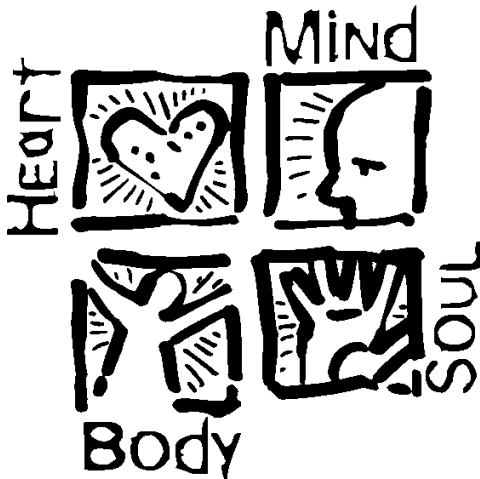


Catching the Wind, Trusting the Spirit



This newsletter is full of information about our exciting fall start-up, activities available for all ages, vital worship, provocative education and growing local mission. In these pages are also notes about changes that are to come, (or are already here), and other new ideas. In the coming months, we'll also be receiving information about our strategic planning process outcomes, enhanced mission, trying an alternative stewardship process and restructuring proposals of the way we do ministry. We know, in life and in church, that change is a constant. Nonetheless, that knowledge doesn't always reduce our anxiety or discomfort. As we read these pages, as we continue to evolve as a congregation, it may be helpful to remember those things which are a constant, guiding and shaping UCF's continuing ministry for the days, years and ages ahead.

THE GIFTS OF OUR FAITH:

GOD'S GRACE ... IMAGINATION ... POWER ... MERCY... JUSTICE ... FAITHFULNESS ... LOVE

CHRIST'S COMPASSION ... MINISTRY ... GENEROSITY ... HEALING ... TEACHING ... CALL TO SERVE

THE SPIRIT'S ENERGY ... CREATIVITY... FREEDOM... SUSTENANCE ... GUIDANCE ... COMFORT

You complete the list _____

UCF'S GIFTS... WITNESS ... SERVICE ... INCLUSIVENESS... GENEROSITY ... COMMITMENT ... VISION ...

BRAINS ... HEART ... COURAGE ... MUTUAL CARING AND RESPECT ... CREATIVITY ... VITAL MUSIC MINISTRY ...

STRONG EDUCATION MINISTRY ... VIBRANT WORSHIP ... ENTHUSIASM ... OPENNESS TO GROWTH ...

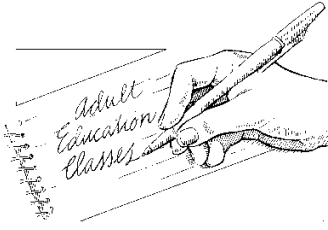
A WARM WELCOME ... HISTORY AND A DESIRE TO BE PART OF GODS' FUTURE WORK IN THE WORLD

Again, you complete the list _____

As we catch (or are caught up in) the winds of change, let us find our security in the things we can rely on, the power and presence of the God and the enduring spirit of our congregation to move into the future with grace, wit and wisdom, guided by our God and nurturing one another for a new day.

In faith,

Linda



Adult Education – Fall 2009

Forums, Bible Study, Parents' Place on Sunday mornings

I. Adult Forum [Meets in Beard Lounge at 9:00 AM]

Sept. 20: Ambassador Goodwin Cooke, US foreign policy in Middle East and South Asia: How is the Obama administration doing?

Sept. 27: Report by UCF youth who participated in July in the Presbytery-sponsored trip to the Presbytery of Pyongyang. Linda Russell, who led the trip, and a delegation from the Pyongyang Presbytery of Korea will also participate.

Oct 4: Christie Anderson, professor of political science from the SU Maxwell School, will speak on "Women in Politics." Prof. Anderson is a regular participant in the "Ivory Tower Half Hour" program presented on Friday evenings by WCNY TV.

Oct 11: Jim Watts, Professor of the Hebrew Bible at Syracuse University will present Part One of a three-part series on the first three chapters of Genesis. Part One: "Ancient Background."

Oct 18: Jim Watts, Part II of a Bible study of Genesis, Chap. 1-3: "Sources and Editing of the Text."

Oct 25: Jim Watts, Part III of a Bible study series of Genesis, Chapters 1-3: "Women and Men."

