

THE CHIMES

June 13, 2019

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**Next Chimes
deadline:
July 5**

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*

Annual Conference urges change in 2020 on same-gender weddings, LGBTQ clergy

The UNY Annual Conference, held last weekend in Syracuse, took significant action.

It passed a resolution that calls for structural change in the United Methodist Church.

That resolution calls on the Annual Conference to notify the Council of Bishops that the stipulations in the Traditional Plan adopted at the 2019 General Conference "are not acceptable for our Conference."

It also has the Conference call on the 2020 General Conference to "adopt a structural realignment" of the church that "allows for both traditional and progressive understandings of LGBTQ Clergy and same-gender weddings to co-exist within the Church."

It also encouraged Bishop Mark Webb, the Board of Ordained Ministry and other conference leaders to "as an act of grace, impose an immediate moratorium on any punitive action related to LGBTQ clergy and same-gender weddings."

Another resolution passed called on the Conference to con-

demn the decisions of General Conference 2019 and apologize for harm caused. It also asked the Conference to assert and affirm "that no human being is incompatible with Christian teaching" and urged the Conference to "refrain from expending funds on complaints, resolutions, or trials pertaining to LGBTQIA+ ordination and marriage."

A rule of law was requested for both of these petitions, meaning Bishop Webb has 30 days to decide if the resolutions violate church law. They then will be automatically reviewed by the United Methodist Judicial Council.

Another resolution called on the Conference board and district committees on ordained ministry to examine clergy candidates "without pursuing information in regard to sexual orientation or gender identity."

A resolution from the Rev. Doug Mackey and approved by the delegates offered some guidelines for local churches, camps, retreats and other connectional pieces in the event the denomination splits.

Summer worship will include 'Outsiders' and guest preachers

We've just celebrated Pentecost and will end the "Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss" this Sunday, June 16, as we honor high school graduates.

Our summer worship will be a combination of a series called "The Outsiders" and guest preachers.

June 30 the traditional summer

hymn sing will begin worship. Musicians to play or sing the offertory during the summer are needed. Contact Pastor Wood if you are interested.

"The Outsiders" themes are: "The Worthy," "The Lonely," "The Humble," "The Tormented," "The Homeless," "The Traveler" and "The Neighbor."

Working for full inclusion one path to fulfilling baptismal vow



Greetings,
Do you remember your baptism?
Many of you may be thinking, "I was a baby when I was baptized, and I do not remember!"

Alicia Wood

Others may remember their baptism because as a teenager or adult you made the decision to be baptized.

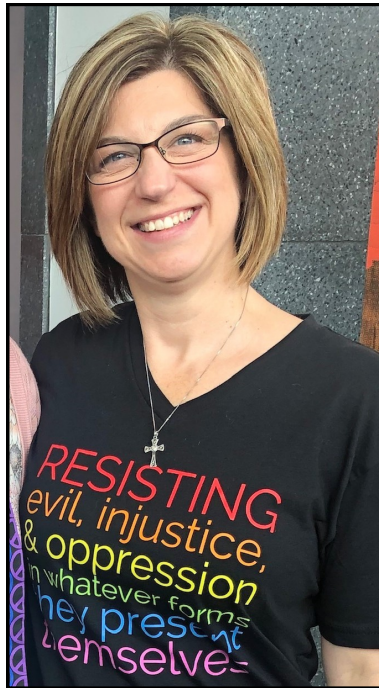
As United Methodists, the second vow we make is to "accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves."

For me this takes shape when a person or group of people are not given the same opportunities or rights in the life of the community.

Therefore, I'm working for full inclusion of our LGBTQ siblings in the United Methodist Church. For me, this goes beyond "doing the right thing." This is the vow I took when I was baptized through the water and the Spirit.

In May, I attended an event called "Our Movement Forward" in Minneapolis. It centered our conversation in the church through the voices of the LGBTQ community and persons of color so that as we move forward the voices of the oppressed are at the center and heard clearly.

This two-day event was full of energy and excitement for the possibilities of the United Methodist Church as we move forward including all people!



Pastor Alicia in her baptismal vow T-shirt.

Through our guest speakers and table talks a proclamation called "Loved and Liberated" was written at the conclusion of the event.

Here is the link to the proclamation: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b7fa689c3c16a93686201f4/t/5cf47770e7967500010c6e10/1559525233196/LOVED+AND+LIBERATED+-+Final.pdf>

Last week was our Annual Conference, which is the annual meeting of United Methodist clergy and laity representatives in Upper New York.

