

# THE CHIMES

March 5, 2020

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**Daylight Saving Time  
begins March 8. Re-  
member to turn clocks  
ahead one hour  
Saturday night.**

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

Alicia Wood, Pastor  
Tom Boll, Editor

## 2020 plans made, goals set

Those attending the congregational meeting on Sunday heard details from church leaders about the Food Pantry expansion coming in April, Missional and Fiscal budgets for 2020 and General Conference.

Missional goals include providing “meaningful, life-changing worship every week of the year,” increasing average weekly attendance to 125 and bringing in 15 new members.

A new photo and address directory to help us know and connect with one another is planned as is providing meaningful spiritual growth opportunities for our members.

As part of witnessing our faith, we share our space with a variety of community organizations. With the day care facility moving out this year or next, we will look to launch a day care ministry. We will continue to aggressively market our second- and third-floor space. The upgrading of our restrooms, which has begun, is also part of this plan.

As noted by Outreach Coordinator Galyn Murphy-Stanley in her column on Page 3, UUMC is preparing to serve expand the Food Pantry this spring, as other pantries close. This will mean doubling the number of people we serve and the addition of Tuesday afternoon pantry hours.

Church & Society will continue to seek issues that need to be illuminated through Teach-ins.

The Reconciling Ministries Team will keep the congregation informed on the actions of the 2020 General Conference in dealing with LGBTQIA+ issues and the possible split into two or more denominations.

On the fiscal side, 97% of 2019 pledged income was received. Projected 2020 income is \$360,800. Projected spending is \$490,149, which means deficit spending of \$140,349.

Electronic copies of these budgets will be distributed. Paper copies are available at the church office.

## Preventive steps in response to coronavirus outbreak

In response to the coronavirus outbreak, we are requesting that when you come for worship you do the following:

Bump elbows or bow instead of shaking hands, hugging or kissing during the greeting time and any other time.

On future Communion Sundays, grape juice will be available only in small cups and bread will be distribut-



ed by servers wearing food service gloves.

For your convenience, hand sanitizer dispensers are located to the right as you come in the Peale Entrance on the ground floor, off the elevator on the first floor, downstairs next to the doors to the kitchen, women's bathroom and Food Pantry and on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

## Come and feel the Holy Spirit in our beautiful sanctuary



Alicia Wood

Greetings,  
Yesterday, as I completed a meeting with a non-church related group they asked to see our sanctuary.

I said, "Of course!"

As the small group of three entered the sanctuary there were "oohs" and "ahhs."

I left the lights off so that the light from outside would shine in through the colorful stained-glass windows. We all just looked around in awe.

One person said, "There's a story in here."

I said, "Yes, the story of Jesus' ministry."

Then, I went on to share about windows one through eight. The Ascension window was lit up behind the organ, so I shared they could see that window from the outside.

Of course, there is an addi-

tional story of the people who have worshiped and served in the name of Jesus from this place.

I hear so many stories of lives changed because of our Christian love and outreach.

Another person from the group said, "He is in here. I feel Him."

I agreed.

I personally feel the Holy Spirit is present in our sanctuary every time I enter it. I mean every time, Monday through Sunday! Our sanctuary is beyond beautiful.

BUT the real beauty comes from the feeling and knowing that the presence of God is in the place.

I believe God is everywhere and will meet us where we're at.

AND I believe strongly that there is something extraordinarily special about the sacred space of our sanctuary on the corner of University Avenue and East Gen-

esee Street in Syracuse, New York. It's alive with the presence of the Holy Spirit!

Our congregation is incredibly warm and kind. I feel the Holy Spirit has guided us to be full of hospitality and compassion as we seek justice through the years.

This is a congregation grounded in faith in action.

As we travel around the world, let us always come back to our beautiful, colorful, story-rich sanctuary with our faith rooted in the Holy Spirit and calling us to "love the

*Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*" Luke 10:27

Sometimes it takes another person to remind us of the beauty we already hold.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Alicia

### ACTS fundraising dinner April 21

The annual fundraising dinner for the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse is April 21 at Drumlins Country Club. ACTS will be celebrating the fine arts and their pursuit of social justice.