II. Bible Study [Meets in Women's Lounge at 9:00 AM]. The Bible Study group will continue its study of the Gospel of Matthew, starting on **September 27, 2009**. (They will join with the Adult Forum on Sept. 20.) They will continue to use the study guide "Matthew" by Tom Wright., and expect to complete their study of the Gospel of Matthew in about two Sundays, and then will start a new series on the Epistle of James. Leadership is provided by Fred Davey and by other members of the group when Fred cannot be present. Newcomers are always welcome.

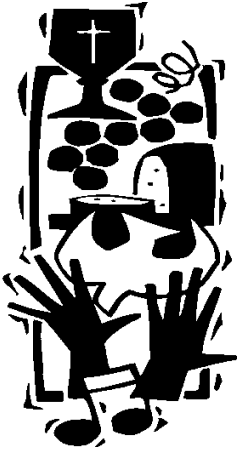
III. Parents' Place [Meets in Room 5 on the lower level of the Christian Education wing at 9:15 AM.] This group provides an opportunity for informal and unstructured conversation among parents. Coffee and refreshments are provided.

Jim Watts will be taking over the leadership of the Adult Education Committee this fall. If you have suggestions for future Adult Forum presentations or Bible study, please speak with Jim or another member of the Adult Education Committee. Currently participating in the work of the Committee: Lois Coleman, Shirley DeHority, Marjorie Julian, Dick Lang, Nancy McCain, Doug Merchant, Jackie Meyer, and Lois Spitzer.

Submitted by Norman Hatt

Worship, Music & Spiritual Life September 2009

WORSHIP NOTES



Fresh Start! New time for Sunday Worship - 10:30 AM

Sunday, Sept. 20th we begin worship at **10:30 AM**. There will be a "Blessing of Backpacks" with Rev. Even during Word to the Children!

Thanks to summer musicians including: David (DJ) DeHority, Rachael Mou-Thiel, Linda Raymond, Lorraine Schmidt, John & Lizzy Price, Susie Spencer, Katie DeHority, Victoria King, Bob Perrine, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Summer Handbells. Thanks to Mary Doto and Jennifer Greene for leading music during vacation.

Flowers for the Communion Table – you may now arrange directly with Five Seasons Flower Shop (446-3275) to order flowers for the Table at \$25 and they will deliver the flowers on Saturday to UCF. Contact Marti Vasiliades for more information, and sign up on the Flower Chart.

Fall Start-up dates for choirs *You are invited to be part of the music ministry at UCF*

United Church Choir, rehearsal Sunday, Sept. 6th, 8:50 AM and Thursday, 7:30 PM, Sept. 10th meet with **Alice Hatt**. Beginning Sept. 17th, the UCF Choir will be led by **Ann Schwartz**, who will also serve as interim organist until mid-October.

Youth Choir/Youth Handbell Choir Sundays, 9-9:30 AM, begins Sept. 20th **Sul-young Choi**, assistant director, will begin the fall rehearsals while awaiting the new Director of Music Ministries. Choir Room, Grades 7-12. Sept. 27th the youth will attend the Korea Trip Forum at 9.

Cherub Choir, Sundays, TBA The children sing and use rhythm instruments, sing in worship about 4 times a year and participate in the Christmas pageant Room 8, Grades preK-2 We are grateful to **Wendy VanSlyke** for leading Cherub Choir last year. Unfortunately she will not be able to continue this coming year. **A volunteer director is needed** for this fun choir. We'll begin as soon as a volunteer director comes forward. Contact Jackie Meyer!

Children's/Chimes Choir, Sundays, 9-9:25 AM begins Sept. 20th. The Choir sings in worship and plays handchimes with our *Suzuki Tone Chimes*. Led by **Jim Spencer**, with **Sarah**

Vonhof, pianist. Rm 10, Grades 3-6. Thanks to **Donna O'Byrne** for serving as pianist last year.

United Church Handbell Choir, Thursdays, 6:45-7:30 PM begins (TBA) openings for ringers and subs for winter travelers! Choir Room, with the new Director of Music Ministries..

Joyful Sign Choir, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Sept. 16, Beard Lounge "Make a joyful sign to the Lord". Led by **Barbara Morison**.

Sing to the Lord in all your living! A personal note....

