

THE CHIMES

March 12, 2021

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Daylight Saving Time starts this weekend. Be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 13.

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Alicia Wood, Pastor
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Join our Easter celebration online or in-person April 4

We're past the halfway point of Lent, with Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday, March 28.

Worship will be only online that day, but you can still have palms with you, provided by the church.

Come to the church office 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 25 or 26 to pick them up.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday worship is being provided online by Syracuse United Methodist Ministries at 7 p.m. April 1 at this address:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVL6nzS-I_s

Each city United Methodist church will have a person delivering a short meditation. Sue Bates will represent UUMC. Dennis Triggs recorded "He Never Said A Mumbalin' Word," an African-American spiritual arranged by Paul Taylor, for the service also.

Good Friday, April 2, our Sanctuary will be open for prayer 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4, we will resume in-person worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. unless there's a drastic change in COVID cases by then. Online worship will still be offered at 11 a.m.

We are expecting to comfortably accommodate 75-80 worshippers. Please call the office, 315-475-7277, to reserve a spot in advance, so we can be prepared.

The service includes a special presentation of "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" arranged by John H. Behnke. Participants include the UUMC Choir, organist Dennis Triggs, UUMC Handbell Choir, trombonists Matthew Holloway and Brent Paris and trumpeters B.J. Boycheck and Chuck Penfield.

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Marcie Bartnick joins staff

Marcie Bartnick is joining our staff as the social media specialist/administrative assistant March 15.

Marcie is a native of Connecticut, but grew up in northern New York (Carthage/Watertown area) and now lives

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Marcie Bartnick

Pledging for '21 continues

Members and friends of UUMC generously supported our varied ministries in 2020, launching us into 2021 in a healthy condition. Giving was up substantially.

We ended 2020 with a surplus of \$680 instead of a projected deficit of \$65,349. (See February 5 Chimes for details.)

In 2020, pledge income was budgeted at \$200,000 and

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We've changed in past year; now let Jesus transform us



Alicia Wood

Greetings,

The past month, for many of us, has been one filled with medical emergencies and sadly even the death

of a loved one.

I've seen firsthand how a family adapts to the medical needs of a family member in crisis.

I've also witnessed how families shift and change when a family member dies.

How the family operates as a unit of care after a fall or stroke or seizure is both challenging and amazing.

The family is forever changed. Siblings see each other's gifts and challenges. They rally around a cause. Hopefully, together they make decisions.

The bottom line is the family is forever changed. There becomes a new normal.

The same is true when a loved one dies. The family and the way they interact with each

other is forever changed. There is a before and after the loved one's death.

We are more than halfway through Lent. This year we are focusing on healing and recovery, yet we long for Easter.

This Easter will be like no other. We will be back in person with some of us vaccinated filled with hope that things will "go back to normal."

This Easter our in-person worship will be joyous as we gather together yet sad because of all the changes and thoughts of those we have lost this past year.

The truth is, we will never "get back to normal." We are forever changed as a society and church family. The pandemic has changed us and our society in so many ways.

We appreciate time in a new way. We appreciate family and friends in a new way. We appreciate singing and music in a new way.

Easter is a reminder that Jesus was transformed and is

transforming.

This Easter, after the year we have been through, let's let ourselves be transformed by Jesus.

Just as families are forever changed after a health crisis or loved one's death, let our church family be transformed.

Jesus healed and transformed the broken. How might we be guided by Jesus this year to not be healed back to the way it was but healed and transformed into something new and improved?

"He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The Lord has spoken!

"In that day the people will proclaim, 'This is our God! We trusted in him, and he saved us! This is the LORD, in whom we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!'"

— Isaiah 25: 8-9 (NLT)

Happy Easter!

Pastor Alicia

In-person protocol remains

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SubCat Studios is putting together the collaborative work.

Protocol will be the same as when we had in-person worship last fall: Come in the Peale Entrance on University Avenue, wear a mask, sign in with name and phone number for contact tracing, use hand sanitizer and sit socially distant in the Sanctuary. Families may sit together.

If you are able to volunteer on Easter Sunday, please call the church office.

Soup ministry delights 23 UUMC households

Ted Finlayson-Schueler chopped, sliced, measured and stirred — filling two giant pots with the ingredients for chicken rice soup one Saturday afternoon in February. He cooked enough to fill 32 quart containers.

