## THE CHIMES

#### August 8, 2018

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#### Thanks from Bellevue

Dear UUMC Members,

We at Bellevue were astounded to receive your immense check (\$2,500) for the Delaware weekend feeding program (Blessings in a Backpack).

Your generosity overwhelmed us! You have allowed us to feed 350 students this coming school year.

The students in the program have said that they feel cared for by the community and that the food helps their families.

Your reputation for caring for the unfortunate is well deserved.

Thank you again, Jeanie Brown Bellevue Heights UMC

## Kids get rescued by Jesus in VBS '18

August is here, and before summer ends, it's time to start thinking seriously about some fun activities: Vacation Bible School and the Syracuse United Methodist Churches' annual picnic.

VBS, for children ages 4-12, will be 6 to 8 p.m. for five evenings, Aug. 19-23.

After "Beach Party" two years ago, last year we were in the woods with "Camp EDGE." This year we return to the ocean with "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus."

The curriculum features creature "buddies," including a leopard, stingray, toucan, seahorse, sloth and gecko.

This experience helps anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's prom-Gathering Room by Aug. 12. For more information or to volunteer for setup or cleanup, contact Gail Tyndall at gtyndall001@twcny.rr.com.



ises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless.

VBS Director Morgan Mastronardi is seeking help. If you can volunteer, donate snacks like granola

bars, mini-muffins or Goldfish crackers or loan props like palm trees, a globe, hammock, oar or jungle stuffed animals, please contact her at

morgan.r.mastronardi@gmail.com.

The Syracuse UMC picnic begins at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 15 at St. Paul's UMC, 2200 Valley Drive. To participate in UUMC's fruit salad contribution, put a fruit in the kitchen off The Gathering Room by Aug. 12. For more information or to volunteer for setup or cleanup, contact Gail Tyndall at gtyndall001@twcny.rr.com.

#### Financial report: OK for now, but deficit looms

Thank you all for your contributions and for being faithful to your pledges.

On a year to date basis we are able to meet our operating expenses with a small overall variance of \$933 over budget.

Because we recognize income and expenses on a cash basis, the small positive variance is likely due to the timing of income receipts and expense payments.

Although at midyear we appear to be in good shape, it is important to remember the current 2018 budget is made possible through the use of one-time funding sources to cover a projected a deficit (loss) of \$156,131. That deficit is expected to materialize by the end of the year absent any additional sources of income or reduction in expenses.

Without additional income sources or major reductions in expenses we will not be able to sustain our ongoing operations in ministry. Please continue to be prayerful about our church and our budget.

— Ronald M. Denby, Chair, Finance Committee

#### From our pastor...

### What is church? Let go and Holy Spirit will enter in, shake things up



Greetings! I find it interesting how, in life, things run parallel. I just arrived back in Syracuse after my two-week travel seminar to Man-

Alicia Wood

chester, England.

While I was gone, my indoor cat escaped and was lost for five days. These two things may seem quite different, but as I spent time reflecting today they have something in common.

The questions we were asked to keep in the forefront of our minds as we traveled all over England to a new church each day was "What is church?"

We visited four churches that have coffee houses attached to the building so that they are able to connect with the community at large throughout the week.

The goal is to share God's love so that more folks come to know Jesus and eventually attend worship and outreach.

We visited five churches, including Westminster Abbey, which continue to do worship and outreach in a more traditional way (if we take away the "tourist" part of their presence).

These churches have mostly traditional space and worship with traditional liturgy.

We also traveled to four churches in rural settings that worship only 6 to 24 times a

year. They are currently discerning how to reach the outside community including the vacationers.

You can imagine I was a mess while my cat was missing. From thousands of miles away I was not able to go look for him myself. I was not able to put up LOST posters. It was very hard.

Thanks be to God. I had many people who did help me! They walked the streets, hung posters and they talked with my neighbors. Of course, I had to deal with the fact that it was not me out trying to find the cat and they may not have done it the way I would have done it. I try not come to believe in Jesus Christ. to be controlling, but sometimes this comes out in me.

From thousands of miles, I had to pray and trust the search was going well even though I was not there.

When we ask the question, "What is church?" do we need to loosen our hold or control of what church has been to each of in and surprise us! us?