*As I prepare for my last Sundays as UCF's Minister of Music and Worship, I want to again thank you, the congregation, choirs and staff, for your wonderful support and singing at UCF. I also want to thank my family, Norm, Laurel and Dan, for their support and for joining in the music ministries over the years. It has been a privilege to be part of the weekly and festive worship services and for significant times in our lives, from birth to death, confirmations and baptisms, weddings, and funerals. I hope you will continue to sing new hymns and songs that express a living faith in contemporary forms and words. God is at work in our midst in each of you and I give thanks for many revelations of God's love in action. I cherish our friendships and know that you will find new ways to "sing" to God in all your living. I encourage your heartfelt **welcome** to the new Director of Music Ministries who will bring many gifts and leadership qualities to share with you. It will be an exciting time as you grow to discover your shared ministry.*

Alice Dickerson Hatt, Minister of Music & Worship



What's Up from Down Under

Sharing and Caring by the Young People
Of United Church

- Sun. Sept. 13 9:25 AM Sunday Worship and Brunch
Sunday School/Choir Registration
Family Usher Sign-up
- Sun. Sept. 20 Sunday School Opening
Blessing of the Backpacks
Teacher Dedication

WELCOME BACK !!! We are gearing up for a new Sunday School year and looking forward to seeing everyone again! Join us at church on **September 13th**, for **Sunday School/Choir registration** and brunch honoring Alice Dickerson Hatt following the 9:25 a.m. worship service.

CHECK YOUR INBOX !!! Look for your Sunday School registration and Publicity Release forms to arrive as PDF attachments in your inbox soon. Just print, fill in and bring with you to church. There will be a special gift for each child returning a registration form on **September 13th** or the first day of class. Easy as pie!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS . . . Grab your school backpack and bring it on up for a blessing during the Moment for Children on **Sunday, September 20**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING !!!! **September 20th** will begin another fantastic year of choir and Sunday school! Cherub and Children's choirs will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp! Sunday school classes for Pre-K through 6th begin following choirs with children and teachers gathering for our Children's worship in Room 10 at 9:25 a.m. Sunday school classes for 7th grade and up begin in their classrooms at 9:30 a.m. See you there!

TEACHER/CHOIR LEADER DEDICATION Teachers and choir leaders will be dedicated for a new year of ministry during the worship on Sunday, **September 20**. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to show our support for these very important volunteers.

TAKE A TURN AT FAMILY USHERING . . . The second Sunday of every month during the school year is reserved for Sunday School families. Sign up as a family for this important ministry. Families are also encouraged to participate as liturgists and may call the church office to volunteer.

PLANS FOR NEW LEADERSHIP IN CHILDREN'S OPENING WORSHIP . . . Let God stir your heart and be ready to say yes when asked to take turns sharing the message for the Children's Worship that opens our Sunday School downstairs every week.

HELP KIDS GROW IN FAITH !!! Get involved in Children's Ministries - join our committee, help to plan an event or special project, volunteer as a teacher or as a substitute. Questions? Contact Carlos Hartmann, Children's Ministries Chair.

Submitted by Judy Spencer, Director of Children's Ministries

From Prelude to Postlude



Our prelude began in 1991 when Alice Dickerson Hatt began sharing her faith, gifts and knowledge with the United Church of Fayetteville family. Her Master's degree in Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary and her previous church service prepared her to lead us in praise of God using a variety of musical genres. From jazzy Mardi Gras services to classical requiems by John Leavitt and John Rutter; from Broadway's "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" to the Biblical parables of "Lazarus" and the "Prodigal Son"; from quiet Taizé services to the upbeat melodies of "I feel the Spirit", "Celebrate the Vision" and "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics", her ability to involve all generations has been evident. Whether Alice was at the piano, keyboard or organ, her direction of the children, youth, adults and instrumentalists was insightful, helpful and fun!

Alice has fulfilled her role as Minister of Music and Worship in numerous ways. The choir is familiar with her ability to relate the anthem to scripture and the composer's biography and purpose behind the music and text. Families have appreciated her help in choosing music in times of joy and sorrow. The Syracuse community is aware of her ability to help coordinate services such as the St. Nicholas Festivals, the 1997 National General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), the SU Brass and Bells concerts and the UCF Jubilee Celebration. Because of Alice's dedication, encouragement and organizational skills, her footprints will be seen in the Kathy Willyard Choir Wing for generations.

Musical offerings at UCF have demonstrated Alice's skills at the organ and piano and reflected her ability to develop the expertise of volunteer leaders, accompanists and choirs. Under her leadership all groups have performed at a higher level because she has had faith in them. She has utilized the interpretations of the Joyful Sign Choir as well as the talents of bell choirs, singers, liturgical dancers and instrumentalists to enhance worship.

As we prepare to hear the postlude on September 13, we will say, "Au revoir!" to a remarkable individual who has been a loyal mentor, musician, minister and friend for eighteen years. We wish her and Norm all the joys of retirement, travel and family!

All are invited to a Tribute Tea !!!