The next day four drivers dropped off a container or two with a packet of Lenten materials to 23 households of UUMC members and attendees.

The goal was to let those who hadn't attended our online

worship services know that the church misses them and cares about them.

Ted said he got some personal thank-you notes and calls from recipients.

Jayne Humbert, who dropped off this "soup for the spirit" at four homes, said the singles and families were all delighted.

Gail Tyndall trekked to seven homes and then said how thankful she was to have the

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Food volunteers able to get appointments for vaccine



Galyn Murphy-Stanley

Emergency Food workers/volunteers are now able to access the COVID vaccine in New York state. With about 30 letters generated for our volunteers, 30 more people are in, or about to begin the vaccine cycle who were unable to access the COVID vaccine before. We will continue this effort as needed.

Donations of foods, baby formula, outerwear and hygiene supplies continue to roll in from the Goodwill of the Finger Lakes, the Rescue Mission and congregation members. We thank you all for these donations. They are very needed and appreciated.

- As the weather warms, we're in need of hygiene items such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, body lotion, toothbrushes and personal razors for Sunday breakfast.
- After presenting at several meetings and conferences in January and February about our efforts at UUMC's Food Center, I will continue into spring with guest speaking

February 2021 Emergency Food & Diaper Distribution

Date	House holds	Adults	Children	Seniors	Families w/ Children	Bagel Breakfast	Pet Food
2/5	271	519	668	56	—	(2/7) 73	47
2/12	—	—	—	—	—	(2/14) 50	NA
2/19	194	374	305	65	—	(2/21) 80	NA
2/26	197	374	305	65	—	(2/28) 70	NA
Total	662	1,219	1,012	198	390	273	47

No distribution on 2/12 because of extreme cold weather.

- Total Individuals who received food from UUMC's Food Center: **2,629** (Food distributions & breakfasts)
- Total number of families served who have children: **481**
- Babies who received diapers on Feb. 5: **271**. This equals **14,550** diapers distributed.
- Total guests who visited UUMC for Sunday breakfast: **273**.

appointments for a couple of SU classes and with Temple Concord. This will shine more light on our efforts and educate others on the Emergency Food efforts in CNY.

- We had our most successful, most manageable diaper distribution on Friday, March 5. Finally able to reap the benefits of our work, we were able to home in on our quadrants' population exactly, while still providing blankets, sanitary pads and baby formula to

each baby along with their diapers. With this success we hope to find a sustainable number of households who visit us each week into the future.

Please reach out to me at outreach@uumcsyracuse.org with any questions or for information on how to become involved.

Next weekend brings the sun back to us. Stay strong and fight for the things you care about (RBG)! Masks up!!

— Galyn Murphy-Stanley,

Marcie worked at nonprofits in Utica area and Harley-Davidson; she loves travel

CONTINUED from Page 1 in New Hartford. She graduated from Utica College with a bachelor's degree in public relations and Herkimer County Community College with an associate degree in radio/television broadcasting.

She spent her early career working for several nonprofit organizations in the Utica area in

various capacities including United Way, the Neighborhood Center and most recently at Harley-Davidson of Utica where she was the Marketing Manager for the past 10 years before joining UUMC.

She and her husband, Allen, will celebrate 33 years of marriage in August, and are parents

to a daughter, Justine, who is the center of their world.

Marcie enjoys exploring countries through travel, loves science fiction shows/movies, mystery novels and gardening and can often be found sharing her love of food by cooking for her family and friends.

People & Prayers

DEATH



Longtime faithful member **Jo-Ann May** died Feb. 14. She was head usher for UUMC for many years.

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

For Those in Military Service:

- **Chance Lawson, Austin Payne, Ian Enderle, Nic Weah, Asani Mauridi**

Sunday, February 7

- For the guidance of the doctors and healing of **Aimee deBerjeois' dad**, who is hospitalized
- For **Mac Sabol**. He received an unexpected diagnosis. Please pray for his strength and health to return.
- **Pastor Alicia**: for **Rev. B.J. Norrix and his family**. B.J.'s mom died Feb. 6. She is now at peace with the Lord.
- **Jayne Humbert**: Prayers for **Aimee's** shoulder and her father's swift recovery
- **Erika Vitthuhn**: Prayers for **Barb Weaver** and the **Olcott Family**
- **Holly Austin**: Prayers for my father, who needs his shoulder replaced
- **Shirley Miller**: Pray for the full recovery of our grandson-in-law, who was wounded in the FBI incident in Florida last week
- **Sue Bates**: For those with health issues, for our essential workers.
- **Jayne Humbert**: Prayers that our government makes good and wise decisions

- **Barbara Fought**: Those grieving loved ones who have died; **Alicia and her family; Pastor B.J. Norrix and family**, the family of **Peggy West**
- Pray for **Jeanne F-S's** pain to be relieved and her knee to heal quickly.

