

THE CHIMES

April 3, 2019

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Alicia Wood, Pastor
Tom Boll, Editor

Palm Sunday, Easter approaching, with several other celebrations to follow

We're more than halfway through Lent, and Palm Sunday is one week from this Sunday.

That day, of course, starts Holy Week. We'll have palms for Palm Sunday, April 14, as usual. It's also a day for a Community Breakfast at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A 6 p.m. service on Holy Thursday, April 18, will include Communion.

For Good Friday, April 19, the church will be open for meditation and prayer from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., plus the opportunity to take a self-guided tour of Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday brings a 10:30 a.m. celebration with the handbell choir accompanying the organ on the opening hymn and the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus" to wrap up the service.

But the special occasions don't stop there.

First up is **May 5**, when we will salute graduating college students in

our church family.

On Thursday, **May 16**, several United Methodist church choirs will gather at UUMC for a combined concert at 7:30 p.m. Each choir is scheduled to perform separately and then combine for some pieces as well. Rehearsal is set for 6:30 p.m.

May 19 we will celebrate a homecoming. Just as high schools have a homecoming weekend each year in which current students and alumni celebrate their school, we will invite friends who have attended our church throughout the years to celebrate and reconnect.

Musicians from UUMC's music program will be saluted **June 2**.

Sunday School teachers and high school graduates will be honored **June 9**.

June 16 we will celebrate the eighth anniversary of our vote to become a reconciling congregation and review what that decision meant then and what it means now.

More meetings, discussions after General Conference

A number of meetings have happened regarding the General Conference Special Session decision to back the Traditional Plan since the last issue of *The Chimes*.

Bishop Mark Webb met via remote March 17 with pastors and lay members at various sites around the conference. More than two dozen UUMC members attended at the local site at Cicero United Methodist Church. The session included wor-

ship and the bishop answering questions about the Special Session.

About two dozen UUMC members and friends met March 21 in The Gathering Room to discuss the meeting with the bishop. We needed time to lament, reflect and discuss our congregation's role in the UMC given the possible outcome of the Special General Session 2019.

Pastors from the 20-plus recon-
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Keep sharing God's love during tough times for denomination



Alicia Wood

Greetings!
This has been a challenging month for many of us as we wrestled with the idea that more than half of the people in the Global United Methodist Church voted to oppress our LGBTQ+ siblings within the life of the church.

I was brought up learning that people are people. My brother and I were not allowed to talk negatively about people whether they were fat or thin, black or white, English as a first language or second or third language, gay or straight.

I heard over and over in Sunday School and at home I was to "love my neighbor as myself."

My neighbor was not someone who lived on my street but who lived in this world.

As I heard the vote tally spo-

ken at the General Conference Special Session, I could not believe the Traditional Plan passed. It seemed like a punch to the gut.

I wondered, are all the United Methodist Churches not teaching what Jesus named the Greatest Commandment? Did we not all learn the same definition of neighbor?

Somehow in this new reality we are not only reflecting on the results of the vote, we are defending our values of openness with people outside the church who have seen the headlines about our beloved church:

"United Methodists ban gay marriage."

How do we fight within the church for change and continue to loudly let people outside the church know that we and this congregation love all people?

I believe we keep talking about it. We keep sharing the

good news that no one can escape God's love.

Romans 8:38-39 shares with us "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord." This doesn't just mean you and me, but all people regardless of whom they love!

I believe we were made for a time such as this. We were made to live by the greatest commandment, found in Matthew 22:36-40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" day in and day out as an example of the inclusive love Jesus Christ offered to all people.

I am praying for your courage and strength. Please pray for mine.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Alicia

Bishop would like something similar to Connectional Plan for a vote at 2020 session

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ciling United Methodist congregations in the Upper New York Conference met with Bishop Webb March 28 in Liverpool.

Bishop Webb would like new legislation presented at the General Conference 2020 similar to the Connectional Plan in which we continue to have one United Methodist Church with two jurisdictions, one following the Tradi-

tional Plan and the other Fully Inclusive.

UUMC hosted a conference of UNYFI (Upper New York for Full Inclusion) attended by 120 people March 30. UNYFI is a movement to continue to work toward justice and full inclusion of LGBTQ+ through church weddings and ordination in ministry within the UM Church.