Social hour is 5:30 p.m., with the dinner and program 6:30-8:30. Tickets are \$75, with \$40 of that tax deductible. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend so we can determine how many tables to reserve. UUMC is a founding member of ACTS. Awards will be given to ArtRage Gallery, Bishop Colette Matthews-Carter, pastor at Zion Hill World Harvest Baptist Church, and Bonnie Shoultz, of the Zen Center and Hendricks Chapel.

Recently elected officers of ACTS are: President Angela Douglas, Vice President Brian Moore, Secretary Linda Mulvey and Treasurer Jennifer Hamlin-Navias. Further details are available on the ACTS website ([www.ACTS-syracuse.org](http://www.ACTS-syracuse.org)).



**If you are interested in seeing photos and hearing about the experiences of some of those who went on the trip to the Holy Land in February, mark March 31 on your calendar. That evening at 7 p.m. there will be a presentation at Erwin First United Methodist Church, 920 Euclid Ave.**

# Furniture, appliances moved as food pantry expansion nears



**Galyn  
Murphy-  
Stanley**

*Update:* University United Methodist's Food Pantry expansion continues.

Many of us are deeply entrenched in the cleaning, moving of furniture, product and foods and the reorganizing of the basement spaces within UUMC.

I've been meeting regularly with internal and external invested groups to establish and familiarize all with a newer method of meeting community, neighborhood, guest, congregation and volunteer needs while always being mindful that folk struggling with food insecurity understand and feel welcome as to where to access free, nutritious dense foods for themselves, their family and their dependents.

Our basement will reflect a space that is efficient, accessible, capable and user friendly for the large number of people and amount of food that we plan to move through our space.

New furniture has been ordered from the CNY Food Bank. We have been acquiring large deliveries of USDA/Free shelf stable foods from the Food Bank as they've become available.

I have been meeting with community grant foundations to fund the underfunded and financially bridge our expansion as well.

And volunteer meetings are planned for the near future to educate, inform and recruit others to our volunteer workforce.

Our administrative Outreach team has seen renewal with



**What was once the Music Room is being transformed into the new Food Pantry in preparation of the expansion planned for April.**

many new members who are interested, supportive and invested in lending their voice, energy and efforts to UUMC's Outreach efforts.

We look forward to creating a specific administrative team that will focus efforts solely on our Food Pantry expansion and ongoing strategies in successfully building our new program.

I joined UUMC full time March 1 and look very forward to having the time and energy to secure a more focused effort and the time to execute tasks to build this exciting new program for our neighborhood and us all.

UUMC's Outreach ministry has a lot going on and is in a time of renewal and expansion. I explained our efforts more at the UUMC potluck March 1.

I will also conduct a similar presentation March 6 at noon for interested volunteers.

Please connect with me to

learn more, understand how to support this effort and/or how this program will affect our neighborhood and UUMC.

Additionally, I am happy to respond to questions through email at [outreach@uumcsyracuse.org](mailto:outreach@uumcsyracuse.org) or phone at 315-475-7277.

Great thanks to all of you who have, continue to and will support our Outreach efforts at UUMC.

Support looks very different person to person, but all have great value and are super important in these times of transition.

I appreciate you all, and I am grateful to work at a site where ideas are celebrated, everyone has a voice and there is a place for collective efforts.

More updates to come in the future...stay tuned.

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley,  
Outreach Coordinator

# People & Prayers

## THANK YOU

I want to thank the congregation and Pastor Alicia for the cards, visits and prayers while I was recuperating at Menorah Park after a serious fall that resulted in a broken leg.

I am happy to be home and gaining strength, but it will be a long recuperation. I hope to see you soon.

Don Koten

## DEATHS



**Ray Ashwood**, long-time member of the UUMC Adult Special Class, died Tuesday, Feb. 25. Ray was always faithful in his class attendance and was a welcome member of the UUMC family. His service was March 5.

UUMC member **Marilyn Benedict** has died at the age of 85. Her service is 4:30 p.m. March 10 at UUMC.