Sunday, February 14

- **Pastor Alicia**: For **James May**, son of **Jo-Ann May**, who died today.
- **Jackie Sadowski**: **Kathy and Gerald Piper**
- **Ted Finlayson-Schueler**: Dropping COVID deaths
- **Ann Owens**: For Sister, **Trudy** and her family without power and very cold temperatures.
- **Barbara Fought**: Those who loved **Jo-Ann May**. For **Lois**.
- **Pastor Alicia**: For **James M.;** for **Lois**
- **Ted Finlayson-Schueler and Kim Kromer Murphy**: **Mac Sabol's** recovery
- **Stephanie Hitztaler**: For **Jani**, who will have knee surgery tomorrow
- **Barbara Bova**: Our nation in these divided times
- **Sharon Smith**: For **Darren**, struggling with addiction
- **Kim Kromer Murphy**: For those affected by the storm across the nation
- **Barbara Fought**: For **Jeanne** and relief from pain
- **Jackie Sadowski**: **Mac Sabol, Kathy Piper, Esther Pardue**
- **Barbara Fought**: For **Kirsten Magowan** and her new hip

Sunday, February 21

- For **Rev. B.J. Norrix**, whose father died, Feb. 19. His mother died Feb. 6.

- **Holly Austin**: Prayers for our new teen who may come live with us and who is spending the weekend here, that our transition may be smooth and this be a good place for her.
- **Pastor Alicia**: Prayers for **Kim**
- **Sue Bates**: Prayers for those suffering with health issues.
- **Pastor Alicia**: Prayers for **Eva Cooper and family**
- **Barbara Fought**: Please pray for **Linda**, recently hospitalized with severe depression. And for her family as they are unsure how to be helpful.
- **Holly Austin**: Prayers for **Jeanne F-S** and her joints.
- **Pastor Alicia**: Please pray for **Lois, Mac S., Don K.**
- **Rosey Oaks-Lee**: A friend in Honduras asks for our prayers for the people there. COVID is increasing. Immunizations will not come there until May. And people there fear death from want even more than death from COVID.
- **Carol Boll**: Prayers for our daughter **Rachel**, dealing with some health issues.
- **Erika Vitthuhn**: Prayers for **Barb Weaver**
- **Joyce F.**: Please pray for my friend **Rani**, who has stage four cancer.

Sunday, February 28

- **Eileen Schell**: Prayers for a nurse friend who has long-haul symptoms from COVID and is trying to figure out if her heart has been affected
- **Stephanie Hitztaler**: Prayers for everyone at **Oliver and Vera's** school. At least one of the student teachers there
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People & Prayers

- Page 5 CONTINUED from Page 4 has COVID and was in contact with kids and teachers all last week. Prayers that the whole school community would be OK.
- **Aimee deBerjeois:** Prayers for our dear **Mac Sabol** that his body is strong and will be healed
 - **Jackie Sadowski:** **Esther Pardue** preparing for cancer treatment.
 - **Barbara Fought:** For **Don and Margo Koten**
 - **Pastor Alicia:** Prayers for **Lois** and her caretakers
 - **Holly Austin:** For our foster teen's transition to our house and a new school
 - **Barbara Fought:** Prayers for our county executive, **Ryan McMahon**, who has been a strong leader during the pandemic who has pandemic-related stress and health issues
 - **Pastor Alicia:** Prayers for **Ashley's** strength and her mom, **Tammy's** healing. Tammy has been hospitalized after a massive stroke.
 - **Barbara Fought:** Prayers for Nels' niece, **Chris G.**, for physical healing
- Sunday, March 7**
- **Barbara Fought:** A woman recently diagnosed with cancer, spreading quickly throughout her body.
 - **Sue Bates:** My 16-year-old great nephew **Kyler** suffering depression due to COVID.
 - **Barbara Fought:** For racial justice and equality
 - **Jackie Sadowski:** **Esther Pardue, Cathy & Lou Roberts**
 - **Holly Austin:** Please continue to pray for my family as we welcome a foster teen into our home and hearts.
 - **Carol Boll:** Prayers for **Stephanie Hitztaler** on the death of her father.
 - **Barbara Fought:** We have been praying for **Linda**, who has mental health issues, but medicine and medical attention are helping her and she is getting better. Thanks to God.
 - **Connie Myers:** Family of **Judson**
 - **Erika Vitthuhn:** **Carus Olcott, Barb Weaver**
 - **Caleb Goldberg:** Prayers for a friend who was recently diagnosed with COVID. He's asymptomatic but is battling seasonal depression and now has to quarantine alone at school
- JOYS, THANKS & PRAISE**
Sunday, February 7
- Joy, for the wedding of former UUMC organist **Nathan Sumrall and John Ginn** on Feb. 9.
- Sunday, February 14**
- **Stephanie Hitztaler:** Thanks for winter weather and snow and the opportunity for kids