This meeting is one of worship and business including legislation to make changes in the life of our churches in Upper New

York.

We elected delegates to General Conference 2020, which will make decisions about the global United Methodist Church.

To my excitement and surprise, all of the delegates elected believe in the full inclusion of our LGBTQ siblings in the life of the church.

There is much more that occurred at Annual Conference. You will find an article within this Chimes.

I am excited to see what comes next May at General Conference 2020!

I have been burdened by the exclusion of a group of people in the life of the church.

I remember and take seriously my baptismal vow. I even bought a T-shirt!

I know that change does not occur overnight. I do know change worth fighting for may take years or decades.

I know I or we sometimes get tired of the fight.

I also know the wind of the Holy Spirit is able to blow fresh wind into the life of the church as it did the first Pentecost.

I believe this is what has occurred this spring. Let us be renewed and hope filled with the wind of the Holy Spirit!

Let this fresh wind of the Spirit remind us of our baptismal vow as we accept the freedom we have to resist evil, injustice and oppression even within our own church.

Peace,

Pastor Alicia

Women's Guild: The next meeting is the annual luncheon at noon on June 26 at the church.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share.

Concert Donation: A total of \$281 was raised for the Food Bank of CNY at the May 16 choral event.

College student volunteers learn life lessons at Food Pantry



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

Along with Syracuse's beautiful summer weather, June brings good-byes to our university student volunteers.

We had the largest number of students working with us on Friday mornings in recent history this past spring semester.

I wrote the following note to their faculty, program directors and deans to inform them of the great efforts their students expressed at UUMC:

We had about 25 (undergrad-PhD) students working with us this Spring semester. Although there were a few bumps and some confusion, we got all students trained quickly and working along with other volunteers, peers, community members and staff right away.

From what I see in their evaluations and witnessing how they connected/formed relationships with our Food Pantry guests, your students seemed to have deeply learned some things.

Your students were faced each and every Friday morning with folk who live daily in poverty,

with food insecurity, learned how to access resources to improve situations and problem solve in 1:1 situations with a variety of folk.

Your students unloaded food trucks, sorted, stocked and processed huge amounts of food, completed Food Bank grant paperwork, picked out winter clothing, packed food, loaded cars, distributed thousands of diapers, mopped floors, held babies, swapped recipes, supported food choices and worked as translators. Be proud of them.

Again, please send more students. Our Food Pantry district is growing; our numbers of community folk who visit us soars. We move thousands of pounds of food, diapers and clothing weekly.

We need new energy, strong backs and lots of hands.

Please remind your students they will be expected to work every moment they are here (please dress appropriately).

There is an education/training piece (10 minutes) on their first day. Students need to be on time to receive this.

They need to show me any of their required paperwork from their program/college that they are completing volunteer hrs. for

on the first day they are here.

They will be responsible for maintaining their own volunteer hrs.

Students need to connect with me before starting via email (so I can give them our time frame) and send me appropriate links for end of semester confirmation of hrs.

I share this with the UUMC community as validation that we have become a teaching site for the universities in our area.

We are providing students with tangible experiences that will travel with them for the rest of their lives.

We are giving them a skill set and an opportunity to learn by their own hand.

In this I am confident that UUMC has set a seed in each student to change, acknowledge and empower another.

With this, change will come and we will all grow stronger together.

If your high school student or homebound college student would like to complete some volunteer hours this summer, please have them get in touch with me. I have some openings.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley
Outreach Coordinator

Donate reusable bags for Food Pantry guests as state has moved to ban single-use plastic bags

We join many other food access sites in asking you all to donate cloth and reusable bags to our Food Pantry.

We celebrate New York state's decision to ban single-use plastic bags but recognize our guests need to transport their food, diapers and clothing



to our Food Pantry.

home after each visit to UUMC.

Please assist us in bringing in and donating your spare tote bags

This winter we will begin distributing these to our Food Pantry guests with expectations that the bags will be reused each month. Thank you in assisting us in creating a greener environment for us all.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley,
Outreach Coordinator

People & Prayers

DEATH

- **Dr. Edward Yarwood**, UUMC member, died May 3 at the age of 89.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

- **Barb and Bob Weaver: Alayah Green and family, Carus Olcott Jr., Mary and Carus Olcott Sr., Charlotte Edick and family; Alberta Hosenev and Family, Mary Ellen Will**
- **Sherri Cullen: Kathy Dewey, Heidi Wise, Billy and Family, Patti Fasulo, Jeanne. Patti Walker and family, Annette and her family and mom.**
- **Sue: Pat**, my family, those with health issues.

