

THE CHIMES

Dec. 5, 2018

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Pecans are for sale Sundays after worship. Proceeds help Outreach Ministry.

Next Chimes deadline: January 2

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

Calm and bright of 'Silent Night' anchors our journey through Advent this year

Advent has begun and we have special music and activities that lead us up to our traditional Christmas Eve pageant celebrating the birth of Jesus,

Coming up this Sunday, Dec. 9, our choir and the East Syracuse-Minoa Chamber Choir, led by Music Director Aimee deBerjeois and accompanied by organist Dennis Triggs and other musicians, will present music of peace and joy.

More special music is in store Dec. 16, as the No-Fault Orchestra will perform, and Dec. 23, with the handbell choir playing.

Our Advent worship series, "Calm and Bright: 200 Years of Silent Night," celebrates that beloved Christmas carol each week. Come and enjoy the calm. The remaining



Peale entrance window by Holly Austin.

three weeks are "Glories Stream," "Redeeming Grace" and "Let Us Sing."

You can come to the Advent video study, which this year combines with making "care packages." It's offered Fridays at 12:30 p.m. and for all ages Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The "packages" include blankets for children at the McMahon/Ryan

Child Advocacy Center, final exam survival kits for college students, plus items for our breakfast guests and first responders.

The annual Neighborhood Christmas Dinner is 6 p.m. Dec. 17. A call will be going out for volunteers soon.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve pageant is 9 a.m. Dec. 22. The pageant begins at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. Children participating need to be present by 6 p.m.

Time for Chimes mail recipients to let us know

For some of you, this will be your last paper Chimes — some by choice, others by omission.

In the interests of going green and helping us save resources, we are trimming our mailing list beginning with our January 2019 issue.

This action will save us paper, ink, postage and permit costs.

If you get the mailed paper copy and want to continue to do so, we must hear from you by Dec. 31.

If you get the paper version and want to switch to the electronic one, which is in color and has extra photos, let us know. If you already get the electronic version, you don't have to do anything.

If you get both, we will stop the paper version.

Email Tom Boll at uumctb@twcny.rr.com or call the church at 315-475-7277 with your choice.

Set aside calm, silent times during the busyness of this season



Alicia Wood

Merry Christmas!
As the year comes to a close I've been reflecting on 2018.

As a congregation, we have lost several people to Heaven, wonderful pillars of our congregation.

We have uncomfortably gone through a year without a tenant on the second or third floor.

We have made it through a record-breaking year through our outreach as we met many of the needs of our neighbors.

We have made it through a year of transition of leadership roles.

We have made it through a year of very quickly changing 24-hour news cycles and daily chaos.

Our Advent worship series has a message we all need this year, "Calm and Bright: 200

Years of Silent Night." We need a calm, silent night.

How might we find some calm in the busyness of the season and our political climate?

I believe this season we need to create some calm and silence in prayer and reflection.

This may mean a daily Advent Devotional, a daily walk to get some fresh air or time set aside with family and friends without TV, computer or cell-phones.

The hymn "Silent Night" is 200 years old this year. It is a classic, much-loved hymn that brings people together in churches on Christmas Eve.

We sing of the birth of the Holy Child, Jesus. It reminds us that there is hope through Jesus in a silent night. Jesus brings us hope in a future of calm, love and peace. This tiny newborn baby offers the world a new way of living.

Jesus calls us to compassion and love from the beginning of his life by including the lowly shepherds and his family fleeing to Egypt for safety.

Throughout Jesus' life he did try to get away from time to time for calm, quiet prayer and reflection.

The silent nights give us the strength to move forward in all other aspects of our lives. If we do not take time out for prayer and reflection, everything else seems more intense or chaotic.

As we move toward Christmas Eve and our candlelight tradition of singing "Silent Night" as one, let's take many moments of calm and silence this season to pray for renewal in our lives.

Let us remember it all began one silent night, holy night over 2,000 years ago.

Blessings and Peace,

— *Pastor Alicia*

Pledges help congregation plan for challenges of next year. Please get yours in.

Church budgets — just like family budgets — need to be able to project as accurately as possible what financial resources will be available to carry out our mission of spiritual nourishment, fighting for justice, sparking our minds and caring for food-challenged families.

Thank you to the 49 families

and individuals who have pledged an amazing \$183,052 for the 2019 fiscal year!

In 2018, total pledges are \$209,472. At the end of November, 20 families and individuals who are contributing to UUMC this year, have not yet indicated what they hope to contribute in 2019. We urge them to renew

and even increase their commitment to our mission and journey together.

We also urge persons who have not previously pledged to consider helping us plan for the challenges of 2019!

— *Nelson Price*

Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given by:

- ◆ Barbara and Del Gilbraith in memory of Del's sister and brother-in-law, Birdena and Dave Williams
- ◆ Don and Margo Koten in honor of our family
- ◆ Cynthia Steinem and Family in memory of Judith Mitchell Steinem and Joseph L. Steinem.