If you intend to pledge, please return card by March 24

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\$211,322 was received.

Pledging is continuing for our 2021 fiscal year. Thus far, 42 persons/families have pledged \$198,380. Last year, there were 59 pledges.

If you have not yet pledged but intend to do so and need a pledge card, please call the church office at 315-475-7277.

Pledges are a statement of commitment and may be changed if your circumstances change. Please return your pledge card by March 24.

Pledges are paid in a variety of ways. Most pay by check, 20 pay

on the internet and seven people pay automatically through their bank accounts.

The healthy pledging and giving indicates how strong we have become during this pandemic year, enabling us to continue to worship together, build community through Bible study, caring and supporting each other, volunteering for our ministries that not only provide food but bring hope and a sense of God's love into many lives.

Thank you for your commitment, for caring so deeply and for sharing God's presence and love.

— *Nelson Price*
Stewardship Committee

April birthdays

- 1 – Matthew Steenberg
- 2 – Ted Holmes, Jereline Weah
- 5 – 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
- 25 – Cheryl Brown
- 29 – Janet Sciscioli
- 30 – Dennis Triggs

Finance Corner

Pledging Update

Total pledges received:	\$56,224
Non-pledge contributions	\$7,742
UUMC PPP Loan (CARES Act)	\$36,365
SUMM PPP Loan (CARES Act)	
(Pastors' Salaries)	\$31,888
Trustees Bathroom Renovation Fund	\$27,825
<u>Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund</u>	
Donations received	\$95,991
Expenses paid	\$88,891
Current balance	\$7,100



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Delivery of soup enjoyed by drivers and recipients

CONTINUED from Page 2 opportunity to be a part of this ministry of care. She said the recipients were thrilled.

"I loved doing it, and they loved having us come," Gail said.

Lee Potter, who delivered soup with husband, Ed, encountered a kind truck driver.

Lee said, "I was parked in the middle of a narrow street while delivering one of the soups. I didn't trust driveways due to an overnight snowfall.

"Unfortunately a truck came up behind my car and was stuck there until I could finish an outdoor conversation. The driver was very patient, and I wished that I had an extra soup to share with him."

Ted came up with the idea, and the Care Team compiled the list. Mark Fullerton also delivered soup.

The project was coordinated by Barbara Fought and Nelson Price.

— Barbara Fought



Above, Ted Finlayson-Schueler portions out the chicken rice soup he made. Below, Jayne Humbert makes one of her four deliveries. (Photos by Barbara Fought)



Mark Zimmerman in U.S., will give online presentation

Dr. Mark Zimmerman and son Benjamin will make a presentation for UUMC on Zoom and be available for questions at 1 p.m. March 17.

Mark is a United Methodist missionary in Nepal, as is his wife, Deirdre, who is a nutritionist. They attended UUMC when Mark was attending Upstate Medical University. UUMC helps support their work financially.

Mark and Benjamin are in the U.S. as Mark is delivering Benjamin to his school.

The Zoom link for this event is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85125688713?pwd=L284cTdjK3F6bDFGZ296cFNWZkJoQT09>. It will ask for a passcode: 7277.

If you're not able to witness this presentation live, a recording will be available.

Cash from Amazon

Many thanks to those who named UUMC as their charity while shopping on Amazon Smile. The church received \$78.29 this month as a result.

Our Emergency Food Friday and Sunday Breakfast Distributions



























