

THE CHIMES

Sept. 5, 2019

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**Next Chimes
deadline:
September 27**

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Alicia Wood, Pastor
Tom Boll, Editor

We'll find out during September what following Jesus requires

With Labor Day gone and Pastor Alicia back from vacation, a new worship series unfolds, rehearsals resume and study opportunities begin.

In the upcoming four Sundays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, we'll be learning about following Jesus and what that requires of us, based on lectionary readings from the Gospel of Luke.

The overall theme is "Come Follow Me., with weekly topics that include being "all in," never lost, serving two masters and being kind and generous.

Also, September Communion will be celebrated this Sunday.

Choir rehearsals start this week. If you want information on joining, reach Music Director Aimee deBerjeois: adeberjeois@esmschools.org.

The Handbell Choir has practices scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 16 and 30. If you are interested in ringing, contact Directory Dan Magowan at rmagowan@twcny.rr.com.

Interested in delving into Genesis and Exodus? A 12-week Fast Track II Disciple Bible Study class begins Sept. 15 and meets 6-7:30 p.m. at the church. The study manual costs \$16. Contact Pastor Alicia for more information or to sign up.

And a six-week beginner's course in The Rule of Benedict begins Monday at 1 p.m. — see separate article on page 2 in this Chimes.

Looking down the road, we'll hear about "A Wonder-Full Life" in October during our stewardship campaign and that "Heaven and Nature Sing" during Advent.

Cargos set to head west after 60 years of service

In 1959, Barb and Jerry Cargo took turns at the wheel, driving through the night from Michigan to Syracuse so Jerry could start an assistant professorship position in the math department at Syracuse University the next morning.

They joined UUMC that year, the start of 60 years of membership and service to the



Jerry and Barb Cargo church.

Later this month they will head back west, this time to Wind-

sor, Colorado, a suburb of Fort Collins, to be close to their son, Jim. They also have a daughter, Ellen, who lives in Connecticut.

In those six decades, eight pastors have served the congregation, and the Cargos have appreciated them all.

"They educated us and stimulated us with See **CARGOS'**, Page 2

Stay connected and in love with Jesus as we make plans



Alicia Wood

Happy September!

I am so grateful to have been on vacation for the last two weeks.

We all need rest and renewal, and my busy and fun time away has really filled me up! I'm hoping you have had some renewal this summer as well.

I am excited about all the things bubbling up at our church this year.

We will celebrate our 150 years of ministry alongside Syracuse University beginning in March of 2020.

We are studying the Rule of Benedict on Mondays and the books of Genesis and Exodus

through Discipleship 2 Fast Track on Sundays.

We are discerning the possibility of doing Sunday School in a new way.

We are praying about a new ministry that will enliven the second and/or third floor of our building.

We will continue to pray for the opening of hearts as the UMC General Conference 2020 meets and votes in May.

If you would like to participate in any of these please let me know.

John 15: 4-5 (CEV) says, "Stay joined to me, and I will stay joined to you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me. I am the vine, and you are the branches.

If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me."

As we go through our autumn days and nights planning and participating in the life of the church (and our own lives) let us not forget our main purpose, which is to stay connected and in love with Jesus so that we may know how to share God's love in all we do.

We, as church, can begin any program this year, but without Jesus as the center it will never be a fruitful ministry.

I pray that our congregation inside and outside the church building may have a fruitful year.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Alicia

Cargos' commitment evident in involvement

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their thinking," Barb said.

An example she mentioned was a Bible study with Hal Gorman and Ted Finlayson-Schueler in which she read 80 percent of the Bible.

UUMC has evolved over the years they've been here. When they first joined the church, the ushers, all male, wore gloves and always a suit.

And they're pleased with the direction UUMC is headed.

"I think we should continue on accepting everybody," Barb said.

Member Margo Koten said that the Cargos always had "a strong commitment to the church."

That commitment is easy to see.

