

# THE CHIMES

April 9, 2021

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**Vacation: Pastor  
Alicia will be away  
April 12-19.**

**Connie Myers is the  
new chair of the  
Staff/Parish Rela-  
tions Committee.**

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## It's Eastertide and time to dare to dance once again

Easter is just past and we're into the season of Eastertide, which will end with Pentecost on May 23.

Our worship series for the season is "Dare to Dance Again."

As Worship Design Studio, the series creator, says: "The Easter season is a time of 'coming out of the tombs.'

"In a year like we've had in 2020-2021, the tombs of death, economic loss, grief and unrest are obvious.

"Yet some tombs we need to emerge from are of our own making and we ask ourselves, 'What holds us back from claiming our freedom to really LIVE and to dance our dances fully?'

"No matter what confines us, the Easter message is one that offers the courage for new starts."

The key image for this series is the umbrella, used by Gene Kelly in "Singin' in the Rain," in which he sang, "The sun's in my heart and I'm ready for love."

"When we dare to dance together in spite of the pain, we proclaim our readiness, courage and celebration of the love that has, and will, get us through," Worship Design Studio says.

The weekly topics in this series include: "While in Their Joy: Dancing Sure," "With Great Power: Dancing Together," "By This We Will Know: The Dance of Love," "From You Comes My Praise: Guide My Steps," "Who Can Withhold? Break Forth!," "Gone Up with a Shout: Clap Your Hands" and "Spirit Poured Out: Dare to Dance Again."

## Work planned at UUMC

Temperatures are rising and with spring here, activity is picking up at UUMC regarding sprucing up the outside of the building.

They include:

Four tables with benches and umbrellas have been installed in the Copper Beech side of the front of our building. Sunday breakfast guests can use them as well as passersby. They'll have multiple uses by the congregation as well.

Landscapers will be clearing the  
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## Wrap-up on 2021 pledging

Twenty-two members and friends stepped forward for their 2021 financial pledges to UUMC for a total increase of \$18,716.

However, six found it necessary to step back for a total of \$15,920, and eight did not renew their pledges for a total of \$9,604.

In 2019, 55 pledgers committed \$203,474. In 2020, 59 committed \$217,360. And for this year, 46 committed \$204,940.

Note that in 2021, 46 pledgers  
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# Let's pray and act to prevent crimes produced by hate



Alicia Wood

Greetings!

Sometimes I get discouraged with our society when I hear about the violence that we do

to one another. I don't understand it. The recent hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are historically sad and horrible.

Do you remember the scripture of the Good Samaritan? This week please reread it from Luke 10:30-37.

In this parable, Jesus tells the story of a man who was walking down the road and is beaten, robbed and left for dead.

A priest walks by the man. A Levite (a man of religious status) walks by the man. Then, a Samaritan stops and helps the man left to die on the side of the road.

The Samaritan (a very disliked group by the hearers of Jesus) goes above and beyond to care for the man.

I'm sharing this story because it may sound similar to what we have heard about the

attacks on the AAPI people in the United States.

You may be thinking, "I would never leave someone on the side of the road for dead. I would help the man." I believe this is true of you. I'm sharing this story so that we may go even farther than helping once the crime is committed.

Jesus said, "Love God and love your neighbor as yourself."

I wonder, have you or someone you know ever felt that enraged or desperate to beat and rob another person? What has stopped you/them?

What could we do as individuals and a faith community to love our neighbors so much that we talk with people about hate, prejudice, rage or desperation before a crime is committed?

Do we talk with one another about race? How do we teach our children to love all people, stressing hate and discrimination are never options?

I am in awe of the Good Samaritan. He is the Asian American, Pacific Islander, Native American, Latino, African Ameri-

can or disabled person of today who is discriminated against, yet he stopped everything and helped someone in need.

Maybe he recognized the man on the side of the road left for dead could have easily been him instead. He truly did love God and his neighbor as himself.

Let's build relationships with people who are from different walks of life so that we may have the tough conversations about discrimination and the path to love and acceptance of our neighbors.

Let's speak out against hate before it becomes a hate crime.

Let's pray for all those who have suffered violence that they may heal in body, mind and spirit.

Let's pray for those who feel violence is the only way and that they may find the help they need today.

"Be the change you want to see in the world." — Gandhi

Peace be with you until we meet again,

*Pastor Alicia*

## Donations for Easter flowers

Even though Easter flower donations were not solicited this year by the Altar Guild, the Guild reports receiving the following:

Thank you to Elvina Long of Owego, N.Y., for her donation to the Altar Guild in memory of Viola Sneddon, Andrew Sneddon, Dr. Ernest Sneddon, Alma Waltman and Andrew Waltman.