Is it possible that people may hear the Gospel message through our outreach or in conversation at a coffee house with a church volunteer?

In the rural churches in the Peak District of England the villagers had always been frustrated with all the tourists. Recently, the church has realized that tour- and the church will be just fine. ists may even need a sanctuary.

Now the churches have

opened up their doors every day of the week for tourists to come to pray, talk or be prayed with.

Do the tourists count as a part of the church? Do the people who come to the coffee house and ask questions about Jesus count as a part of the church?

I heard in several of the churches that they have shifted their way of thinking about church.

The congregation now says church is "belong, believe, become." In other words, people need to feel they belong. Then, through relationship people Finally, people become a disciple through faith, study of Scripture, worship, sharing their faith and outreach.

As we move forward as a church. let's continue to ask. "What is church?" I feel as we learn to let go of some of the control the Holy Spirit will enter

When I came home my cat was doing well. He is still not back to himself physically, but he is going to be just fine.

I believe the same is true of our church. We can be assured that as we let go of some of the control the Holy Spirit will be better able to get in and shake things up in a good and new way,

Peace,

#### Pastor Alicia

#### Church & Society teach-ins

Teach-ins are planned for Sept. 12 on "Opioids & Other Addictive Drugs" and Oct. 10 on "Rule of Law: An Endangered Species?'

Kathleen Dermady, DNP, and Barry Weiss, Onondaga County District Attorney's Office - both members of the Onondaga County Drug Task Force - will discuss the field of addictive drugs and their consequences to society. They will help us understand this epidemic.

Professors Thomas Keck and David

Driesen, Syracuse University legal scholars, will explore the history, definition, worldview, importance and trends in The Rule of Law in October.

The teach-ins begin at 7 p.m. Snacks are available at 6:30.

#### **Outreach Ministry**

## UUMC to help We Rise Above the Streets lunch efforts



Galyn Murphy-Stanley

"Just a castaway An island lost at sea Another lonely day With no one here but me More loneliness Than any man could bear

Rescue me before I

fall into despair I'll send an SOS to the world I'll send an SOS to the world I hope someone gets my Message in a bottle

A year has passed since I wrote my note But I should have known this right from the start Love can mend your heart But love can break your heart

Walked out this morning Don't believe what I saw A hundred billion bottles Washed up on the shore Seems I'm not alone at being alone A hundred billion castaways Looking for a home"

Some of you might recognize this 1979 released song, "Message in a Bottle," written by Gordon Sumner AKA "Sting" of the band The Police. These familiar lyrics washed over me as I stood in a crowd of about 70 people on a recent weekend listening to Al-amin Muhammad,

the director of We Rise Above the all laid out with hot foods, the Streets, a three-year-old program focusing efforts on recovery outreach.

Katie and Joyce Flynn, with grandson in tow, my family and I arranged to meet with Al-amin and work alongside him with his volunteers and staff and understand the details and needs of his mission.

Al-amin is a very gentle, compelling man with a deep personal understanding of lonesomeness. prison, homelessness, poverty and being hungry.

After Al-amin's incarceration he was homeless, lonely and hungry for 10 years of his life. On his darkest day he chose to change his life. With the support of his case manager he was able to find his life work and life purpose.

Every Saturday morning volunteers arrive to a small office to build 200+ brown bag lunches. Work starts promptly at 10 a.m. By 10:45 volunteers' cars are filled with lunches, other food donations, clothing and personal hygiene items.

After a brief introductory speech by Al-amin inclusive of his story, his mission, a description of the folk who partake, his thoughts on how we should engage with folk and the location of the distribution site, off we go.

By 11:15 a.m. a food line has taken shape and a table is bagged lunches, clothing and personals. Al-amin rallies all, welcomes folk to gather food and ignites the volunteers in his mantra, "If We Eat, They Eat!!"

We had a great morning, recognized many folk who received food, met interesting peer volunteers and were very impressed with Al-amin's SOS efforts.

Katie and I will move ahead with UUMC's Outreach Team in inviting Al-amin to use UUMC's space for his many volunteers and the building of the lunches.