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

Sunday, May 5

- Prayers for safe travels (**Stephanie**). Pray for my sister and her family and my dad's health.
- **Patti Timp**, struggling with serious health problems.
- Thanks to **Jules** for adding to our worship every other week by running the worship slides. We will miss her while she is away this summer.
- For all those fleeing oppression and natural disaster
- **Janet Sciscioli**: Prayers for the family of **Dr. Ed Yarwood**, who died Friday. Also prayers for **Marg McDivitt**, who suffered another medical incident this morning.
- **Lynn and Kellie**: For healing and strength for my co-worker, **Sandy**, and her husband, **Ed**. Ed was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- Love and healing for **Musa**, who has been ill.

- **Erika: Maria Storto, Anne Mari, Barb and Bob Weaver.**
- **Elise**: Prophet Jesus: Bless me with fortitude to search for gainful employment.
- **Bob and Barb Weaver: Mary Ellen Will** — her husband, **Bruce Will**, died on Friday
- Families in transition
- Please keep our friend **Moza** in your prayers as she heals.
- **Tom Owens**, home from the hospital.
- Prayers for the family of **Edward Yarwood** of Liverpool, a very faithful attendant of UUMC. Funeral is Tuesday in Liverpool.
- **Barb Cargo**: Prayers for **Marg McDivitt**
- For **Marg McDivitt** and family. She is in the hospital.

Sunday, May 12

- **Erika**: Happy Mother's Day to all the church. **Maria Storto, Anne Marie, Barb and Bob Weaver.**
- Prophet Jesus: Bless our home, to increase service for those who are suffering of hunger.
- **Carrie and John Hunt**: Please pray for Carrie's sister **Joanne's** strength and healing, She has just been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Prayer and love for mothers who have children.
- **Sue**: My family, **Pat**, all who have health issues.
- **Sungsu Lee**: Prayers for wisdom and peace as I defend my Ph.D. thesis this week.
- **Mary Oot**, recovering from surgery; **Jenna Hughes**, dealing with health issues.
- **Lynn and Kellie**: Prayers for

healing for our neighbor **Leena**, who is battling cancer.

Sunday, May 19

- **Erika: Barb and Bob Weaver, Maria Storto, Anne Mari.**
- Prophet Jesus: Bless the working for I ask for gainful employment.
- Prayers for grace as I've had to rearrange a work trip due to a delay in getting my visa. Pray that I could trust God's plan in the midst of a frustrating and disappointing situation.
- **Merilyn Krackhardt**
- For **Margaret McDivitt** as she is at St. Camillus for rehab.
- For the family of **Nancy Andrews**, who died last week. Alicia G.
- **Jean, Gary and Amber**, all fighting cancer
- Prayers for the continuing recovering of **Leah Safford**. Leah is still at Fahey rehab.
- I pray to God, give the Congolese people the power to protect the country against enemy.
- **Jim Tallman** is in St. Joe's for a couple of days with an injured knee.

Sunday, May 26

- **Erika: Barb and Bob Weaver, Maria Storto, Anne Marie, Erika's birthday** on Thursday.
- For **Blake Middleton**, deployed as a Navy nurse on USS Comfort Hospital Ship off the coast of Venezuela, and his wife and son are home in Norfolk, Virginia.
- **Jean, Amber, Lou**, all fighting cancer.

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People & Prayers

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- **Mike Rodda: Bill and Brenda M.**, Eastwood couple recently diagnosed with, respectively, Parkinson's disease and cancer
- Dear God, Please save my country. Peace and safety to all children.
- **William:** Help the unfortunate, Lord. Amen.
- A prayer for **Pastor Alicia, Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler** and others who have a gift for connecting with children – May they understand the importance of their God-given gift and know how much their work with children matters.
- Pray for friends and family to have great health, also pray that I find a job for the summer.
- **Ann Owens:** I am thankful to God for safe travels in a rainstorm yesterday.

Sunday, June 2

- Healing for **Barbara Gilbraith** and assurance for her family.
- My daughters will get jobs.
- **Bob and Barb:** For **Erika Vitthuhn and Kristin Yeager**, on the death of their **Aunt Donna** yesterday.
- Prayers for my friend **Steve** that he may be healed.
- I pray that my wife's health stays great. Also I pray that I find a job for the summer.
- Praise God for safe travels to Russia and happy reunions with friends there.
- Prayers for **Janie** as she goes through cancer treatments.
- **Barbara Gilbraith** at Crouse Hospital.
- **Sue:** My family, **Christine**, all

those with health issues.