Thank you to Pat Colbert and Russ Steenberg for an Easter donation in memory of: Donald and Jeanne K. Steenberg; Alice and Frank Kehoe; Ethel, Gerald and Larry Steenberg; Linda, Bob and Brian Steenberg; and Nancy Peet and Bruce Steenberg.

Volunteers needed for mowing, planting

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flowerbeds.

A nest of bees on the north end of the building will be addressed, along with replacing rotting wood there.

The red front doors will be repainted.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Picking up and planting flowers in the planters on the front steps and at the University Avenue entrances.
- Mowing the grass weekly — the church has a mower.

In addition, our main kitchen will be professionally cleaned April 14.

# Volunteers get vaccinated; donations come pouring in



**Galyn Murphy-Stanley**

Looking forward/updates:

- Emergency food workers/volunteers have been able to access the COVID

vaccine in New York state for about six weeks. We've gener-

ated about 45 letters for our volunteers. Therefore, 45 more people are in 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, financial donations and hygiene supplies continue to roll into our Outreach ministry. We thank you all for these donations. They are very needed, appreciated and are immediately used. Please see Page 6 of this Chimes for the updated list of accepted donations for use at UUMC or Syracuse United Methodist Restart ministry,
- Spring brings grant writing season. This time of year many of our grants ask for final reports on the awards that have been given and applications for the next grant year are due. Grant writing has become an important part of my job. Grant awards bring us additional funds that ensure we have the money to do the work we'd like to do for the people of Syracuse as well as attention from a wider network who often feature, celebrate and support our efforts.
- In the last week of March, out-

## March 2021 Emergency Food & Diaper Distribution

Date	House holds	Adults	Children	Seniors	Families w/ Children	Bagel Breakfast	Pet Food
3/5	199	408	483	85	117	(3/7) 55	NA
3/12	189	379	304	44	109	(2/14) 80	NA
3/19	285	423	454	60	157	(3/21) 75	NA
3/26	190	302	356	61	95	(3/28) 70	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>0</b>

- Total individuals who received food from UUMC's Food Center: **4,016** (Food distributions & breakfasts)
- Babies who received diapers on March 5: **218**. This equals **10,900** diapers distributed.
- Additionally, **218** bundles of women's sanitary items created by the women of UUMC went to the mothers of these babies; **218** cans of infant formula donated by the Rescue Mission and **218** packages of wipes went to those mothers
- Total guests who visited UUMC for Sunday breakfast: **280**.

door tables, umbrellas, mulch and umbrella stands arrived at UUMC. Several, including Joyce and Sean Flynn, Richard Woodford, Kevin Bohannon and Nicholas McNaughton, worked to unload, build, place and secure the tables in UUMC's front garden under the Copper Beech tree. Several SU students from Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity installed umbrellas and laid mulch. This effort was approved by UUMC's Governing Board put forth by our Outreach Committee as a way to bring spirituality out to the people, to create an opportunity for all to enjoy Sunday worship and to bring forth some of what we learned in COVID (joining outside is often better, safer, easier).

- We predict the tables will be

in heavy use as the weather improves for and by a variety of congregants, guests, friends and neighbors.

- We look forward to opening the doors of the Narthex and the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings so all UUMC guests, congregants and the community can enjoy music, sermon and worship. Thanks to the Governing Board and Joyce Flynn for their speedy action and making this possible. Tables, umbrellas and bases were paid for by a CNY Community Foundation grant.
- In mid-April we will inherit 4 more appliances, clothing and books from Grace Episcopal Church. These refrigerators and freezers will become part of our Food Center and will provide much needed, addi-

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# People & Prayers

## DEATH

The Rev. Carol Moyer, wife of the late Rev. Dean Moyer, died April 8.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED:

### For Those in Military Service:

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

### Sunday, March 14

- **Connie Myers:** My friend S., who has a biopsy on Wednesday
- **Pastor Alicia:** Kathy C.
- **Barb Weaver:** Kathy C. and the family of Doug V.
- **Jackie Sadowski:** Gerald P.
- **Martha Sutter:** Continued healing for Mac Sabol
- **Susan Bates:** Prayers for those with health issues
- **Alphonso Cooper:** Prayers for my family
- **Ellyn Gale:** Prayers for all of us to make it better for all
- Prayers for the unaccompanied minors who have entered the U.S. through the southern border and the disaster spiritual care providers headed to Dallas convention center to be with them.
- **Barbara Fought:** Praying for Alphonso, Naomi and John as they await the new baby.