The congregation will mark

and celebrate eight years of being a reconciling congregation on June 16. As part of that program, we will review our reconciling statement, its meaning and our responsibilities in living up to it.

We await the ruling of the Judicial Council, the denomination's top court, on the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan.

It meets April 23-25 in Evanston, Ill. Updates to follow.

Altar flowers were given:

By **Jacquelyn Sadowski** in memory of family members

By the **Klepper Family** in loving memory of Larry and Mary Klepper

By **Sharon Smith** in honor of all refugees

By **Paul and Ginny Bartow** in honor of Ginny's

sister, Bev Jones.

Flowers were given to Bob Weaver, Leigh Safford, Bruce Moyer, Alicia Wood, Dean Moyer, Lynn Baker and Kellie Wood, Carol Moyer and Aimee deBergeois.

Flowers were delivered by Bruce Moyer, Jackie Sadowski and Alicia Wood.

Support Earth Day and join our neighborhood cleanup



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

Let's begin this article on April 22, 1970, the day Earth Day was born.

America is at the height of various counterculture activities. Musician Jimi Hendrix is approaching the end of his life. The last Beatles album has arrived in stores, the Vietnam War is very active and Americans are aggressively opposing U.S. involvement.

The Concorde airplane has made its first transatlantic flight and the U.S. voting age is lowered to 18.

Additionally, America is consuming record quantities of gasoline. Cars, homes, schools and humans are inefficient and excessive.

We are supporting an endless war effort that demands ever more resources.

Industry plants belch out smoke and sludge without consequence or consciousness. Air pollution is accepted as part of the cost of luxury living and advance-

ment.

Here enters U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, fresh from witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California.

First on his agenda is to convince the government that our planet is at risk and would only get worse. Immediately he is unsuccessful. But he is inspired by national student antiwar movements.

Nelson realizes that if he can infuse the students' energy with an emerging consciousness about air and water pollution, it may force environmental protection onto the national political agenda.

Aware of the movement's appeal to college campuses and youth, he determines that April 22 is optimal.

It does not conflict with exams or spring breaks, and schools could use this as an opportunity to have "environmental teach-ins," thus creating educated environmental stewards in their student bodies.

Earth Day 1970 achieved political unity and agreement. This

effort received support from both Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city residents and farmers, wealthy and labor leaders.

By the end of that year, the first Earth Day had led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

Earth Day has reached its current status as the largest secular observance in the world, celebrated by more than a billion people every year in 192 countries.

It has become a day of action that changes human behavior and mindfulness throughout the year.

Join University United Methodist Church as we support Earth Day efforts in our neighborhood.

UUMC neighborhood cleanup is 9 a.m. Saturday, April 27. Please contact me for more information at outreach@uumcsyracuse.org or 315-475-7277. All are welcome to contribute and support a healthier planet for all of us.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley
Outreach Coordinator

ACTS welcomes new faith community, backs community grid for Interstate 81 replacement

The March 21 meeting of the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse was held at the Temple of Concord. The organization was happy to welcome The Zion Hill World Harvest Baptist Church as its newest member, bringing its membership to 28 faith communities and organizations.

A special presentation was given by ACTS member Bob Haley, who addressed proposals for the replacement of Interstate 81 as it passes through the city. It was recommended that the community grid is the best proposal since it addresses many of the concerns for social justice of the residents and businesses in the area.

ACTS is now focusing on the following issues:

- Reforms within the criminal justice system
- Equity in education for city children
- Lowering the level of violence experienced by our youth
- Community grid for replacement of I-81
- Jobs to deal with poverty

— Ginny and Bob Dewey, UUMC representatives to ACTS

People & Prayers

DEATH



Luther Clark — a former member of UUMC along with his wife, Rachel, and daughters Karen and Sara — died Feb. 28 at the age of 74

THANK YOU

From **Ted Guercio**:

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits and prayers during my recent hospital stay. I have now moved to Summerfield Village and would love to see you. My new address is 235 Summerfield Village Lane, Syracuse, 13215 and phone number is 315-254-6827.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

- **Barb and Bob Weaver:** Alayah Green and family, Carus Olcott Jr., Mary and Carus Olcott Sr., Charlotte Edick and family; Alberta Hoseny and Family
- **Sherri Cullen:** Kathy Dewey, Heidi Wise, Billy and Family, Patti Fasulo, Patti Walker and family, Annette and her family and mom.

