.

It reminded me how disappointed I am that I was not as prepared as I should have been for the all-day interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry in March.

I look forward to next year’s Annual Conference June 2019. I will interview again and God willing be commissioned.

The Special General Conference is in February 2019. I hope to attend this very important meeting, along with some UUMC members, in St. Louis that will decide how our denomination will move forward in regard to the full inclusion of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters.

Even though meetings are important for an organization, it is important to keep our focus on our purpose: to share God’s love always.

Peace,

— *Pastor Alicia*

Threattes to return for Everson exhibit with Greg’s portrait

An Everson Museum exhibit of artist Darryl Hughto’s works that opens Saturday, June 9, will include the Upstate Medical University portrait of Dr. Gregory Threatte.

Threatte worked at Upstate for more than 25 years and is former chair of the Department of Pathology.

He and his wife, Stephanie, and their three children were

longtime members of UUMC. They now live near Albany.

Also included in the exhibit is a painting Hughto did of the Threattes’ son, Lonnie, and his wife, Vanessa, when they were married about 10 years ago.

Greg and Stephanie plan to be at the opening night reception, 5-7 p.m. June 9, which is free for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The exhibit ends Aug. 26.

Thank You

From Janice Corcoran, Blessed Sacrament Parish Outreach, Syracuse, to former James Street UMC members:

Thank you for your extremely generous donation to our Parish Outreach Program.

Your extraordinarily benevolent donation will help us lighten the burden of those less fortunate within our community.

Paper plate project returns to raise voices about hunger



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

During the summer months, I ask many folk who participate and join in our Outreach ministry to share a message, or a drawing, or a lyric, maybe a poem or a thought

about hunger issues in our community.

These messages are completed on a white paper plate. To offer a bit of guidance, I stick a phrase or question (generated by the CNY Food Bank) on each plate.

CNY Food Bank questions:

- I care about ending hunger because....
- I visit this Food Pantry because.....
- What would you say to our politicians to encourage them to fight against hunger?

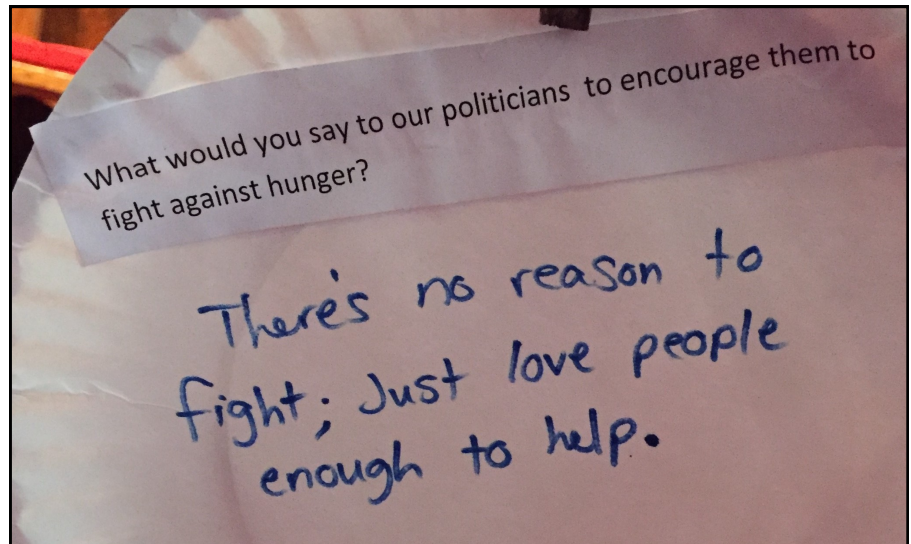
An individual can complete as many plates as they like.

I ask folk to include their first name. I feel this makes the message more powerful, anchored and tangible.

Of course participating individuals are encouraged to be independent in their interpretation and execution of task. Every plate is celebrated and returned to the Food Bank.

This effort is generated by the CNY Food Bank. They send us the supplies and provide the methodology.

Completed plates are sent back to the Food Bank's own political advocate, who employs and relays the messages on the



A UUMC pantry guest, Heather, said she'd tell politicians about hunger: "There's no reason to fight; just love people enough to help."

plates continually as she travels to Albany, Washington, D.C., and additional sites.

The advocate vocalizes the words of the people, documented on the white paper plate, who are most affected by national and state budget cuts, anti-hunger programs, food insecurity and daily poverty.

Each Food Pantry in the Central and Upstate region (11 counties) is encouraged to participate so more voices and more words can join from our diverse region.

This campaign was born of the Ohio Association of Food Banks in 2010 as a way to break down barriers and provide a method of interaction between elected officials and their constituents.

Their goal? To give "voice to those who wait in lines at food pantries, local distribution sites and Food Banks, to shed light on critical needs and issues" that are so often neglected and unheard.

Their paper plates have been exhibited at the Ohio Statehouse and in key locations throughout the state. More than 400 hunger relief agencies have participated in Ohio. More than 32,000 paper plates have been completed.