## ONTINUING 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
- **Erika:** Barb and Bob Weaver, Maria Storto.
- **Ann Owens:** Ross Wells, Ann's dad, health Issues

## PRAYERS REQUESTED:

### For Those in Military Service:

- Chance Lawson, Austin Payne, Ian Enderle

### Sunday, February 9

- **Angela Palmieri:** The family of Ann Beck, Angela's former

teacher

- **Ann Barnes** and her family and friends.
- Prophet Jesus: Praise and thanks for a new week, because you are the head of my household.
- Safe travels for all those going to the Holy Land.
- **Peter:** For community co-creation, collaboration and resiliency as we stay connected with all of God's people in our common good.
- **Ralph Best** and others with health issues
- Thanks for the wonderful snow and the lovely winter landscape and the chance to ski! Also for my sister and her family as they face substantial struggles with finances and mental health issues with my brother-in-law.
- **Alice:** My sister **Anne**.
- **Carrie and John Hunt:** Please hold **Barbara Jackson** and her family in our prayers as she faces serious health issues.
- **Mamie:** Good morning, family. Is your soul food filled and spirit song? Know you are blessed not only today but every day. No matter how your day started, know that he guides and blesses you within.

### Sunday, February 16

- God, be with us and remind us to seek you first.
- Please help those traveling, also those working with recovering from addiction.
- **Sherri Cullen:** **Kathy Dewey, Jayne McCarthy**, the family of **Grace Antonio**. A joy: My grandson **Isaiah** won the sectional and is going onto the

state qualifiers for track.

- For the people of Puerto Rico still struggling to recover.
- For God's continued guidance and his will to be done — peace worldwide.
- **Tom Boll:** For **Laurel**, a colleague at OCC, undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancer.
- For our president
- Happy birthday to my mother, **Pauline Doliber**, who celebrated her 93rd birthday yesterday. Prayers for my son, **Scott**, as he travels.
- **Jayne Humbert:** Healing prayers for **Peter Swords**.

### Sunday, February 23

- I say God bless America and DRC.
- **Alice:** My sister, **Anne**
- For God's guidance and help day to day. That his will be done.
- **Willie:** Please pray for my wife's health
- Good morning, ask ourselves what is one way you can help the homeless? Sending prayers to our family in the homelands.
- Prayers for the families (especially the children) in Syria who are suffering displacement, malnutrition, exposure to extreme weather and violence due to the continuing conflict there.
- Prayers for **Jim** at the Globe-trotters this afternoon
- **Bruce:** For **Donna**, recovering from a heart attack
- For those seeking asylum in the United States.
- **Mamie:** Good morning. Praise love, liberated love by the  
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# People & Prayers

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Lord himself. Blessed are we who has changed our lives and given our lives back to his with love and mercy. God bless everyone.

- For those fleeing violence in Syria and refugees on our border fleeing violence.
- Safe journey for my son traveling to Denver.
- Pray for the family of **Jay Picco**, who died this week.
- Be with all those impacted by the coronavirus. Caregivers, patients or families.
- **Peter**: For the great stories we can hear and tell, and how our great stories can replace the “master narrative” that holds us all down and be transformed.
- **Elise**: Prophet Jesus: Bless the ones who are sick by the coronavirus by healing and search for vaccine.
- For **Pastor Alicia** and all who traveled. **Lee Potter** as she recoups.
- Keep all those traveling safe.

## Sunday, March 1

- For enduring peace in Afghanistan and human rights for the people.
- **Carrie and John**: Please pray for **Don Koten's** continued healing and recovery.
- **Peter**: For health and health care for all. We are each only as well as the person with the least care among us.
- Thanks for peace talks and tentative agreement in Afghanistan.
- Pray for **Timmy G.**
- **Alice**: For my sister, **Anne**.
- **Connie Myers**: Family and friends of **Brenda Neuss**, who

died this week.