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

- For those in military service: **Matt Fischer**
Sunday, March 10
- For the families and friends of **Frank Loguidice and Sylvia Matousek**, grant them comfort and peace in their time of loss.
- For **Frank Loguidice and Sylvia Matousek** that they are at peace in heaven with you.
- **Peter:** For all our sisters and brothers in Syria, Israel, Turkey and Iran, with the exhaus-

tion of war and oppression — sustain us in all the hope of peace.

- **Esther Pardue**, facing a new life challenge at 90. **Lydia Pirez.**
- **Barb Cargo:** Continued healing prayers for **Joyce and Jack Robertson** in Saratoga Springs
- **Jayne Humbert:** Blessing on the soul of **Sylvia Matousek**, who died last Thursday.
- **Gwen Shaffin:** Pray for my daughter **Shontae**. She is leaving this week for Venezuela on a peace mission for 10 days. Pray for her safety as well as her traveling friends.
- For those with cancer and those who love them.
- For my son, who is struggling with life issues.

Sunday, March 17

- **Annette** and Family.
- For the victims of the mosque attacks in New Zealand.
- For all suffering the floods and the families at the borders.
- Prayers for **Rod Cochran**, who is under Hospice Care.
- **Harry and Shirley Miller:** Prayers for **Leah Safford**, who recently fell and suffered a concussion.
- **Shirley Miller:** Prayers for the family of **Doug Ellis** who recently died. He was the maternal grandfather of my grandchildren.
- The family of **Charles B. Hagerty**
- The family of **Don** who died — a friend of Jim's
- **Erika: Maria Storto and family, Bob and Barb Weaver, Di-**

ane and Hugh on their move.

- **John Hunt:** Please pray for healing and strength for Carrie Hunt's sister **Joanne**. She is recovering from knee replacement surgery, and the death of her husband, **Dave**, this past Monday.
- Prayers for **Abby** and her family as she continues to struggle with mental health issues.
- Prayers for the families still separated at the borders so many months ago.
- Prayers for all the people who are so filled with hate, that they can be won over by the love of God!
- **Alice Makul:** My sister **Anne** has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- For **Oliver Ross** and family for the death of his wife, **Stephanette Botoe Ross**, on Wednesday.
- **Sue: Pat**, battling breast cancer, my family, those with health issues, **Stacy**.
- **Jonny:** I pray for the fish in the sea and for all to be blessed.
- **Doug:** Prayers for my cousin, who is in the hospital again.

Sunday, March 24

- **Alice Makul:** My sister **Anne**, as she prepares for chemo.
- I would like the Lord to lay his hands on my country.
- **Erika: Anne Marie, Barb and Bob Weaver, Katie Green and family, Maria Storto.**
- **Sue: Pat**, my family, those suffering with health issues.
- Prayers for us as individuals as a nation to focus on protecting the environment.
- **Peter:** For the courage it takes
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Spirit Film group sees documentary on civil rights movement

Eighteen people gathered Feb. 23 to view a new documentary about the civil rights movement in two cities — Birmingham and Memphis. The storyline of “With Infinite Hope” weaves through interviews with many of the “regular people” who worked behind the scenes in the movement.



Spirit Film viewing of “With Infinite Hope.”

They talk about the risks they took and the impact Dr. Martin Luther King made on their lives.

The director, James Rada, a professor at Ithaca College, joined the group for a discussion afterward.

This was the February gather-

ing of the church’s Spirit Film group at the home of Nelson Price and Barbara Fought.

The documentary aired more than 300 times this year on television stations across the country. Additional footage and more stories can be viewed on its web-

site and Facebook page.

James and his wife, Laura Powell, have been attending UUMC for the last year. Children will remember him from the games he led last summer at Vacation Bible School.

They recently became foster parents for seven cousins who are refugees from Congo, after their parents died in the war. James told the group we won’t see them at UUMC for a while as they are taking the teens to area churches with a Swahili community, as that is the language the children understand best.