We feel that Al-amin's program successfully engages new energy with consumers and volunteers who have been unreachable with our past Outreach efforts at UUMC. Additional opportunities of food sharing and alliances with CNY's Islamic Society sweeten the offering.

In the efforts of running UUMC's varied Outreach programs, I forgot that hunger and poverty often walk hand in hand with loneliness. Al-amin and Sting reminded me of this.

I am grateful for this reminder. I will be better at my job because of this. Maybe the hundred billion castaways will feel UUMC also hears their SOS message.

> Galyn Murphy-Stanley **Outreach Coordinator**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onF5FnrdIM- CBS Story, We Rise Above the Streets

#### Altar flowers were given:

By Marjorie Carter in honor of everyone celebrating a birthday in August. By Bette Helwig and Steve Bacon 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 Barbara and Del Gilbraith in memory of their parents.

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

Flowers were given to Merilyn Krackhardt, Jackie Sadowski, Dot Logan, Rosemary deHoog, Marg McDivitt, J.J. Warren, Lois Lum, Jonathan Gavin, Paulie Burtis and Bob Weaver.

Flowers were delivered by Barb Cargo and Jackie Sadowski.

## People and Prayers

#### <u>DEATH</u>

Longtime member Joanne
 Zinsmeister Yarwood died last
 week. Information on arrangements will be shared when complete.

#### CONTINUING PRAYERS

- Prayer that the second and third floors of our building be rented.
- Sue: My family and all those struggling with health issues
- Barb & Bob: Alayah Green, Carus Olcott Jr., Landen & Fay, Mary & Carus Olcott Sr., Hadlee Vandusen.
- Sherri Cullen: Betty Baldwin, Kathy Dewey, Patti Fasulo, Jeanne and Shane.

#### PRAYERS REQUESTED:

• For those in military service: Matt Fischer

#### Sunday, July 8

- Pastor Kim Gold: Blessings for new friends and generous hospitality
- Pray for academic success and financial stability.
- Barb Cargo: Prayers for Nancy Nevin, whose son, Keith, died on Thursday at Crouse.
- For the Thai boys, their parents and the rescue team.
- Prophet Jesus: Ease my worries as I prepare myself, for spiritual nourishment.
- That we as a people will continue to look to the Almighty for our strength.
- Peace in Congo, safe delivery of children in Thailand
- Tim and Debbie Anderson
- Sherri Cullen: Betty Baldwin, Kathy Dewey, Patti Fasulo, Jeanne & Shane.

- **Donna:** Wish me luck with my interview.
- Barb & Bob: Alayah Green,
   Carus Olcott Jr., Mary & Carus
   Olcott Sr.
- Maria Storto and Family, Jerry Vitthuhn and Family, Bob and
   Barb Weaver.
- Thank you for a wonderful family and safe travel home.
- William Belle: Can you forgive me? I have sinned.
- Barbara Cargo: Prayers for Jane Pickett, who lost her husband, Bob recently.
- Fought-Price: Thanks for the life of Keith Nevin and prayers for his family grieving his death.
- Please Welcome: Eunice, from Ghana and Jemima from Madagascar visiting from six-week course at Maxwell School.

#### Sunday, July 15

- Heritien Ahadi: God bless my family
- Happy birthday to both Lee Potter and Margo Koten, whose birthdays are today.
- Sue: Those struggling with health issues.
- All those facing danger every day.
- Maria Storto and Family, Barb and Bob Weaver
- Alphonsina: God bless my family and all church for everything they do for us.
- Kiza Kashindi: I thank God for completing another year. Tomorrow is my birthday.
- Carrie and John Hunt: For our friend Laura, who is having health issues.
- Please pray for **Susie**, who is dealing with cancer.
- Pray for world peace

- Audrey and Laura as they heal.
- **Russell Young**, recovering from back surgery.
- **Dominic Palmieri**, who is having health issues.
- Please pray for the Mastronardi family, Dan's grandmother died yesterday.
- Please keep Nichola Weah in prayers as he attends a twoweek class at Shenandoah University. He was sponsored by our church.
- Joyce Flynn: Prayers of healing for Abbey and her family as she struggles with mental health issues.
- Those seeking employment. Love to my nephew, **Derek Anderson**, Air Force Para Rescue, who took part in the rescue of the soccer team in Thailand.
- I hope God helps me with my car.
- **Peter**: For an end to "WMD," Weapons of Mass Destruction, and the systems of terror and racism they serve.
- Prayers for love, kindness and peace. Prayers for all families. Prayers for health, happiness and healing.