- **Avery White and Lou Roberts**.
- **Jayne Humbert**: Healing prayers for **Peter Swords**.
- **Sherri Cullen: Kathy Dewey, Jayne McCarthy, the family of Grace Antonio, Cindy and her mom**.
- **Jim Tallman** reminds us today we start using reusable bags to take part in being kind to the Earth.
- The **Gannon family** – sending love and strength to them all.
- Prophet Jesus: Bless the ones who suffer with the coronavirus because they need you to heal them.
- **Holly**: Please pray for my cousin, **Beth**, who was in a severe car accident on Friday and is in a coma and has bleeding on her brain.
- Syrian refugees.

## JOYS, THANKS AND PRAISE

### Sunday, February 9

- **Morgan**: Happy birthday to **Stella**, who turns 9 on Wednesday!
- **Lee Potter**: Thank you for the congregation and their expression of love through prayers, cards, calls and Sunday prayers.

### Sunday, March 1

- **Ed Tillapaugh: Angela Tillapaugh** has been accepted into Simmons University's master's of library science program in Boston.
- **Carrie and John Hunt**: Congratulations! **Jerome** is a U.S. citizen.
- **Sherri Cullen**: Joy! My grandson is going to States for track next Friday and Saturday. I am going!

# Altar flowers

Altar flowers were given:

By Mike and Gwen Tilla-paugh-Fay in memory of loved ones.

By Bobbie and Ernie Hemphill in memory of loved ones.

By Rita Soufleris in memory of loved ones

By Nancy Hough in memory of Stephen Chen and Katherine Huang.

Flowers were given to Stephen Shepherd, Deborah O'Connor-Slater, Dennis Triggs, Peter Swords, Mary Slack, JoAnn May, Nate Appleton and Tom Owens. Flowers were delivered by Bobbie and Ernie Hemphill.

# April birthdays

- 1 – Matthew Steenberg
- 2 – Ted Holmes, Jereline Weah
- 5 – Ralph Best, Diamond Weah
- 6 – Connor Fay
- 11 – Sheila Murphy
- 13 – Doug Coutts
- 14 – Martha Nicholas
- 16 – Julie Pedro, Ryan Steenberg, Eleanor Frank, Jeff Huard
- 17 – Dale Fryer
- 19 – Dr. Richard Phillips, Gale Youmell, Abby Hyland
- 20 – Corinne Upcraft
- 22 – Princess Weah
- 24 – Carol Dawes
- 25 – Cheryl Brown
- 29 – Janet Sciscioli
- 30 – Dennis Triggs

## Women's Guild

The next meeting is 1:30 p.m. March 25 at Bobbie Hemphill's, 4628 Providence Road, Jamesville. The program is by Lee and Ed Potter on their journeys to Central America.

## Finance Corner

### Pledging Update

2020 total pledges: \$217,360  
 Total Pledges Received \$55,109  
 Non-pledge contributions \$9,457  
 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 MARCH 8**

#### Sunday the 8th

**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 9th

**7 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday the 10th

**5-7 p.m.** Food Pantry for Upstate students  
**5:30 p.m.** Governing Board, Chappell Room

#### Wednesday the 11th

**9:30 a.m.** Staff Meeting

#### Thursday the 12th

**7:30 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal, Petten-gill Center

#### Friday the 13th

**10 a.m.** Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Diapers, Fellowship Hall  
**12:30 p.m.** Lenten Book Study, Chappell Room