A partial list of committees on which Jerry served is as follows: Library, History, Finance and Stewardship, Governing Board, Staff Parish Relations,

Housing Visions and the Neighborhood Linking Program, for which he was secretary.

Barb's involvement includes: teaching kindergarten and second grade Sunday School for many years, Sunday School superintendent under Ruth Hall for a year, Evening Guild charter member and treasurer for 15 years, Altar Guild for many years, Education Committee in the 1960s and '70s, Stephen minister, with eight care receivers, current Care Team, and helping Dot Logan and Rosemary Chappell.

Barb sums up their feelings as they prepare to leave: "We're going to miss our friends and miss the church, not only our friends at church, but the sanctuary, the beauty of the sanctuary, the messages from Alicia and the choir — the music — the whole music program is remarkable."

If you're ever out their way, they said, "Come visit us!"

Course will help you have closer relationship with God, Jesus

Sister Joan Chittister O.S.B., author and lecturer, has revived an ancient practice to make it relevant to our time, and you'll have access to it in a course at UUMC. "The Rule of Benedict" was developed as a guide to early Christians by Benedict of Nursa in the 6th century.

The rules provide a spiritual guide and simple practice to help ground us and enable us to move into a closer relationship to God and Jesus Christ, which in turn, allows us to live life fully and to use our "gifts" to help create relationships and to be involved in our own way to be a part in resolving some of the issues of our time.

The course uses Sister Chittister's book "A Spirituality for the 21st Century." It provides a brief daily reading that relates to Benedict's insights for Christian living. The course meets six Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. starting Sept. 9. Leader of the study is the Rev. Deborah O'Connor-Slater, a United Methodist pastor who in retirement is attending UUMC. Participants are welcome from other UM congregations.

Some compassionate ways to interact with those homeless



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

Over the past two weeks I have moved my two oldest children into their college living situations, otherwise known as, out of our family home.

Aydan, my oldest, is happily living in a neighborhood apartment with a great group of young women and is beginning her senior year at Syracuse University.

Brynn, my next daughter, is beginning her college career and resides in a large dormitory at the University of Rochester.

Both are thrilled with their new locations and residences and ready for college adventures.

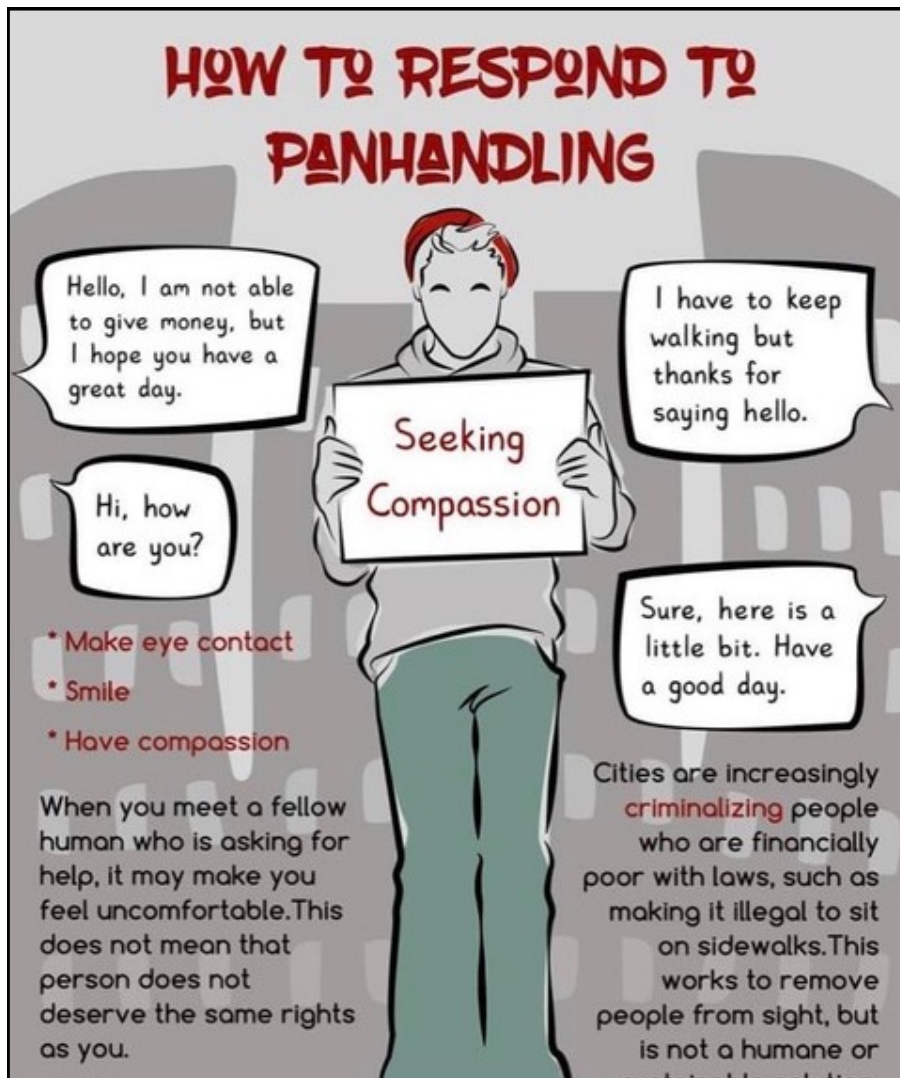
As we arrived into the college and university we were offered lots of literature about the community and neighborhood that our daughters will be living with-in.