### Sunday, March 21

- **Pastor Alicia:** Kathy C., Mike S., Lois, prayers of joy for our friends who lead our songs each week.
- **Connie Myers:** S., recently diagnosed with cancer
- **Kim Kromer Murphy:** Prayers for the family of a youth who

passed away a month ago.

- **Bruce Webster:** Our Asian-American brothers and sisters
- **Connie Myers:** C., who is dealing with a relationship ending
- **Jackie Sadowski:** Esther P., Gerald P.
- **Kim Kromer Murphy:** Prayers for the family of a 2-year-old experiencing significant health problems.
- **Erica Vitthuhn:** Barb W., Carus O.

### Sunday, March 28

- The family of John "Jack" Kaple, 75, who died March 10. He was a good friend of Jim Tallman.
- **Pastor Alicia:** Bob W., Barb, Prayers for Lois and her continued healing. Prayers for safe travels of Rochelle Dail and Kiyah! Come back soon! Prayers for all those who are hurting, whether it be body mind or spirit.
- **Rochelle Dail:** Prayers for those yet to be vaccinated, for all the UUMC family and community, and those who have been unable to attend worship due to COVID.
- **Barbara Bova:** My friend who is recovering from unexpected major surgery
- **Carol Boll:** Mac Sabol
- **Susan Bates:** My great nephew Kyler, struggling with mental health issues
- **Sharon Smith:** Darren, who is struggling with addiction
- **Kim Kromer Murphy:** Please pray for my daughter's spirit, that she can find the positive in the everyday things of life and bring those around her up instead of down; prayers

for all the families with whom I work, as they go through difficult circumstances. I pray for healing and hope for them.

- **Erika Vitthuhn:** Barb W. and Maria S. and family
- **Lois MacNaughton:** For all the people whose lives are touched by your food pantry and breakfast mission
- **Jacquelyn Sadowski:** Esther P., Gerald P.

### Sunday, April 4

- **Aimee deBerjeois:** Mac Sabol for a full recovery
- **Erika Vitthuhn:** Barb Weaver, Charis Olcott, Maria S. and family
- **Jeanne Finlayson-Schueler:** Prayers for children learning the wonders of the world.
- **Barb Weaver:** MacKenzie and Josh S. in their grief.
- **Marjory Yelton:** Klock Family (Aunt Frances passed on Good Friday)
- **Ellyn Gale:** Peter Gale, Prayers for all as we take steps to move forward from this pandemic.
- **Shirley Kern:** Prayer for daughter Melissa B. that she does not have breast cancer.
- **Sharon Smith:** Aunt Mary, Uncle Dick and Darren
- **Gail Tyndall:** Barbara S.
- **Jim Tallman & Debbie Daby:** Please pray for Jack's family and friends, as he died recently.
- **Sue Bates & Liz Stehle:** Prayers for my family and those with health issues.
- **Starke Donnally:** Remembering loved ones lost in the past year as we see empty seats in  
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## Donations to Restart often come when most needed — a sharing of love

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with grateful hearts that the Restart Ministry thanks all who support this outreach work. As we are told in 1 Corinthians 16:14, “Let all that you do be done in love.”

It is apparent that love guides the many ways in which our friends provide both needed items and funds through many donations.

An example of this love can be found in the accompanying picture.

When Restart reached out for donations of items needed to provide children whose families were moving out of Vera House’s safe haven, many provided blankets, towels, dishes, cups, silverware, bibs, personal products and other items.

Some friends from as far as Florida made quilts with darling patterns that could comfort young ones.

Restart developed a list of items that can often run out quickly and registered them on



**Items donated to Restart Ministry for families with children moving out of the safe haven of Vera House.**

Amazon’s website.

Many friends send these items to Restart to help stock our shelves for deliveries.

It seems as if boxes arrive weekly and often the enclosed items go out within a week or two. Again, love shines through.

Recently, Walmart made a big contribution of items because the company cannot sell anything

that arrives in the warehouse within a damaged package.

Restart received some new futons, bedding sets, pillows and other items that will help when preparing for deliveries when clients have no beds or linens.

The Restart volunteers who unpacked those items recognized the love that would be felt when someone could start with new sheets, a comforter and a pillow on a bed.

Those who work with Restart often notice that just when something runs out like a kitchen table or mattress, someone will call and ask if we could use the very same item.

What can that be except God guiding us to spread love from others? Thank you for sharing your love.

In God’s love,  
*Restart Ministry Volunteers*

## Books and clothing will be sorted and made available

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tional cold storage for our Emergency Food distributions allowing our guests more foods, more diverse products and storage for donated fresh foods. This will bring our appliance count to 11 refrigerator/freezer units.

- Books and clothing will be sorted and put out to the people of Syracuse ASAP.