### **WEEK OF MARCH 15**

#### Sunday the 15th

**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

#### Wednesday the 18th

**9:30 a.m.** Staff Meeting

#### Thursday the 19th

**7:30 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal, Petten-gill Center

#### Friday the 20th

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

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

### **WEEK OF MARCH 22**

#### Sunday the 22nd

**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

#### Tuesday the 24th

**5:15 p.m.** Outreach Committee,

Chappell Room

#### Wednesday the 25th

**9:30 a.m.** Staff Meeting

#### Thursday the 26th

**7:30 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal, Petten-gill Center

#### Friday the 27th

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

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

### **WEEK OF MARCH 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

**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

#### Wednesday the 1st

**9:30 a.m.** Staff Meeting

#### Thursday the 2nd

**7:30 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal, Petten-gill Center

#### Friday the 3rd

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

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

# 5 Baptisms

February 9, 2020



Holy Land Trip  
February 2020  
(11 photos)  
By Mark Fullerton & Pastor Alicia



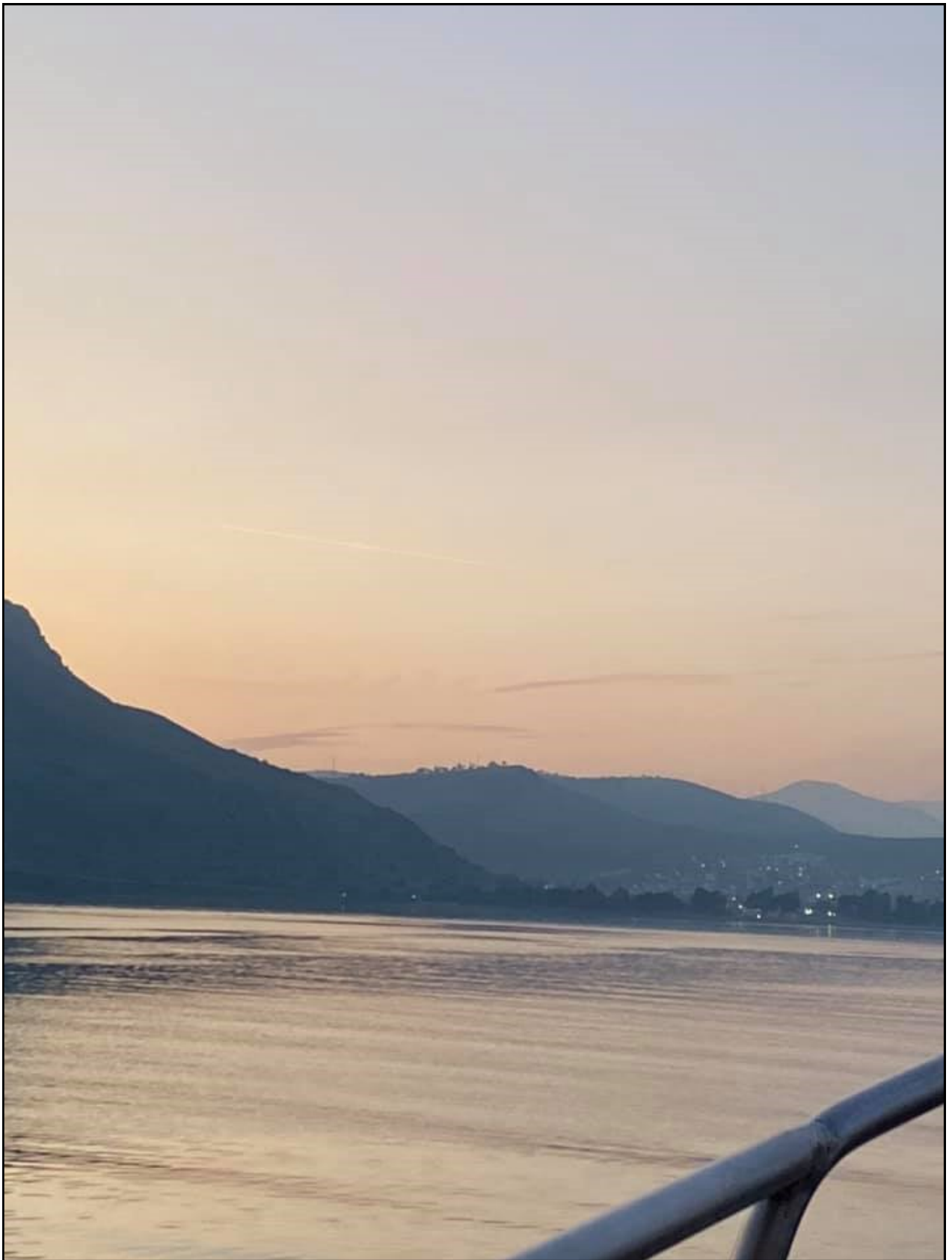
























Communion Service and  
Congregational Meeting  
March 1, 2020  
( 7 photos)