#### Thursday, July 19

- For all of life
- Prayers for relief from the wildfires in the western U.S. Prayers for moral leadership in our country. Prayers for my sister and her husband as they welcome their new baby and learn how to take care of his needs — he has Down syndrome. Also praise his heart is healthy!

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## People and Prayers

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- Peace in Congo. Peace for Joanne Zinsmeister.
- Merilyn Krackhardt
- Best wishes and love to my niece Emily White and Frank Farnach, who are getting married on Friday, July 27.
- Rita: Be with Joanne Z. Yarwood in her Syracuse home – Also with Marg McDivitt.
- Barb Cargo: For my good friend Donna Kaufman's daughter Louise, who is seriously ill. Prayers for Daiwahnis Printup and her sons to find an apartment. Healing prayers to Marg McDivitt, who was taken to Crouse Hospital last night.
- Valerie Potter, daughter of Lee and Ed Potter, for major surgery this week.
- Erika: Maria Storto and family, Bob and Barb Weaver
- I hope to have a safe move
- Bita Aslam: Pray for my son Arshia. He can't walk.
- Pray the doctors can figure out Ben's medical problem.
- Shirley and Harry Miller: Prayers for Marg McDivitt, who is in Crouse Hospital.
- Jim Tallman: My interview at McDonald's in Liverpool tomorrow.
- Elise: Prophet Jesus, Bless my mother as she is living 75 years on earth! Her birthday was July 20.
- Peter: For us to be transformed while we work together to change the system that oppresses too many of our own people.
- Bruno: My parents are sick in country. I call on the church

to pray for them.

- Daiwahnis Printup, Elijah, and Storm: homeless need a home.
- Dear God: I pray for my husband, a man that is God fearing, a man that will protect, love and guide me.
- Dear God: Thank you for watching over the boys in the cave and helping us with their
   rescue. Watch over Marg McDivitt and all if us as we face what seems too much to do in what time we have.
- For **Susie**, who is dealing with health issues.

#### Sunday, July 29

- Joyce Flynn: Continued prayers for Abbey as she continues counseling and treatment for mental health issues. Prayers for all who suffer mental health issues.
- I pray for knowledge, wisdom and understanding as I enter finals week.
- The family of Sue Vonpless Cross, a dear friend who died on Thursday.
- Continued prayers for those with disease and illness.
- Shawanda, who has health issues.
- My family, who is struggling with health issues.
- Maria Storto and Family, Barb and Bob Weaver.
- Alphonsina: God bless my family and church.
- Elise: Prophet Jesus, I am grateful for the hard times, because it prepares me for the great times ahead.
- Jim Tallman: For the family of Pastor Chuck Forbes from Minetto who died, Jim attended that church for 20 years.

- Stephen: Prayers for sunny weather the next two weekends for the cast and crew of "Merry Wives of Windsor," a free comedy play at Thornden Park.
- Peace in Congo. Peace in our hearts.
- Rev. Vand Lee hopes to feel better.
- Pray for Christina Miller. Grant her wisdom and peace. Pray for Marilyn ad Skip Davis. Grant them peace and hope.
- Safe travels for everyone traveling.
- Pray for my family, pray for my job.
- For my father.
- I want you to pray for my family
- For my son Arshia
- For my cousin Amanda, for my sister and her family, as they adjust to life with their new baby who has Down syndrome

#### Thursday, August 2

• Peter: For all children to be considered children of God with the right to family, safety, love and health.