Please know that we are always looking for ways to include our congregation, our community and network in our efforts to meet the needs of our city. You are always welcome! Please reach out

to me at [outreach@uumcsyracuse.org](mailto:outreach@uumcsyracuse.org) with any questions or more information on how to become involved or to join our volunteer listserv to become informed of all the volunteer opportunities UUMC, our Food Center and our Methodist network has to offer.

April brings us Easter, a time for rebirth and love. The longer hours of sunlight bring us warmth. Renew and strengthen. Vaccinate yourselves and help others receive vaccinations. We will grow stronger together. Masks up!

— *Galyn Murphy-Stanley,*  
*Outreach Coordinator*

## Communications update

With the hiring of Marcie Bartnick as social media specialist/administrative assistant changes are on the way — details to come.

## May birthdays

2 – Melissa Pedro,  
Jaxon Steenberg  
4 – Ethel Phillips, Marg McDivitt  
6 – Bethany Boll  
17 – Caroline Brackett  
21 – Evan Simmons  
25 – Allison Virgo,  
Benjamin Virgo, Kirstin Coutts  
26 – Eileen Schell  
29 – Joyce Flynn  
30 – Bunny Hannum  
31 – Sara Bergan

## Finance Corner

### Pledging Update

Total pledges received:	\$59,470
Non-pledge contributions	\$9,748
UUMC PPP Loan (CARES Act)	\$36,365
SUMM PPP Loan (CARES Act)	
(Pastors' Salaries)	\$31,888
Trustees Bathroom Renovation Fund	\$27,825
<b>Sounds of the Spirit Visual Fund</b>	
Donations received	\$95,991
Expenses paid	\$88,891
Current balance	\$7,100

### People/Prayers

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- the church pews. This is the day of Resurrection.
- **Holly:** Prayers for **Seth** in his last few weeks of nursing school.
- Prayers for **Kathy, Logan and Ashley** as they grieve **Todd's** loss.
- **Prayers for everyone.**
- **Kevin:** Healing prayers for **Lois.**
- **Sherri:** Prayers for **Kathy and Jane**
- **Sharon:** Prayers for **Uncle Dick and Darren.**

### JOYS, THANKS & PRAISE

#### Sunday, March 14

- **Martha Sutter:** Gratitude for everyone who has made online worship possible this past year

#### Sunday, March 21

- **Stephanie Hitztaler:** Prayers of thanks for everyone's prayers and comforting thoughts as my family and I mourn the loss of my father. Your support has meant so much.

#### Sunday, April 4

- **Stephanie Hitztaler:** Prayer of gratitude for the Celebration of Life family service held for my dad.
- **Naomi Cooper:** Prayers of joy at the birth of **Devine Jr.**



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### What donations do we accept? Here's the full list...

#### **Below, the donations we accept for use at UUMC:**

- + Clean, gently used clothing, winter (thick) socks, gloves, hats and outerwear (Machine washable ONLY)
- + Clean, gently used shoes & boots
- + Undamaged books
- + Cat & Dog foods (Unexpired)
- + Undamaged/unopened shelf stable foods (Unexpired)
- + Unopened/undamaged personal hygiene items. Specifically; toothpaste, (individually wrapped) toothbrush, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, lotion, women's sanitary items
- + Baby diapers, baby wipes and unopened, unexpired foods for baby
- + Facemasks (Never worn, paper or cloth)
- + Financial donations drafted to University United Methodist Church with the destination in memo (i.e.: Food Center, winter clothing, breakfast, pet foods, etc.)

#### **Below, the donations we accept for the SUMM Restart ministry:**

- + Clean, gently worn pots, pans, flatware, glasses, china tableware (plates, bowls, mugs)
- + Clean, gently used bed blankets, sheet sets & towels (Machine washable ONLY)
- + Financial donations to the Syracuse United Methodist Ministries, with Restart noted on the memo line.

+ For donations of lamps or furniture contact Jackie Sadowski [jlsadowski@aol.com](mailto:jlsadowski@aol.com) or, Interfaith Works 315-449-3552. Both of these sites fill a

### Pledging helps UUMC plan for the year ahead

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exceeded giving by the 55  
pledgers of 2019. And, contri-  
butions by those who pledged  
in 2020 were almost  
\$234,000 — a tremendous out-  
pouring of love and commit-  
ment to support our mission as  
a congregation.

plan for the year knowing the  
resources that will be coming  
in.

We encourage those who  
have not yet made a commit-  
ment to send their pledges to  
the church office. It is not too  
late.

— Your Stewardship Team

Pledging helps the church

# Easter Sunday

## April 4, 2021













# Palm Sunday March 28, 2021









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