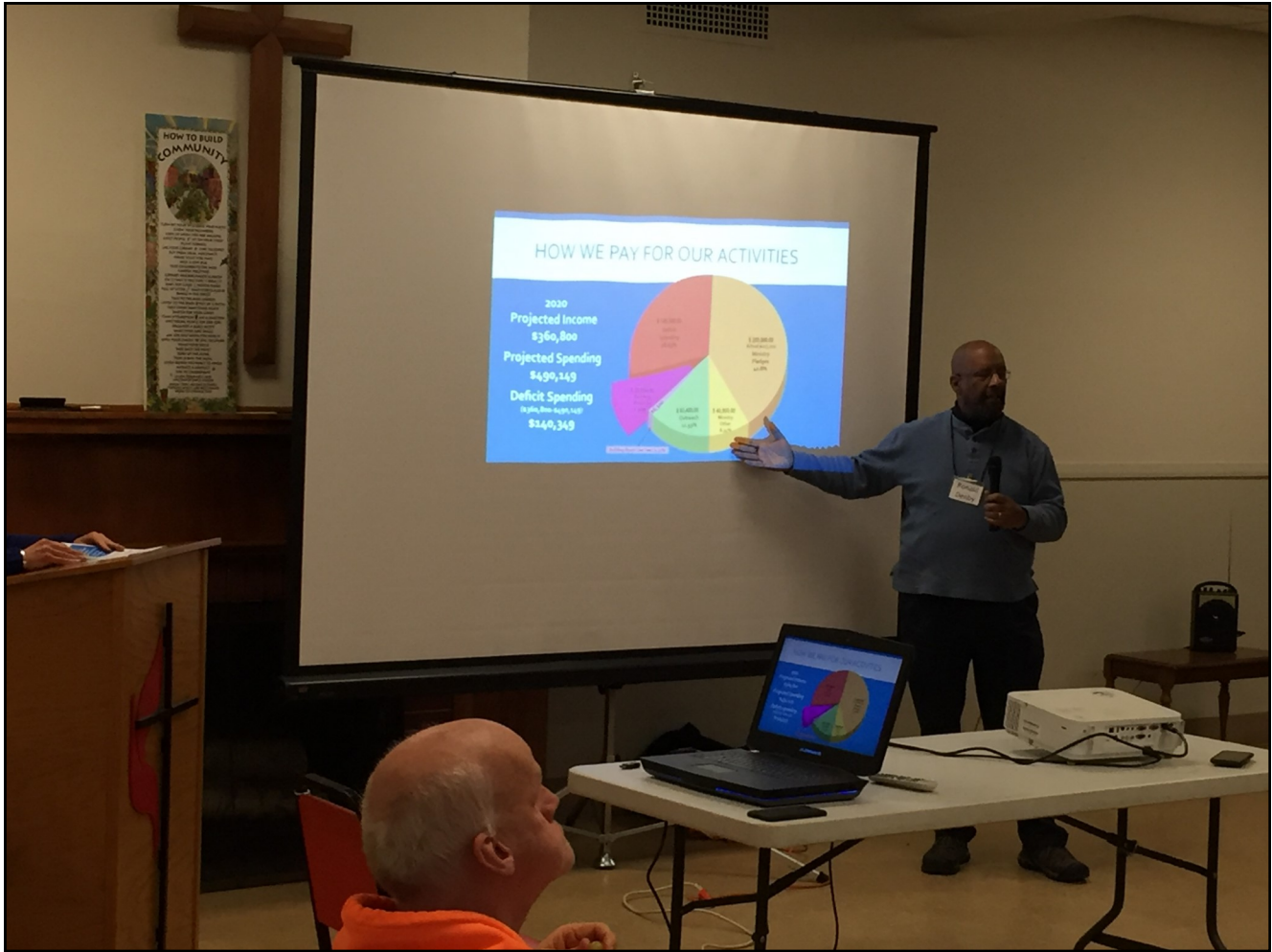




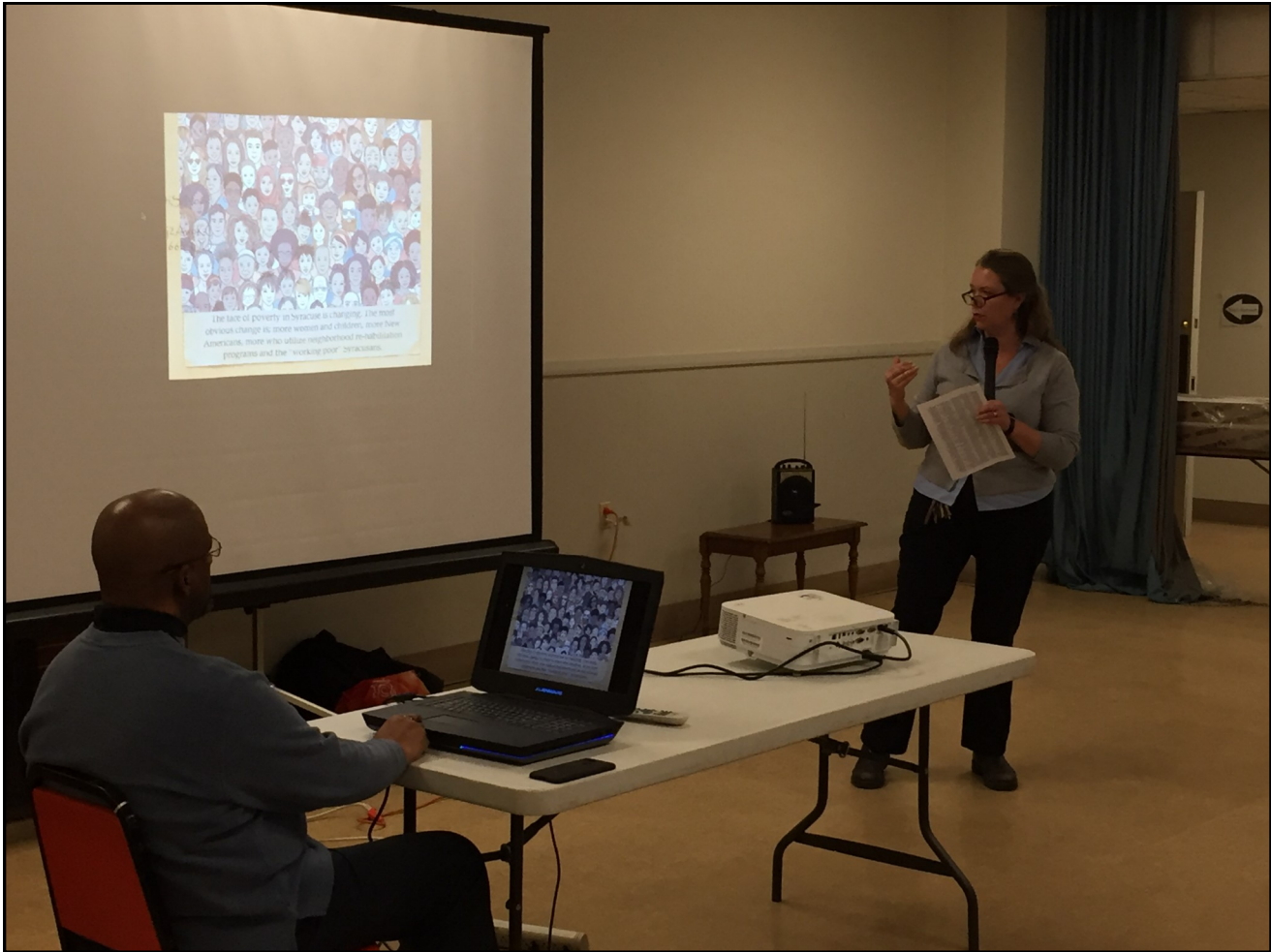












The face of poverty in Detroit is changing. For more  
options change in more women and children, more have  
Americans, more who utilize neighborhood re-habilitation  
programs and the "working poor" initiatives.