— Barbara Fought

People & Prayers

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- for human beings to survive the oppression, scapegoating and threats from tyrannical governments.
- For so many in pain from the floods, wars, shootings, death of loved ones, illness, we ask that you walk with them and give us courage to walk with them too.
- Continued prayers for the United Methodist Church that the worldwide church can come to a resolution that included all and treats everyone equally in all things.
- Prophet Jesus: I praise you for a good incentive by learning to endure hard times!
- Judy McGarvey**
- For my dad on his 87th birthday

Sunday, March 31

- Carrie Hunt:** Prayers for my sister, **Joanne**, for love and protection as she lost her old-

- est son this week.
- Sue:** My family, those with health issues.
- Gail: Barbara Silverman**
- Ann Owens: Ross Wells,** Ann’s dad. Joy for two new great-nephews: **Isaac and Silas**
- Prophet Jesus: I give praise for teaching me to savor the good things in hard times.
- Leah:** Prayers for my grandmother in Kenya. She is sick and in great pain. She is the one who raised me.
- For **Barb**, as she struggles with multiple problems simultaneously.
- Good morning to all. Give and show love to someone this week that you may not know. Show your grace, and give a sunshine smile upon each day.
- Mamie:** Give praise, for the Lord our God is merciful and just in all his grace as we continue to praise and worship

the Lord in prayer.

- Please keep **Bob Weaver** in your prayers as he is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Alice:** My sister, **Anne**, as she faces treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- Kellie and Lynn:** Healing prayers for **Bonnie**, who will be going through treatment for stomach cancer.
- Prayers for **Leigh Safford**, who is out of ICU and rapidly recovering.

THANKS & PRAISE & JOYS

Sunday, March 10

- A joy! **Jim Tallman** will be in the St. Patrick’s Parade on his birthday!

Sunday, March 17

- How nice to see **Ted Guercio** worshipping with us this morning.
- Prayers of thanks for our two warm days this past week — spring is coming!

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2019 total pledges: \$203,474
 Paid to date: \$55,499
 Non-pledge contr.: \$3,304
 Thursday service \$104

Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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

Women's Guild: The next meeting is 1:30 p.m. April 24 at Barbara Nunn's house, 234 Scott Ave., Syracuse. The speaker will be Susan Griffiths.



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WEEK OF APRIL 7

Sunday the 7th

9 a.m. Bagels & coffee, The Gathering Room
9:30 a.m. Christian Education, K-6th, Pettengill Center
9:30 a.m., Lenten Book Study, Lau
10:30 a.m. Worship. Communion.
10:45 a.m. Christian Education for adults with disabilities, Laubach Room
11:45 a.m. Fellowship, The Gathering Room

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

6 p.m. Disciple Fast Track, Chappell Room

Monday the 8th

7 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

Wednesday the 10th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 11th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering Room

7 p.m. Drumming Circle

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Friday the 12th

12:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study, Chappell Room

10 a.m. Friday Community

WEEK OF APRIL 14

Palm Sunday the 14th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

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

10:30 a.m. Worship.

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

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

6 p.m. Disciple Fast Track, Chappell Room

Wednesday the 17th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Holy Thursday the 18th

6 p.m. Worship. Communion.

7 p.m. Drumming Circle

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Good Friday the 19th

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sanctuary open for meditation, prayer, self-guided tour of Stations of the Cross

10 a.m. Friday Community

12:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study, Chappell Room

WEEK OF APRIL 21

Easter Sunday the 21st

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

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

Monday the 22nd

7 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

Wednesday the 24th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5 p.m. Outreach Committee

Thursday the 25th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering Room

7 p.m. Drumming Circle

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Friday the 26th

10 a.m. Friday Community

WEEK OF APRIL 28

Sunday the 28th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

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

10:30 a.m. Worship.