Flowers were given to Nancy Herrington,

Ralph Best, Dean Moyer, Juliet AJ Cooper, Lois Lum and Laurie Perry.

Flowers were delivered by Don and Margo Koten, Judith Bowers and Pastor Alicia.

The Thanksgiving cornucopia was given by the Altar Guild and donated to the Thanksgiving Bag Project.

UUMC Thanksgiving Bag Project empowers recipients



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

A big **THANK YOU** to the University United Methodist community for your attention, effort, finances and support toward another very successful Thanksgiving Bag Giveaway.

Each year brings small changes to make this herculean effort more efficient. For several weeks before “Giveaway” day details are tweaked, altered and ideas shared to ensure a personalized, respectful, quick experience for all of our guests, volunteers and staff.

This year packed bags were given away to 142 guests, volunteers, UUMC staff and our tenants from PEACE. UUMC-provided food was created into Thanksgiving meals for 467 people. This includes 189 children and 278 adults.

The majority of the folk who receive Thanksgiving bags from UUMC are guests to our Food Pantry on Friday mornings.

Included in each bag is a bevy of foods, frozen turkey or chicken, a roasting pan and a Thanksgiving greeting from the congregation member who packed the bag.

Maybe the recipient chooses a can opener and some extra

food offerings that might offer the family more fresh vegetable choices and/or snacks for the dinner table or through the week-end.

About half of the foods that filled the bags was acquired from the CNY Food Bank.

Joyce Flynn, with her family, did the shopping and heavy lifting of food that the Food Bank did not provide.

Many food donations arrived from the congregation and external community resources.

Our new friends at Upstate Medical University donated dozens of can openers for our guests to collect if needed. Donated monies are still arriving from a variety of different places.

UUMC is not the only place in Syracuse that gives out Thanksgiving foods.

However, our methodology of dispersion and quantity is unique as supplies for an entire Thanksgiving meal are provided to the registrant and their guests.

Other options for Syracusans to acquire a Thanksgiving meal are: a cooked meal that is shared in a large feeding facility where all are welcome to join collectively. Or, a boxed, hot meal that is delivered to your home where one might eat alone.

Additionally, neighboring food pantries will offer Thanks-

giving-type foods as part of the choices one might make as monthly food allotments are gathered. Others offer turkeys only, first come, first serve on a specific disbursement day.

For the folk who work on UUMC’s Thanksgiving Bag Project, it is our consistent priority that folk are empowered to create a meal however they feel most appropriate for them.

Our foods almost always go to an individual’s home to become a Thanksgiving meal.

Sometimes it is brought to a family member’s home where it joins other collected or brought foods. The meal is then created by a family member, friend or creator of the Thanksgiving meal.

Sometimes UUMC Thanksgiving bag foods sit in storage waiting for when it is really needed, like in the summer months when food obtainment and access becomes a larger problem especially for families.

But regardless of when, how or with whom the food is created and consumed, we are assured that folk are thankful and fed and are able to participate in our most American of holidays as they feel most appropriate.

Thank you UUMC!!

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley
Outreach Coordinator

THANKS from Thanksgiving Bag Coordinator Joyce Flynn: “Once again, with help from so many wonderful volunteers, we were able to provide close to 150 families with the ingredients to enjoy a nutritious Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

After the congregation quickly and efficiently packed 150 bags on Sunday, Nov. 18, a group of about 25 worked from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, to make sure that everyone who

came to pick up their Thanksgiving Bags received a turkey or chicken depending on family size, and also were given fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, butter and eggs. Thanks to all who worked hard to make this happen.

I so appreciate being part of a community of believers who continue to be committed to reaching out to our neighborhood in meaningful ways.”

People and Prayers

DEATH

- Member **Nancy Nevin** died Nov. 14 at the age of 89.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

- **Sue: Bruce and Ella**, my family and all those struggling with health issues
- **Sherri Cullen: Family of Greg Walker, Kathy Dewey, Patti Fasulo, Billy Howard and family, Betty Baldwin, Nora and Dad.**
- **Barb and Bob Weaver: Alayah Green, Carus Olcott Jr., Mary and Carus Olcott Sr., Frank Clish. Robbie and Fay;** safe travels for **Fred and Jannis**
- **Erika: Barb and Bob Weaver, Maria Storto & Family**

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

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

Sunday, November 11

- For all those who have lost all they have in the terrible wildfires in California. Please pray for relief from these fires.
- Pray for all the veterans.
- May God be with all the vets.
- **Elise: Prophet Jesus: Bless the ones who lost loved ones at the shootings at the Thousand Oaks, for comfort.**
- For my brother **Joseph**
- Please bring peace to our world, and to our president, who needs help to make peace in our world.
- Much is wrong in my country. I need this church to help me pray for peace.
- **Jim Tallman** is excited to get back to work at the newly renovated McDonald's on Route 57. His legs are doing good.