Many of our friends are having similar experiences, and we've shared some photos of the information kids receive to assist them in living without their parents.

One contributed the image on this page and the following narrative given to students who have arrived to Northeastern University in Boston:

"This time of year we welcome tens of thousands of new Bostonians into the city. For many of you, city living will be a new experience.

There will be things that you find amusing, puzzling and disturbing. This includes seeing and interacting with the city's thousands of community members



who are experiencing homelessness.

The experience of homelessness can be incredibly stressful, challenging and extremely depressing. Many of our neighbors without homes work on a daily basis and return to the shelters to sleep at night or even sleep "rough," unsheltered on the streets, in parks or in train stations.

Many are elderly, people with disabilities or those with problematic relationships to substances. Others have mental health needs that are not being met.

None have access to the hu-

man right of a home that is safe, stable, secure and affordable.

Trauma may cause people to behave in ways that make you feel uncomfortable.

Offer them food and drink, support (of all kinds) and comfort when you can. Yet respect the boundaries they may establish.

Remember, the experience of homelessness often means a life without hope. And Winter is approaching. So please be kind.

This image and narrative is generated by the Boston Solidarity Coalition. This is how they, with their surrounding colleges and universities, choose to begin the

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People & Prayers

CONTINUING PRAYERS

- **Barb and Bob Weaver:** Alayah Green and family, Carus Olcott Jr., Mary and Carus Olcott Sr., Mary Ellen Will, John Quiggle, Frank Clish
- **Sherri Cullen:** Kathy Dewey, Heidi Wise, Billy and Family, Patti Fasulo, Jeanne, Patti Walker and family, Melanie, Annette and her family and mom, Grace; Marc Therrien.
- **Erika:** Maria Storto, Anne Marie, Barb and Bob Weaver

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

For Those in Military Service:

- **Chance Lawson,** Austin Payne, Ian Enderle

Sunday, August 11

- That this administration can pass legislation to reduce gun violence.
- For those grieving.
- For **Jim** and his upcoming work at the State Fair.
- Please pray for **Peter Swords**. He has a fever from his cancer treatment. He will be in Crouse 1 or 2 weeks.
- Pray for all to continue prayers for me as grandmother and a student. God be the glory.
- Prayer for change to be "ALL IN"
- Prayers of healing for the victims, families and communities directly affected by the mass shootings and prayers of hope that gun legislation will finally be passed.
- **Rhonda:** For our military, the people who serve and keep us safe. For **Toni Morrison's** Family - (author) and may her

legacy live on forever.

- **Sue:** My friend **Cheri**, whose mother died Friday night; my family, traveling mercies.
- **Julian:** I do well at the job interview Wednesday. I can make it through the week.
- **Ed Tillapaugh:** For my daughter **Angela**, who is beginning a new chapter in her life in Boston.
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: I plead to you for strength and courage to take on a challenging week.
- **Joyce Irogue:** For the successful completion of my graduate studies. For God's blessings on my brother (my sponsor) and a successful completion of his course.

Sunday, August 18

- **Peter:** For the people of El Paso in their ongoing resilience and for all our Syracuse people who can learn from example of their unity, kindness and acceptance.
- **Chuck:** For each and everyone of us for being alive.
- **Barb and Bob:** **Erika Vitthuhn** will have wrist surgery this Thursday
- **Ann Owens:** Families suffering brokenness.
- For **John Sinclair's** complete healing! (A dear friend of **John and Carrie Hunt**) Happy Birthday Carrie, Aug. 21
- For those discouraged and/or depressed.
- **Jeanne F-S:** Prayers for the families of **Luke Cleary** and **Luke Naughton**, who left this earth last weekend in separate incidents.
- Peace and healing for the

Democratic Republic of Congo.

- Safe travels for all
- Pray for me.

Sunday, August 25

- **Sherri Cullen:** Jeanne, on the death of her **Aunt Sarah**.
- **Ann Owens:** **Mary**, Ann's sister, who had an emergency surgery on Friday
- **Alphonsina:** Today I am so happy to be here with the people of God. Amen.
- Pray to only listen to God's guiding voice of gratitude and faith. At 72, I wish I always would.
- Prayers to my cousin, who is undergoing cancer treatments.
- For the Earth and for diligence and wisdom for fire-fighters working to stop the Amazon rainforest fires.
- For many people having pain when walking a lot.
- Please family pray for my daughter to be able to get her home. I am working hard for her to get this 2-bedroom for \$300 more. Thank you for your prayers. God bless and watch over our pastor.
- **Peter:** Thanks to God for being our security, our help in trouble. Not weapons, walls or wars. God is with us.
- For those being targeted by our government to deprive them of their rights — LBGTQ, transgender, clients of Planned Parenthood.
- **Lou Roberts, Lee Potter**, our children
- **Mary Jordan**
- **Shirley Miller:** Please pray for
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People & Prayers

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the son of a friend of mine, **Joey Ponto**, who has gone through several brain surgeries in the past year and a half; please play for his recovery and strength for his family.

- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: Open my heart to receive abundance and focus on a positive action!
- Pray for Liberia

Sunday, September 1

- **Jayne:** Peace and healing for the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- **Willie:** For my family members who have lost loved ones.
- The church people and emergency personnel in the Bahamas that will help others.
- **Elise:** Prophet Jesus: Bless my family with abundance

and open opportunity.

- **Julian:** That I am able to make it through work at my last 2 weeks and start my new job.
- Peace and prosperity for all.
- Please pray for my friend **Darren**
- **Esther Pardue, Barb Gilbraith**, traveling mercies.
- Dear Almighty God, Guide and empower the young people of Syracuse and those they hold dear.
- Prayers for **Nic Weah**, as he leaves for Marine Boot Camp this week
- **Dr. Donald and Margo Kotten and the Wallaces** have as friends **Jim and Lisa Steele** ask for prayers for the Steeles' daughter **Fifi Steele**, recovering from a serious surgery.
- **Rhonda:** Prayers and bless-

ings to UUMC saw the banner on Pride Day at the fair and it touched me in many ways.

For people in the path of hurricane, prayers to all.

- **Nelson:** For my granddaughter **Sadie** as she begins her gap year in Ecuador.
- **Sonia:** For **Amonette Mason, Dion Mason, Dion Mason Jr., and Aidan.**

THANKS & PRAISE & JOYS August 25

- **Barb and Bob:** Thanks for all the prayers for **Erika**. Her surgery went well.
- Congratulations to **Barbara and Jerry Cargo** on celebrating the ir63rd wedding anniversary today.
- **Bruce:** A prayer of gratitude for the Serenity Prayer.
- Praise God for our new American, **Nic!**

Dr. Larry Myers to receive WAER Award

Longtime UUMC member Dr. Larry Myers will be inducted into the WAER Hall of Fame on Sept. 13.

Larry was faculty sponsor in the early days of the student-run radio station and served as manager for seven years. During one of the dean searches, he served as interim dean. He was a professor of journalism when the school was housed in an old mansion on campus. The original School of Journalism is now the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Larry served in many capacities at UUMC, including chair of the Board of Trustees and chair of the predecessor body to our Governing Board. He now resides at The Oaks in summer and Florida in the winter.

Students may learn barriers of homelessness, poverty

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college education experience for their students. If the tens of thousands of students arriving into Boston learn, live and execute this directive, maybe we can begin to evolve into people who recognize,

respect and fight for every human right ever day and begin to understand the barriers of homelessness, poverty, addiction and mental illness.

*Galyn Murphy-Stanley,
Outreach Coordinator*

Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By Starke Donnally in celebration of UUMC's 150th anniversary.

By John and Carrie Hunt in memory of Carrie's brother, John Edwin Kittell.

By Marjorie Carter in honor of people with August birthdays.

By Carol and Tom Boll in memory of their parents, Dr. Howard and Frances Long and George and Carol Boll.

Flowers were given to Mary Slack, Barbara Fought, Peter Swords, Phyllis Wright, Roger MacDonald, Erika Vitthuhn, Carol Boll and Ted Finlayson-Schueler. Flowers were delivered by Barbara Cargo.

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2019 total pledges: \$203,474
 Total Pledges Rec'd \$145,328
 Non-pledge contributions \$12,151
 Thursday Service \$327
 Trustees Bathroom Renovation Fund \$24,625

Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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

Leadership Training Fund: \$105

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$778



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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8

Sunday the 8th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship. Communion

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

Monday the 9th

1 p.m. Rule of Benedict study, Chappell Room

Tuesday the 10th

5:30 p.m. Governing Board

Wednesday the 11th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 12th

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Pet-tengill Center

Friday the 13th

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday the 15th

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

6 p.m. Fast Track II Disciple Bible Study

Monday the 16th

1 p.m. Rule of Benedict study, Chappell Room

7 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday the 18th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 19th

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Pet-tengill Center

Friday the 20th

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22

Sunday the 22nd

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

6 p.m. Fast Track II Disciple Bible Study

Monday the 23rd

1 p.m. Rule of Benedict study, Chappell Room

Wednesday the 25th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Church & Society

Thursday the 26th

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Pet-tengill Center

Friday the 27th

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29

Sunday the 29th

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

10:30 a.m. Worship.

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

6 p.m. Fast Track II Disciple Bible Study

Monday the 30th

1 p.m. Rule of Benedict study, Chappell Room

7 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday the 2nd

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 3rd

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Pet-tengill Center

Friday the 4th

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

October birthdays

4 – Janet Mandigo, Nelson Price, Phillip Wellner, Dan Shworles	5 – Renee Threatte, Lonnie Threatte	10 – Mary Woodburn	11 – Carol Boll	15 – Elizabeth Magowan	16 – Nathan Miller	21 – Larry Myers	22 – Michael Toe	25 – Colin Simmons	26 – Katrina Tillapaugh Barbara Cook	27 – Rosemary Chappell	30 – Koketso Ratala
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UUMC's Pride Day Parade Contingent
New York State Fair
August 23, 2019



UUMC member Nichola Weah
Becomes a U.S. Citizen
New York State Fair
August 23, 2019
(2 photos)





Friends and UUMC members were on hand to support Nichola as he became a U.S. citizen.