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

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

Wednesday the 1st

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 2nd

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering Room

7 p.m. Drumming Circle

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Friday the 3rd

10 a.m. Friday Community

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



Peale Entrance window designed by Holly Austin for our current worship series: "Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God"

Sunday, March 10, 2019

(4 photos)



The children got a lesson on heavy burdens and a reminder that Jesus says we should lay our burdens upon him. (see 3 following pages)

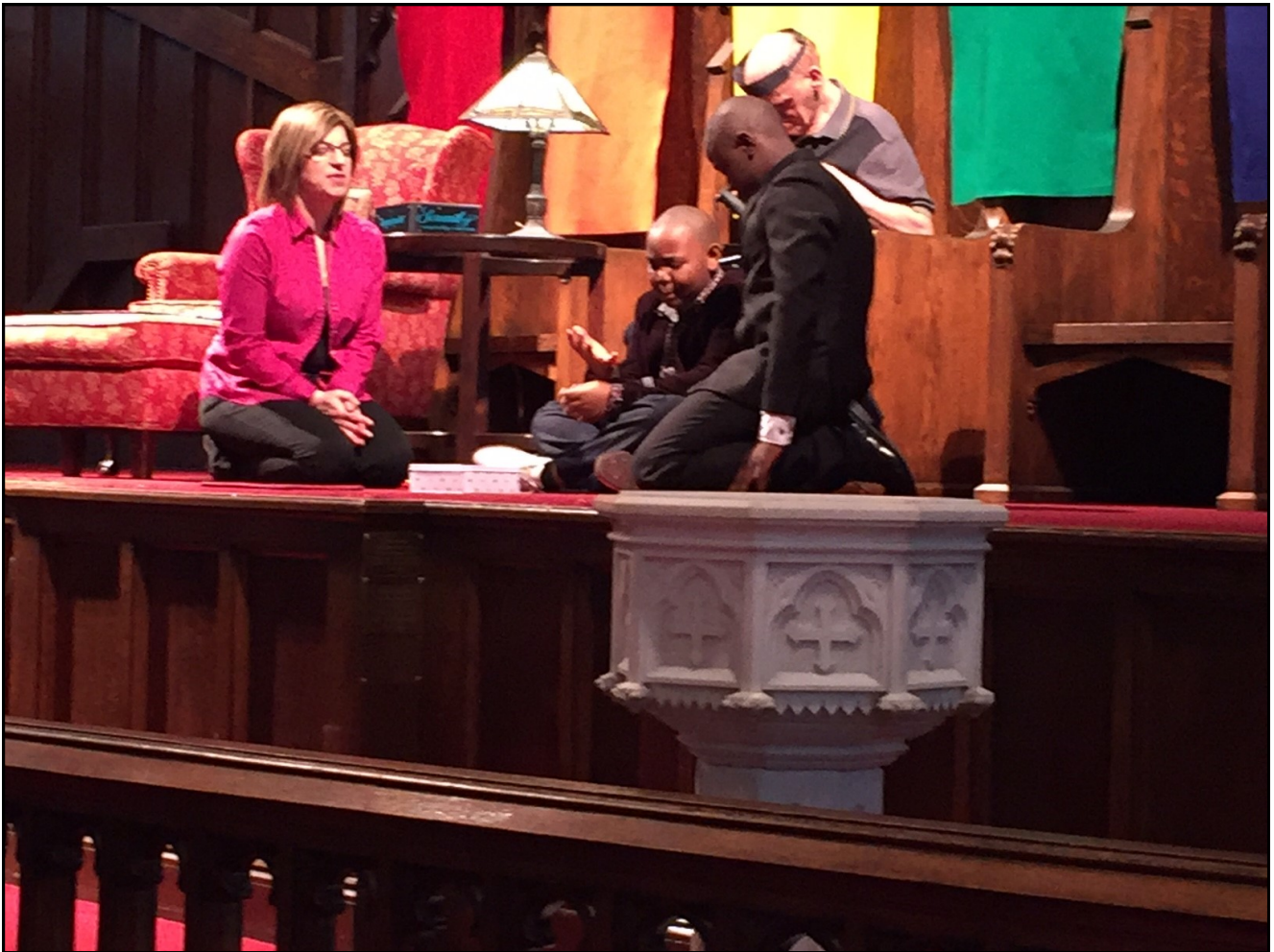






Sunday, March 31, 2019

(4 photos)



The children pray after hearing that we spend time, resources and spiritual gifts where our hearts are and that we need to think of what Jesus would like us to do. They got to select a jewel from the box to keep and remember that. (see next 2 pages)







Juliet and Joviet