He picks up his new employee shirt today!

- For those who have lost homes, churches and jobs in the California fires. For those grieving all their losses.
- **Marg McDivitt:** We send our prayers and love to **Ralph Best** as he recovers from a fall a week ago.
- **Morgan:** Three prayers: 1. **Erin Mauro**, last chemo treatment tomorrow. 2. **Gerry Mastronardi**, first chemo treatment on Thursday. 3. Prayers for a healthy pregnancy for **Morgan. Dan, Morgan and Stella** are welcoming a baby due in May!
- Families in transition, children struggling.
- I pray for my father, **Ronald Kembrowski**. He died from cancer in 2008. He is loved and missed. Pray for me and my father, I have missed him every day since.

Sunday, November 18

- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: Bless the poor homes, for they are in need of your comfort and abundance.
- **Matthew Negron:** My mother, my family, the courage to continue in the fight with drugs.
- **Don and Margo Koten:** For our friend Lisa Steel, who was injured in a car accident Tuesday.
- **Esther Pardue:** Those lost in the California fires and **Fern Twomey**.
- **Albertina:** I am so glad to see people of God. Amen.
- For members of churches destroyed in the wildfires, that this doesn't dim their faith.

- Thankful for my mom on her birthday today. Prayers for those who have lost homes in the California wildfires.
- **Morgan:** Continued prayers for **Gerry Mastronardi** as he continues chemo this week, and prayers for another great year as **Dan** celebrates his birthday Wednesday!
- **Verle:** Always remember, Jesus is love.
- **Jim T.** begins ringing for the Salvation Army tomorrow in Hannibal. Pray for **Nancy Nevin's** family on her death.
- God bless my family and all church.
- Safe travels for the holiday!
- For all people who have lost loved ones and homes in the fires in California.
- May my father rest in peace. I pray for **Ronald Kembrowski**. He died from cancer 10 years ago. God bless his soul. I miss him.
- **Tim Anderson, Dan Ryan, Scott Gale.**
- **Mary:** Dear God, Watch over **Chance Lawson** as he is in boot camp with the Marines. Guide him in his journey and give him strength and courage to do everything he needs to do to be a Marine.

Sunday, November 25

- **Angela Palmieri: Warner B.,** who is having health issues.
- **Courtney:** I pray that God put my aunt in a better place now. RIP: **Aunt Carol**
- **Tammy Tarbell**
- I invite this church to pray for deliverance for my country because every day people are
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People & Prayers

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- killed.
- **Robert:** May all our members let their gifts and talents shine.
- That I find housing soon.
- Prayers of thanks for the continued health of our family members who are in remission. Prayers of concern help and hope to the people of Sudan, and the thousands of people at the southern U.S. border.

Sunday, December 2

- **Erika: Katie Green**, who had a new baby.
- For **Ed Cook**, diagnosed with esophageal cancer, that the spot on his rib is not the cancer spreading.
- For my family I have in America; for my family I have in Liberia that they be safe and well.
- A prayer for the parents who are worrying about how they can find the money to buy any Christmas gifts for their children this year.
- For the family of **Jennie**, who died last week. May God be with her twin boys.
- For **Mel and Adele** as they face serious health challeng-

- es.
- The family of **Secelia Vespa**, who died this year.
- **Tammy Tarbell**
- **Sherri Cullen: Patti Walker and family**; safe travels for **Jayne**.
- My son **Scott**, as he arrives and spends time in Tokyo. **Tim Anderson**, as he has back surgery.
- **Lois Lum**, who fell Saturday. Children on our southern border.
- My aunt, who is in hospice for terminal breast cancer. May she find peace.
- **Aimee: Lila Davis**, my 4-year-old niece, that her nerves repair and she gains full use of her hand.
- **Morgan:** Prayers for the **Vona and Mastronardi families** on the death of a family member, **Micheline Vona**.
- For healing in Congo
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: Bless the hungry, for they are in need to be filled with abundance.
- **Ann: Lois Lum**, who fell and broke her hip and is at Crouse
- **Kathy:** Prayers of healing for Chris and me on the loss of our dog Duke. Prayers of sup-

port for my dad.

- **Angela:** The family of **Mar-yanne**, who died couple days ago. **Lois Lum**, who had hip surgery.

JOYS, THANKS & PRAISE

Sunday, November 11

- **Bruno's** brother passed his road test!

Sunday, November 18

- **Mamie Baxter:** A prayer of joy! For 25 years of sobriety on Monday! A prayer for **Dale**, and a prayer for a house full of my kids and grandkids on Thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 25

- **Bob and Barb Weaver:** A joy for a new great-granddaughter born last week, **Charlotte Marion Edick**
- **Eva Cooper:** Thank God for a new member of our family. She is such a blessing.