The Ohio project and their plates have been featured in various media outlets, at debates and hearings opposing cuts to nutrition programs and in artistic displays at political houses.

For more information, see paperplateproject.org and look for paper plates generated at UUMC.

If you'd like to complete a paper plate, they will be available Sunday mornings in June, July and August after worship in The Gathering Room and each Friday morning in Fellowship Hall. Please consider sharing your message in this powerful effort.

— 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

Sunday, May 6

- **Sunfel Kumar Chitturi:** Pray for my extension after May 30 till Oct. 19
- The family of **Paula Miller**, who died unexpectedly this week.
- For **Russ Young's** health
- Healing prayers for **Phyllis Wright**, who is in Menorah Park for rehab.
- **Mike Rodda:** The family of **Robert Hagerty**
- Prayers for a friend with serious health concerns.
- **Erin Mauro** surgery May 9
- Wife, **Natasha**, dealing with medical issues. Love for the church.
- Prophet Jesus, guide me to comfort and bless my home.
- **Sue:** My family, to receive good test results.
- **Barb and Bob Weaver: Alayah Green, Landen, Bruce & Mary Ellen Will, Linda & Don Forth** – for safe travels.
- Get closer to God.
- **Russell Young:** Prayers that I get good grades in school and to receive my veterans benefits and prayers for my fiancé.

Sunday, May 13

- **Robert James:** Robert's blind mother is in nursing home; **Jim** also in a nursing home; **Pastor Alicia.**
- **Peter:** For freedom, hope and

justice – for all children and families, and an end to the oppression on behalf of all mothers.

- Pray for **Rosemary** for strength and peace.
- **Barb and Bob Weaver: Carus Olcott Jr., Landen & Fay, Carus & Mary Olcott Sr.**
- **Kathy:** Prayers for my dad and my mom as her Alzheimer's is getting more difficult. Prayers for all suffering the loss of their mom this year.
- **Sharon:** Please pray for my friend **Susie** as she deals with serious health issues.
- **Laura:** All people suffering from disease, may God's grace heal all.
- Say prayers for me about my surgery.
- Praying for a job.
- **Terry Jares**, who has health issues, **Tom Owens.**
- **Alphonsina:** God bless all mothers today. Today is an important day for all the mothers in the world. Happy Mother's Day.
- **Alec:** Prayers that everyone have a safe and happy Mother's Day. Prayers to those who have just graduated and are job searching.
- **The Sanders Family:** That we all remember that God is still in control.
- **Margo and Don:** Prayers for our friend **Walt**, who has serious health concerns.

Sunday, May 20

- **Jenny Preaster**, who is having issues.
- **Robert:** May I have the courage to run away and care for myself.

- For the abiding model of human responsibility for the earth, which we can keep learning from indigenous people like **Oren Lyons.**
- **Jim** will be in a Memorial Day Parade in Fulton on Saturday.
- **Myers Family: Donna Richardson and Family** sick with MS, pray for her heart, body and soul. Thank you. My mother and family-in-law.
- Prayers for all who have suffered from hurt of any kind
- **Bob and Barb Weaver: Alayah Green, Carus Olcott Jr., Landen and Fay, Carus and Mary Olcott Sr.**
- **Sherri Cullen:** Families of the latest school shooting.
- **Laura:** Healing prayers for **Rebecca Frass** as she finds out results of cancer treatments.
- Say a pray for my operation on my throat.
- **Sue:** Thank God for good test results. My family.
- Safe travels for me
- **Stephanie:** As I head to Helsinki for a week of meetings. Prayers for my sister and best friend, **Nicole**, as they near the end of their pregnancies.

Sunday, May 27

- Please pray for Congo.
- **Mamie Baxter:** Oh give thanks unto the Lord. Every day is a day of blessing no matter how you feel. Start your day over and praise his name.
- I am vaping and struggling with fear.
- Special prayer for **Shirley Kern**, as she recovers from breast cancer surgery.
- I would like to pray for my
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People and Prayers

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- cold. I would like a new job.
- In God, I trust my country will have peace one day. Nothing is impossible to God.
- **Maria Storto & family, Barb & Bob Weaver**
- That we all continue to follow God and not man.
- **Nick Weah**, as he speaks the words God has put in his heart.
- **Barb & Bob Weaver: Alayah Green, Carus Olcott Jr., Landen & Fay, Mary & Carus Olcott Sr.**
- **James: Prayers for Laura Powers**, who's been in St. Joe's Hospital this past week.

Sunday, June 3

- **Sue: My family.** This suffering with health issues.

- **Sherri Cullen: Patti Fasulo & family, Jeanne & Shane, Kathy Dewey, Connie** on the loss of her dad.
- **Alayah Green, Carus Olcott Jr., Landen & Fay, Mary & Carus Olcott Sr.**
- **Maria Storto & family.**
- **Shirley & Harry Miller: Jeffery and Justine Miller** on the birth of their son, **Hudson**, born May 29
- The family of **Mary Dougherty**
- **Peter: For foster and adoptive parents**, who give little ones a chance at life — and for a growing movement that says no to separating children from their families at the borders.
- Prayers for healing for **Peg Leonard**

THANKS & PRAISE & JOY

Sunday, May 6

- **Maddie: A prayer of joy and thanks** for all those at University UM who have supported me the last four years. I'll miss you all!
- **Jayne: Prayers of thanks** to all for helping with the Sacred Sites Tour yesterday and today.
- **Ralph Best: The honor flight** was wonderful from beginning to end. Thanks to the congregation for their cards.