- Prayers for continuing recovery of **Leah Safford** at Fahey Rehab
- For the elections and business that United Methodist representatives make this week at Annual Conference
- For recovery and healing, for our friends **Tony and Donna**
- **Erika: Jerry Vitthuhn and Family**, my **Aunt Donna**. I lost her yesterday. **Maria, Anne Marie, Barb and Bob Weaver**.
- Love and healing to **Barb Gilbraith**, who remains in ICU.
- God look after my family after seeing soon!

Sunday, June 9

- **Charles:** Pray for my mother, who died last March in Ghana.
- **Peter:** Thanks and joy for a safe return from our month-long fun road trip to Austin, Texas, and hopes for a helpful result this week from my biopsy on Friday.
- Please keep in your prayers for **Pastor Alicia** and her daughter. Her daughter, **Ann Marie**, is studying abroad in China this summer.
- Prayers for the United Methodist Church, the Congress and the American people.
- **Mamie:** Give praise unto the blessing of today and many more of the future.
- Dear God, Be present with the captive of the present day, the American jailed unjustly when visiting his family in Russia, and the journalists jailed around the world. Help us all be brave enough to bring the good news!
- **Alice:** My sister, **Anne**. Pray-

ers for mercy and comfort.

- Healing for **Barb Gilbraith** and **Marg McDivitt**.
- **Barb and Bob: Family of Donna Powers, Alayah Green, Mary and Carus Olcott Sr., Carus Olcott Jr.**
- **Erika: Maria Storto, Anne Marie, Barb and Bob Weaver**
- Prophet Jesus: Bless my home and bless my neighbors who helped me along.
- **Mike Rodda: Brenda and Bill M.**, couple diagnosed with ovarian cancer and Parkinson's disease, respectively
- My **Aunt Christine Cummer** (nee Tillapaugh) died Sunday.
- **Marg McDivitt** is now located at the Park Terrace in Radisson, an assisted living facility.
- For the daughter of **Martha and James Kelly**, who lost her battle with cancer last week. Prayers for **George Soufleris**, recovering from pneumonia.
- I ask the church to pray for the **Cooper family** for the loss of their nephew.
- God please make the government in Liberia understand with the protesters so that peace, happiness and prosperity can return back to Liberia. We don't want any more bloodshed in Liberia.
- The same number of people died to gun violence Jan. 1-March 29, 2019, as died on D-Day. We pray for peace.

THANKS & PRAISE & JOYS Sunday, May 19

- **Sungsu Lee:** Prayer of thanksgiving. Today is our first wedding anniversary. And I have successfully defended my Ph.D. thesis
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this week.

- Congratulations to **Barbara Nunn**, who sang with the Symphoria last night.

Sunday, May 26

- **Bob and Barb Weaver**: A joy! Our 18th great-grandchild, a girl, **Olivia Joy Hernandez**, was born last weekend in Guatemala. We are so blessed!

Sunday, June 2

- Congratulations: To **Morgan Mastronardi**. She had a baby girl, **Ruby Hope**, on May 14.
- **Jim Tallman** is back. Thanks for all the prayers.
- Joy that **Sungsu Lee** earned his Ph.D. and is officially Dr. Lee and now is working on his MD degree.

Sunday, June 9

- Joy! Today is **Eric's** 9th birthday.
- Thanksgiving that the Holy Spirit is moving throughout our church.

- Thank you for **Rev. Deborah**.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- DePauw University and the United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education and Ministry have jointly awarded **Robert Dewey Jr.** the *Exemplary Teacher of the Year Award*. This award recognizes a faculty member for exemplary service to their school and excellence in teaching. **Robert, son of Ginny and Bob Dewey**, is a professor of British history at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.



Jeanne and Ted Finlayson-Schueler with Marjorie Carter.

NAACP fetes Marjorie Carter

Marjorie Carter received the Mary McLeod Bethune Educator Award at the NAACP 40th Freedom Fund Gala May 31 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool.

Marjorie became the first African-American teacher in the Syracuse City School District soon after graduating from SUNY Cortland, where she was the only African-American student. Her teaching career spanned 40 years.

Summer Bible Camp: The Syracuse United Methodist Churches will offer a Syracuse Summer Bible Camp July 15-19 daily 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We need volunteers to teach a portion of the VBS material in the mornings, a volunteer nurse or doctor for one day, volunteers to make/bring lunch July 15 and chaperones for our afternoon outings. Contact Pastor Alicia if you would like to participate. Contact Mary in the office if you want to register your child.

Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By Ed Tillapaugh in memory of his parents, Richard and Veda Tillapaugh.

By Marg McDivitt in memory of John.

By Janet and Vito Sciscioli in memory of loved ones.

In loving memory of Todd Adams by his mother, Mildred Kuznia, and his sister, Danielle Adams.

By the Altar Guild in honor of all our church musicians.

Flowers were given to Marg McDivitt, Gail Tyndall, Alicia Wood, Mildred Adams, Erika Vitthuhn, Nichola Weah, Barbara Gilbraith, Moza Mwenebatu and Deborah O'Connor-Slater.

Flowers were delivered by Ralph Best, Danielle Adams, Jackie Sadowski and Adolfe Mwenebatu.

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 Koten
- 16 - Ellen Bacon, Timothy Damron
- 17 - Deirdre Zimmerman
- 18 - Elisa Sciscioli
- 21 - Afton Kapuscinski
- 22 - Tahjmier Brackett
- 24 - Dorothy Logan
- 25 - Rebecca Youmell, Peter Sciscioli
- 26 - Corrie Fagut-Pratt
- 28 - Jayne Humbert
- 29 - Jackie Simmons
- 30 - Helena Weah

A Silent Witness was held Saturday before the ordination service at Annual Conference. UUMC folks there were as follows: Karen Quick, Susan Bates, Liz Stehle, Ted and Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler, Beth Drew, Brad Bowers and Pastor Alicia.



Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2019 total pledges: \$203,474
Total Pledges Rec'd \$110,254
Non-pledge contributions \$7,659
Thursday Service \$225
Trustees Bathroom Renovation
Fund \$18,725

Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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



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Dated material

WEEK OF JUNE 16

Sunday the 16th

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

10:30 a.m. Worship.

10:45 a.m. Christian Education
for adults with disabilities, Lau-
bach Room

11:45 a.m. Fellowship, The Gath-
ering Room

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat,
Chappell Room

Wednesday the 19th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Church & Society

Thursday the 20th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering
Room

Friday the 21st

10 a.m. Food Pantry, Clothes
Closet, Diapers

7 p.m. Beautiful Mess Concert

WEEK OF JUNE 23

Sunday the 23rd

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fel-
lowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Christian Education
for adults with disabilities, Lau-
bach Room

11:45 a.m. Fellowship, The Gath-
ering Room

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat,
Chappell Room

Wednesday the 26th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5 p.m. Outreach Committee

Thursday the 27th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering
Room

Friday the 28th

10 a.m. Food Pantry, Clothes
Closet, Diapers

WEEK OF JUNE 30

Sunday the 30th

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship, The Gath-
ering Room

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat,
Chappell Room

Wednesday the 3rd

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 4th

**Church office closed for Inde-
pendence Day**

Friday the 5th

10 a.m. Food Pantry, Clothes
Closet, Diapers

WEEK OF JULY 7

Sunday the 7th

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

10:30 a.m. Worship. Communion

11:45 a.m. Fellowship, The Gath-
ering Room

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat,
Chappell Room

Tuesday the 9th

5:30 p.m. Governing Board

Wednesday the 10th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 11th

6 p.m. Worship, The Gathering
Room

Friday the 12th

10 a.m. Food Pantry, Clothes
Closet, Diapers

State Fair Ticket Contest

The first five people to an-
swer the three questions below
correctly in an email to
media@uumcsyracuse.org will
win a ticket to the 2019 New
York State Fair. Answers are
found in this issue of The
Chimes.

1. What items does the Food
Pantry need donated for its
guests?
2. Whose birthday is on July 11?
3. How much money has been
donated to the Trustees Bath-
room Renovation Fund?

Artwork Display: Our Outreach Team is arranging for local artists and publishers to exhibit their work in The Gathering Room. Currently, framed posters and prints for sale from Syracuse Cultural Workers are on display. A sign-in and catalog are on a table by the Chappell Room. Viewing times are during church office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays, and Sundays before and after worship

Communion Service
May 5, 2019 (3 photos)









Beth and Karen Quick at the Silent Witness before the Ordination Service June 8 at Annual Conference.



Upper New York for Full Inclusion worship/meeting at UUMC before Annual Conference.



UUMC folks at the third annual Syracuse Ramadan iftar May 18 at Manley Field House. The iftar is the evening meal with which Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset.