

THE CHIMES

Feb. 6, 2020

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**Looking ahead: Palm
Sunday is April 5 this
year. Easter is April 12.**

Articles for *The Chimes* must be submitted by noon on the deadline day and can be sent to: media@uumcsyracuse.org or put in Box No. 12 in the church office.

Alicia Wood, Pastor
Tom Boll, Editor

This Lent, picture yourself in the Passion of Jesus

Ever imagine yourself in someone else's shoes, what your life would be like?

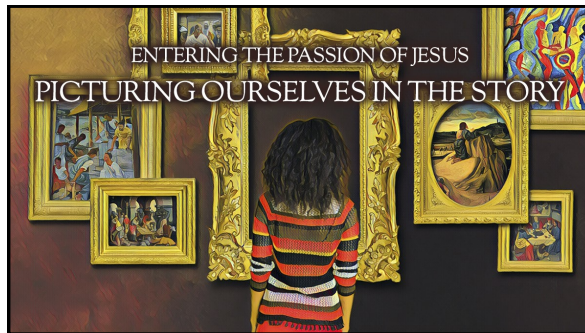
Well, come Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday,

Feb. 26, we'll begin doing that with our next worship series: "Entering the Passion of Jesus: Picturing Ourselves in the Story," which was inspired by Amy-Jill Levine's book by the same name.

The Passion includes the events of the last week of Jesus' life. This Lent, we will "freeze-frame" moments of that week, so we can put ourselves in that picture.

It begins with a 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service that includes the imposition of ashes.

The Sunday themes are as follows: March 1, "The Parade: Risking



Reputation"; March 8, "The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger"; March 15, "The Teaching: Risking Challenge"; March 22, "The First Dinner:

Risking Rejection"; March 29, "The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends"; April 5 (Palm Sunday), "The Garden: Risking Temptation."

On Holy Thursday, April 9, a 6:30 p.m. Communion service will be held.

Good Friday, April 10, the sanctuary will be open for meditation and prayer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The book mentioned earlier is also the focus of our Lenten study, which meets 12:30-1:30 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 28 to April 3, in the Chappell Room. The book is \$9. Call the church office to register, so a book can be ordered for you.

2020 pledge total rises; come to potluck for details and plans

There's good news on the pledging front.

Pledges for 2020 exceeded those for 2019 by nearly \$14,000 (\$13,889) for a total of \$217,360.

A full financial report and the 2020 budget will be presented at the potluck lunch after worship March 1. Come and hear what we accom-

plished in 2019 and new plans for 2020.

You'll hear about the planned Outreach Program expansion.

You'll also get an update on General Conference, which is May 5-15 in Minneapolis and will be critical to the future of the denomination as delegates will consider various plans.

Spiritual exercises, book and Holy Land trip all related



Alicia Wood

Greetings!
Have you ever had several things in your life intertwine?

It seems this is happening to me this month.

First, I am participating in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius praying and studying the Gospels leading through Lent.

Second, our Lenten journey will be based on the book by New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine called *“Entering the Passion of Jesus.”*

Third, I am traveling to the Holy Land Feb. 11-25.

All of these things are ways in which I can dig into Scripture and grow closer to Jesus.

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius have been a beautiful experience of deep and creative prayer.

St. Ignatius invites us to im-

agine we are in the Scripture story. He suggests imagining we are a character or bystander within the story.

I have found this exercise to make the meaning of the text more powerful.

In seminary I was taught to examine Scripture through a scholarly lens. This is helpful in interpreting the text to learn the meaning in Jesus’ time and for today. It helped me understand the text.

The exercises of St. Ignatius have helped me grow in faith because it’s not about interpreting but how the story connects me with Jesus.

Similarly, the book *“Entering the Passion of Jesus”* asks us to enter the Scripture. We will enter the life of Jesus and his disciples in Holy Week. This will allow us to reflect more deeply on this life-changing week.

As I travel through the Holy

Land I pray the Bible will come to life in a new and exciting way.

I will take a lot of pictures to share throughout Lent as we enter the passion of Jesus.

I plan to post an image and short reflection each day on our Facebook page UUMCSyracuse starting Feb. 12. I hope you are able to travel along with me.

Please pray for me that I may be open to the possibilities Jesus has in store for me on this journey now through Easter.

My prayer continues to be, *“Use me, Holy God, so that I may be a part of leading University UMC to be a congregation that thrives!”*

I believe these three things are all coming together now because we are on the cusp of something that will change so many lives, including mine.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Alicia

Teach-in topic: ‘Speaking Truth about Gender’

Church & Society’s next teach-in is on *“Eve Was Framed: Speaking Truth about Gender.”*

It’s March 3 and presented by Diane Swords and Roslyn Rasberry.

Sharing and dialogue will be 7-8:30 p.m. Snacks will be available at 6:30 p.m.

What experiences have you had (or observed) related to treatment based on gender?

Have you felt that you couldn’t talk about it or couldn’t quite put your finger on what just happened?

This could be your chance to share experiences and insights!

80 visitors worshiped with us in 2019

University Church has an unusual number of visitors each year.

Some are simply passing through.

Others are in Syracuse visiting their children in one of the universities and colleges.

Many are drawn to our worship by visiting our webpage and wanting to check us out.

In 2019, a total of 80 persons visited worship. Of those, eight (10%) have become or plan

to become members.

Nineteen (24%) have returned two or more times.

The Welcome Team follows up each visitor who fills out a yellow slip with a telephone call or visit and a small gift.

Thank you to all who welcome visitors and help them feel welcome and become acquainted with our congregation and mission.

— Barbara Fought/Nelson Price

Pecans still for sale

One-pound bags of pecan halves are still available for \$12 each or two for \$20 from Deb

Virgo at 315-415-7840 or dlvirgo@gmail.com.

She also will sell them after worship Feb. 16 and will deliver.

SU Food Studies students learn about pantry and our guests



**Galyn
Murphy-
Stanley**

Syracuse University's Falk College maintains a course of study in Food Studies.

One of its class offerings is the study of Food Insecurity.

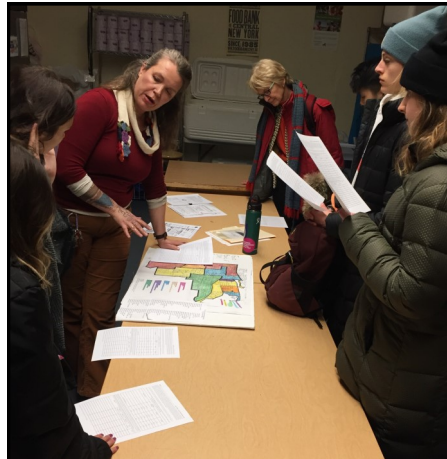
Participating students learn how folks living in poverty feed themselves and how governmental decisions affect food costs, food subsidies and eventually food access for all Americans.

Not only do the students, with their professors, learn the history of Food Insecurity in America and how society, government and religious houses fed each other, they travel around Syracuse engaging, learning from and understanding Emergency Food Access systems.

A couple times a year I teach a class in this area of study.

Typically about 20 students walk to UUMC from SU with their professor.

I move them through UUMC's



Syracuse University students hear about our Food Pantry from Outreach Coordinator Galyn Murphy-Stanley on Wednesday.

basement as if the students were one of our Food Pantry guests, describing our Fridays, the folks who visit us, the volunteers who work with us.

I talk about UUMC's history of social justice and the tireless commitment to fair and just food access.

I reference our expenses, our relationship with the CNY Food Bank, our acquirement of nutritious dense foods and our additional auxiliary programs.

And I talk about our guests — their stories, their words, the foods folk like and don't like, how our guests might have arrived to UUMC.

Toward the end of our time together I invite them to join us on a Friday or Sunday for a volunteer experience, and I also speak about some of the other ways they could help folk who need food.

It's always an interesting couple of hours, especially answering the students' questions about the people who access food pantries. In the end the conversation becomes more about the people, who, how, why, versus the efforts of the pantry itself.

It's a renewing conversation as I'm reminded that behind the management of the system, the acquirement, the effort, we do this work because of the people who rightfully, fairly deserve the best from us.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley,
Outreach Coordinator

Here are the members of your Lay Leadership Team for 2020

Leadership for UUMC in 2020 with the year members' terms expire:

Governing Board: Body Ministries Leader, Nelson Price, 2022; Mind Ministries Leader, Cynthia Steinem, 2022; Spirit Ministries Leader, Ann Owens, 2022; Chair, Joyce Flynn, 2020; Finance Chair, Ronald Denby, 2021; Trustees Chair, Steve Bacon (if elected at next trustees meeting), 2021; Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair, John Hunt, 2022; Lay Leader, Barbara Nunn, 2022; Representative to Syracuse UM Churches Leadership Team, Mark Fullerton, 2020; Recording Secretary, Melanie Fullerton (no vote); Lay Member to Annual Conference, Ted Finlayson-Schueler; Pastor Alicia Wood.

Trustees: 2020: Dan Mastronardi, Vicki O'Neill;

2021, Lynn Baker, Steve Bacon, chair, if elected; 2022, Danny Magowan, Marjorie Carter; Lay Leader Barbara Nunn; Pastor Alicia Wood.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee: 2020, Seth Austin, Ellyn Gale; 2021, Karen Quick, Ed Tillapaugh; 2022, Jayne Humbert, John Hunt, chair; Lay Leader Barbara Nunn; Lay Member to Annual Conference, Ted Finlayson-Schueler; Pastor Alicia Wood..

Nominations Committee: 2020, Sue Bates, Beth Drew; 2021, Carol Boll; 2022, Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay, Doug Randall, Starke Donnally; Lay Leader Barbara Nunn, Pastor Alicia Wood.

2020 Representative to Syracuse UM Churches Leadership Team: Mark Fullerton/Nelson Price (alt.)

People & Prayers

DEATHS



• UUMC member and former James Street UMC member **Lois Lum** died Jan. 24 at the age of 98. Her service was at UUMC Jan. 30. Here is a link to her obituary: [OBITUARY](#)

CONTINUING PRAYERS

- **Barb and Bob: Alayah Green, Mary and Carus Olcott Sr., John Quiggle, Frank Clish, Mary Ellen Will, Fay Kingery.**
- **Sue:** My family, those struggling with health issues
- **Sherri Cullen: Kathy Dewey, Annette Reed and Grace Antonio, Maria and her mom, Xavier Swann, Emma Peters, Braxton Stewart, Rania and her daughter, Jean Cullen.**
- **Erika: Barb and Bob Weaver, Maria Storto.**

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

For Those in Military Service:

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

Sunday, January 12

- Praying for those struggling with addiction, illness or poverty.
- For all those suffering from the terrible wildfires in Australia.
- I pray for the ones who woke up today for the last time, the ones whose next step will be eternal life. Rest in peace.
- For God's guidance in all things.
- For the people of Iran
- Prophet Jesus: Comfort the bereaved, for they need as-

urance about your awesome presence.

- Happy New Year to everyone. God add the prayer to our church.
- I blessed God for a safe recovery for **Juliet** and thankful for God's blessing and continued grace.
- Prayers for **Laila** dealing with serious health issues.
- Firefighters in Australia and those who lost their home.
- **Ralph Best** is having an operation Jan. 15. and prayers are welcome.
- Good morning. Please pray for me to pass this last grade. I also have an aunt in the hospital, **Aunt Cabbie**. Keep her in your prayers.
- **Jim Tallman:** Prayers for the victims and families of those killed on the plane.
- For peace everywhere on earth and comfort and help for Puerto Rico.
- We pray that our friend **Lisa** finds strength, comfort and understanding and peace as she journeys through stage 4 cancer. Lord, let her know she is loved.

Sunday, January 19

- **Kristen Tooley: Barbara Flynn,** stage 4 colon cancer, about to start chemotherapy.
- Continued prayers for those recovering from addiction.
- **Mamie:** Good morning: Have a wonderful week. God bless everyone. May his will be with you.
- **Willie:** For better health of my loved ones and for people in my life who have lost a loved one.

- The homeless – here – in Puerto Rico – Australia – and around the world.
- Pray for our country and the U.S. Senate as they make decisions about our future.
- For **Dot Logan**, whose nephew died. They were very close.
- Be with **Ralph Best** as he recovers from his surgery this past Wednesday.
- **Brenda and Bill Mertz**, cancer/Parkinson's disease survivors, respectively
- **Ann Owens: Ross Wells**, my dad, with health issues, **Aunt Joan**, health issues
- Peace worldwide and help for Australia and Puerto Rico
- **Kathy Dewey, Grace Antonio, Rosie's dad Steven, Emma Peters** having surgery tomorrow. **Xavier Swan.**
- **Peter:** For all of us to learn that everybody has a right to health care, housing and safe community.

Sunday, January 26

- **Alvin Fridie** called in from Ohio, would love to have people visit his niece, **Jo-Ann May.**
- Prayers for all people with mental health issues, that new and better treatments become available. Prayers for all who are awaiting organ transplants.
- For **Don's** continued recovery at Menorah Park.
- **Peter:** Lest we forget: Dr. King's dream is alive when we support each other's rights, especially the children's and resist war.
- **Sue: Brice and Ella**, my family, See **PEOPLE**, Page 5

People & Prayers

CONTINUED from Page 4 those with health issues.

- Prophet Jesus: Bless and praise you for gifts of opportunities present to me.
- I want to bless God for the church, family and the pastor. Pray for those sick around the world. May God save us all from evil.
- Please pray for my great-nephew **Colin**, who is struggling with breathing problems.
- Prayers for the family of **Chris Churchill**, who died on Monday.
- For insight, hope and resilience as I search for a new job. Prayers of healing for my uncle. Reconciliation between my mom and younger brother.
- The family of **Lois Lum**
- **Angela**: The family of Lois Lum. Happy birthday to my mom on Tuesday!

Sunday, February 2

- **Elise**: Prophet Jesus: Praise you for progress being made this week and keep going!
- **Kellie and Lynn**: Prayers for our cousin **Todd**, who was diagnosed with throat cancer.
- **Gwen**: Continued healing for **Lee Potter** recovering from surgery.
- Happy 33rd birthday to **Gordon Bartow** and prayers for those quarantined due to the coronavirus.
- May we all bend more for justice and use our strength to bend systems and institutions that need realigning.
- **Alice**: Prayers for my sister, **Anne**
- **Bruce**: For a friend, **Jim**, for his return home from rehab.

- Those awaiting medical diagnosis.
- **Sherri Cullen: Kathy Dewey, Grace Antonio, Annette Reed, Emma Peters, Rosie's dad, Steve.**
- My family, my niece's stepdad, who was put on life support this morning.

THANKS & PRAISE & JOYS

Sunday, January 12

- **Alice**: A joy! My sister, **Anne**, had a CAT scan on Friday and in showed improvement! Thank you for your continued prayers.
- Thanks be for **Joeviet Cooper** for her birthday will be Jan. 17.
- **Kim**: Prayers of the thanks that my daughter's cancer is shrinking.
- Thanks for the life of **Lenora Monkemeyer**. "She persisted" in getting out to community events and supporting justice and peace.

Sunday, January 26

- Dear God, Thank you for all the gifts you have given me. Help me to "know what time it is." Time to give is in the present.

Sunday, February 2

- **Peter**: Joy for family getting together, for babies growing and for the Poor People's Campaign saying "Everybody's Got a Right to Live."
- **Kim**: Thanks for God's continuing healing cancer.

Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By David and Ellen Bacon in memory of loved ones.

By Seth and Holly Austin in memory of their friend Jane Keenan.

By Pastor Alicia and Angela Palmieri in honor of the January birthdays of their mothers, Peg Leonard and Ann Owens.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sneddon by their daughters

Flowers were given to Ralph Best, Rita Soufleris, Steve Bacon, Aimee deBerjeois, Don Koten and Sheila Murphy.

Flowers were delivered by Margo Koten.

March birthdays

- 2 – Jerry Cargo, Emelia Weah
- 3 – Julia Ross
- 4 – Grace Bradshaw
- 5 – Doug Hemphill, Bob Coutts
- 6 – Aimie Sarkodie-Mensah Best
- 9 – Kirsten Magowan, Keith Wellner
- 11 – Rita Soufleris
- 13 – Alicia Wood
- 16 – Nichola Weah
- 17 – Johnathan Weah
- 19 – Stuart Hosler
- 20 – Donald Koten, Vito Sciscioli
- 22 – Craig Myers
- 24 – Lisa Weah
- 25 – Michael Fay
- 26 – Barbara Nunn
- 27 – Denise Marshall, Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler
- 30 – Renee McKay

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will meet at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Chappell Room. Nneka Eke will speak on "Trip to Nigeria." Jill Sarkodie-Mensah is hostess.

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

2020 total pledges: \$217,360
 Total Pledges Received \$37,724
 Non-pledge contributions \$8,342
 Trustees Bathroom Renovation
 Fund \$24,625

Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund

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



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9

Sunday the 9th

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship.

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

10:45 a.m. Christian Education, K-5th, Chappell Room

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

6 p.m. Disciple II Fast Track Bible Study, Chappell Room

Monday the 10th

7 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday the 11th

5-7 p.m. Food Pantry for Upstate students

Wednesday the 12th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Church & Society Committee

Thursday the 13th

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Pettengill Center

Friday the 14th

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

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 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, Laubach Room

10:45 a.m. Christian Education, K-5th, Chappell Room

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

6 p.m. Disciple II Fast Track Bible Study, Chappell Room

Tuesday the 18th

5 p.m. Outreach Committee, Chappell Room

Wednesday the 19th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 20th

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Pettengill Center

Friday the 21st

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

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

Sunday the 23rd

9 a.m. Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:45 a.m. Christian Education, K-5th, Chappell Room

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

Noon Soup & Sermon Chat, Chappell Room

6 p.m. Disciple II Fast Track Bible Study, Chappell Room

Monday the 24th

7 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday the 26th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday the 27th

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Pettengill Center

Friday the 28th

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

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

WEEK OF MARCH 1

Sunday the 1st

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

10:30 a.m. Worship. Communion

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

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

10:45 a.m. Christian Education, K-5th, Chappell Room

11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting/Potluck, Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. Disciple II Fast Track Bible Study, Chappell Room

Tuesday the 3rd

7 p.m. Teach-in: "Eve Was Framed: Speaking Truth about Gender"; snacks at 6:30 p.m., Pettengill Center

Wednesday the 4th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday the 5th

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Pettengill Center

Friday the 6th

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

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

Remembering Our Baptism
January 12, 2020
(5 photos)











Rally after Women's March
January 18, 2020
(5 photos)











Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
At Carrier Dome, January 26, 2020
(3 photos)







Morgan & Ruby
February 2, 2020
(2 photos by Carol Boll)