Sunday, May 27

- Thank you, God, for your care of **Nichola Weah** and his message.

Sunday, June 3

- **Dan, Morgan & Stella: We would like to thank Pastor Alicia** for marrying us on May 19.

Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:
By Sheila Murphy in memory of John and Pat Murphy

By Marg McDivitt in memory of John

By Vito and Janet Sciscioli in memory of loved ones

By Brad and Judith Bowers in memory of loved ones

By Ed Tillapaugh in member of Richard and Veda Tillapaugh

Altar flowers were given to Barbara Fought, Ted Guericio, Carrie Hunt, Danielle Adams, Nichola Weah, Bob Weaver, Tina Whitehead and Linda Bergh.

Flowers were delivered by Marg McDivitt, Judith Bowers and Lee Potter.

July birthdays

2 – Israel Toe

3 – Kate Drew Rios

4 – Kelsey Youmell

6 – Matt Fischer, Mark

Zimmerman, Linda Oertel,

Ping Hemphill-Wu

8 – Jon Boll, Esther Weah

9 – Sol Swords

10 – Jeff Foley

11 – Matthew Upcraft

14 – Elizabeth Bradshaw, Esther

Livingstone, Richard

Schemichen, Eli Weah

15 – Lee Potter, Margo Kotten

16 – Ellen Bacon, Timothy Damron

17 – Deirdre Zimmerman

18 – Elisa Sciscioli

21 – Afton Kapuscinski

22 – Tahmier Brackett

24 – Dorothy Logan

25 – Rebecca Youmell, Peter Sciscioli

26 – Corrie Fagut-Pratt

28 – Jayne Humbert

29 – Jackie Simmons

30 – Helena Weah

Women's Guild

The next Women's Guild meeting is noon June 27 in the Pettengill Center at church.

Members, please bring a dish to pass, with the recipe, if you wish. Guests are welcome but do not need to bring a dish.

Members, please call Rita Soufleris if you will not attend.

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2018 total pledges: \$209,472
 Paid to date: \$121,925
 Non-pledge contr.: \$8,911

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.



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WEEK OF JUNE 10

Sunday the 10th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship.

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chapel Room

6 p.m. Poor People's Campaign Watch Party

Wednesday the 13th

9 a.m. Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Church & Society

Thursday the 14th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering Room

Friday the 15th

10 a.m. Friday Community

WEEK OF JUNE 17

Sunday the 17th

9 a.m. Bagels & Coffee, The Gathering Room

10:30 a.m. Worship.

11:45 a.m. Fellowship, The Gather-

ing Room

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chapel Room

6 p.m. Poor People's Campaign

Watch Party

Tuesday the 19th

5 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday the 20th

9 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 21st

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering Room

Friday the 22nd

10 a.m. Friday Community

WEEK OF JUNE 24

Sunday the 24th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship.

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chapel Room

Tuesday the 26th

7 p.m. "Today's News: Real or

Fake? How to Tell the Difference"

Wednesday the 27th

9 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 28th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering Room

Friday the 29th

10 a.m. Friday Community

WEEK OF JULY 1

Sunday the 1st

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

10:30 a.m. Worship. Communion.

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chapel Room

Wednesday the 4th

Office Closed—Independence Day

Thursday the 5th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering Room

Friday the 6th

10 a.m. Friday Community

National rally on June 23

CONTINUED from Page 1 demanding action.

Citizens have been demonstrating likewise at more than two dozen state houses across the country.

A national mass rally is planned for 10 a.m. June 23 in Washington, D.C., as a "Global Day of Solidarity and Sending Forth Call to Action."

Teach-in on fake news

Retired journalist Tom Boll, who teaches news literacy at Syracuse University and Onondaga Community College, will speak at a 7 p.m. June 26 teach-in in the Pettengill Center on "Today's News: Real or Fake? How to Tell the Difference." Snacks available at 6:30 p.m. This is sponsored by the Church & Society Team.

Summer music

Special music for summer Sundays begins June 17 and runs through the end of August.

To offer your talents, email Mary in the office at uumc@twcny.rr.com or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Questions? Connect with Music Director Aimee deBerjeois at adeberjeois@esmschools.org.

Sunday, May 6, 2018
(8 photos)

















Sunday, May 20
Pentecost
(1 photo)



CNY Poor People's Campaign Rallies in Albany (5 photos by the campaign)











Connections Celebration
At Price/Fought Home
(3 photos by Barbara Fought)



Ben Meade and Maddie Buckley, SU graduates.



Poppers celebrate the graduates.



Bubble blowing celebrates soon-to-be-wed Sungsu Lee and Janice Lau.