Sunday, December 2

- **Barb and Bob:** A joy: a new great-grandson was born last Tuesday, **Hunter William Green**. Now we have 17 great-grandchildren. We are so blessed!
- **Diana S.:** Thank you for my new apartment.

January birthdays

- 1 – David Lund, Samuel Weah, Pablo Weah, Joveiet Cooper
- 2 – Maria Pedro
- 4 – Autumn Kerr, Ken Craig
- 9 – Joseph Smythe
- 11 – Jim Samuel
- 20 – Ebony Wilson-Selmon
- 21 – Jacob Upcraft
- 22 – Diane Swords
- 23 – Eboni Marshall, Judith Bow-

- ers
- 24 – Seineh Weah
- 25 – Lara Chappell
- 26 – Fred Adams
- 27 – Colleen Magowan
- 30 – Eros Marshall, Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay
- 31 – Neil Damron
- *— If birthdays are missing or incorrect, please call the church office

King event tickets \$15

If you'd like to attend the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at Syracuse University's Carrie Dome, contact Mary in the office. Tickets are \$15 for a stadium seat.

Trevor Noah, host of "The Daily Show" and author of "Born a Crime," is the speaker.

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2018 total pledges: \$209,472
 Paid to date: \$185,033
 Non-pledge contr.: \$17,414

Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

Donations received \$95,991
 Expenses paid \$88,891
 Current balance \$7,100

2018 Contributions: All 2018 contributions must be in the Sunday collection no later than **Sunday, Dec. 30.** After then, they'll be on your 2019 statement.



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WEEK OF DECEMBER 9

Sunday the 9th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. All Ages Video Study/
 Making Care Packages, Pettengill

10:30 a.m. Worship.

10:45 a.m. Christian Education for
 adults with disabilities, Laubach
 Room

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chap-
 pell Room

Tuesday the 11th

5:30 p.m. Governing Board

Wednesday the 12th

9 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 13th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering
 Room

Friday the 14th

12:30 p.m. Video Study/Making
 Care Packages, Chappell Room

10 a.m. Friday Community

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16

Sunday the 16th

9 a.m. Bagels & coffee, The Gather-
 ing Room

9:30 a.m. All Ages Video Study/
 Making Care Packages, Pettengill

10:30 a.m. Worship.

10:45 a.m. Christian Education for
 adults with disabilities, Laubach
 Room

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chap-
 pell Room

Monday the 17th

6 p.m. Neighborhood Christmas Din-
 ner, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday the 18th

5 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday the 19th

9 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 20th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering
 Room

8 p.m. Choir rehearsal, Pettengill

Friday the 21st

12:30 p.m. Video Study/Making
 Care Packages, Chappell Room

10 a.m. Friday Community

Saturday the 22nd

9 a.m. Christmas Pageant rehearsal

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23

Sunday the 23rd

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellow-
 ship Hall

9:30 a.m. All Ages Video Study/
 Making Care Packages, Pettengill

10:30 a.m. Worship. Handbells.

10:45 a.m. Christian Education for
 adults with disabilities, Laubach
 Room

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chap-
 pell Room

Monday the 24th—Christmas Eve

7 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant

Tuesday the 25th—Christmas Day

Office Closed

Thursday the 27th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering
 Room

Friday the 28th

10 a.m. Friday Community

WEEK OF DECEMBER 30

Sunday the 30th

9 a.m. Bagels & coffee, The Gather-
 ing Room

10:30 a.m. Worship.

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chap-
 pell Room

Tuesday the 1st—New Year's Day

Office Closed

Wednesday the 2nd

9 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 3rd

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering
 Room

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal, Pettengill

Friday the 4th

10 a.m. Friday Community

WEEK OF JANUARY 6

Sunday the 6th—Epiphany

9 a.m. Bagels & coffee, The Gather-
 ing Room

9:30 a.m. Christian Education, K-
 6th, Pettengill Center

10:30 a.m. Worship. Communion

10:45 a.m. Christian Education for
 adults with disabilities, Laubach
 Room

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chap-
 pell Room

Wednesday the 9th

9 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 12th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering
 Room

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal, Pettengill

Friday the 14th

10 a.m. Friday Community



Display window at Peale entrance, by Holly Austin.

November 18
Filling Thanksgiving Bags
(9 photos)



















Sunday, December 2
Blankets for McMahon/Ryan
Child Advocacy Center
(4 photos)









Advent Potluck Luncheon Sunday, December 2 (5 photos)











Advent Potluck Luncheon Caroling,
Sunday, December 2
(10 photos by Barbara Fought)





















East Genesee Regent Association
Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 4
(3 photos by Pastor Alicia)