#### Sunday, August 5

- Zinetta Vigars: Esther Pardue, Merilyn Krackhardt. Happy 97th birthday to Lois Lum!
- Prayers for my family.
- Dale: Happy birthday to my brother-in law, John Frank, visiting with us today. Grateful for the presence of sister and many of her family here today.
- Cindi Rowell: Pray for me as I am in end stages of renal failure and in need of a kidney. I See PEOPLE, Page 6

Finance CornerPledging Update2018 total pledges:\$209,472Paid to date:\$144,167Non-pledge contr.:\$11,508Sounds of the Spirit Visual FundDonations received\$94,579Expenses paid\$87,891Current balance\$6,688Volunteers Needed:We're looking for people who'd enjoy being ushers,	University United Methodist Church Feed My People: Body, Mind, and Spirit 1085 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, N Phone: 315-475-7277 Fax: 315-475 www.uumcsyracuse.org Email: uumco www.facebook.com/UUMCSyracus Twitter: @UUMCSyracuse	5-8995 ©twony.rr.com Peturn service requested
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<ul> <li>People and Prayers</li> <li>CONTINUED from Page 5 have had complications with dialysis and need your prayers.</li> <li>Prayers for the family of Barba- ra DeAngelo, who died last week. Barbara will be missed.</li> <li>Nelson: For my sister Margaret, who is facing health issues.</li> <li>Peace in Congo</li> <li>Minetto's pastor's fuperal new</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I hope to be more likable, God!</li> <li>For Joeviet Cooper</li> <li>Rita Soufleris: Happy birthday to Marjorie Carter this week. Jo- anne Zinsmeister-Yarwood died this past week.</li> <li>THANKS &amp; PRAISE &amp; JOYS Sunday, July 15</li> <li>Thank you for listening to my pravers</li> </ul>	September birthdays 5 - Sharon Huard 8 - Martha Potter, Sarah Lund, Noel Sommers, Joshua DeHoog 11 - Eva Cooper 14 - Oliver Onninen, Aidan Moun- tain 15 - David Magowan 17 - Patrick Hyland, Bill Potter 18 - Mike Rodda 23 - Dithole Thebe

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## Sunday, July 8 (3 photos)



The children draw what they think the People of God look like.



Some of the children's drawings.



Bob Weaver, left, and Paulie Burtis became UUMC members.

## Tuesday, July 17, 2018 UM Night at the Ballpark (5 photos)



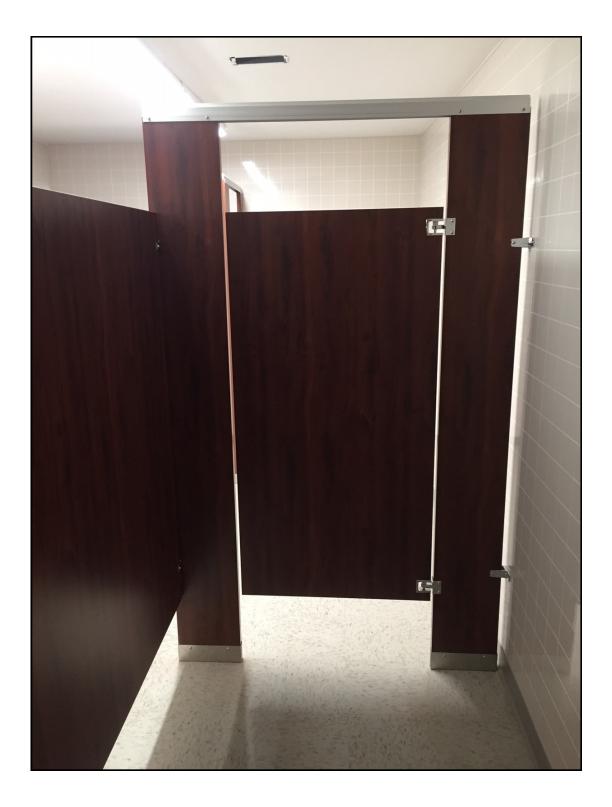








# Second-Floor Renovated Bathrooms (3 photos)







## UNY Conference at Love Your Neighbor Coalition Session in St. Louis



The Upper New York Conference was well represented at the recent national convocation of the Love Your Neighbor Coalition in St. Louis, four UUMC members among them. The coalition includes 13 organizations working on justice issues. Reconciling Ministries Network is one of them.

Photos from Pastor Alicia's study seminar on John Wesley in 21st-century context in England



Pastor Alicia examines John Wesley's diary.

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Charles Wesley's "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"











Our Calling	
The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in	
worship and mission It does this through	VOLUNTEER
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