***Please help celebrate Alice Hatt's ministry with us on
September 13th during 9:25 AM Worship, as well as afterwards,
at a Tribute Tea in Fellowship Hall.***

Please sign up in the hallway or call Kathy Clay.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial statistics for the months of June and July 2009 are as follows:

This chart shows real dollars:

	June	July	Year to Date
Income	\$26,584.	\$13,522.	\$151,125.
Expenses	\$16,305.	\$22,507.	\$152,963.
Difference	\$10,094.	\$(8,985).	\$(1,838).

June income was well ahead of expenses by more than \$10,000, while July income was behind expenses by almost \$9,000. For the year income is behind expenses by \$1,838.

This chart shows pledge and plate income as a percent of the yearly budget

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
January	10.29%	11.72%	9.61%	7.5%	7.5%	8.2%
February	9.64%	6.16%	7.11%	6.39%	6.51%	9.07%
March	6.54%	6.77%	6.26%	6.66%	7.97%	6.72%
April	6.32%	11.14%	8.02%	10.58%	7.59%	10.23%
May	9.09%	6.21%	5.39%	6.28%	7.66%	7.65%
June	8.64%	10.25%	7.63%	5.51%	5.70%	5.40%
July	4.91%	5.77%	8.79%	7.65%	8.69%	5.63%
August		5.61%	5.33%	4.86%	5.85%	6.37%
September		10.06%	7.92%	7.23%	7.65%	8.21%
October		5.98%	8.36%	9.08%	8.65%	11.68%
November		9.61%	7.28%	7.88%	8.94%	5.22%
December		11.63%	11.84%	14.76%	8.72%	13.63%
Year to date	55.42%	100.92%	93.52%	94.42%	91.48%	97.98%

The above chart compares pledge and plate giving as a percent of the budgeted amount for the year. If income was steady throughout the year and met projections, we would expect to see numbers at about 58 percent through July, so we are slightly behind in this category.

SUMMER IS OVER

While you may have been away from the area on vacation or just relaxing at home, the church bills continued. Now that summer is over, please bring your pledge up to date, if at all possible. Thank You!

Submitted by Bob Craft, Asst. Treasurer

Fall Work Day at Vanderkamp!

Vanderkamp's **Fall Work Day** will be held from 9:00 – 5:00 on Saturday, October 3. All ages are welcome to participate! We will be preparing the site for winter, and working on facility improvement projects. Lunch will be provided. Please let us know you'll be attending by calling 315-675-3651. Go to www.vk.org for more information about Vanderkamp programs and facilities.



UCF's "HARVEST MARKET" at "FAYETTEVILLE FIRST"
Beard Park Saturday, September 26th 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM (9/27-rain date)

Blessing of the Animals (Rev. Dr. Linda D. Even, officiating) **at 1:00 PM**

Our tent will offer UCF information and sell harvest market fare – jelly, applesauce, baked goods, pickles, etc... (snack sized offerings sold very well last year) plantings, craft items... *Be creative!*

We need your handicrafts and kitchen products to stock the tent, as well as help staffing the tent. Sign-up sheets available in the hallway starting in September!

Contact Cindy Burke with questions.

Tabitha Women cordially invite all women to an **International Pot-luck Evening, Wednesday, September 23, beginning at 6:30 PM.**

We will enjoy homemade international food from 6:30 - 7:30 followed by a 45 minute presentation about Kenya by our own **Sally Short**. Mark your calendars now and call Cindy Rosbrook to claim the country from which you will be bringing a representative dish to share.



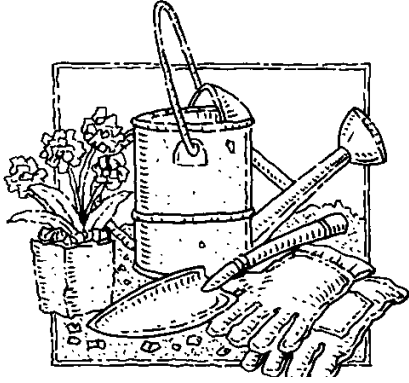
DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Getting to know one another....

If you have been hoping to meet folk in the congregation in an informal and fun setting – this is for you!

Here's how it works: We will have two dinners, one in the fall and one after the New Year, each group choosing its own date. After the sign-up period concludes on September 27, you will be mixed and matched with dinner groups of three or four households (singles, widowed, married, engaged) – no more than eight people. To allow us to get to know more people the fall and winter groups will be different from each other. Everyone who signs up will receive a list of matches and suggestions for how to proceed. Host households will initiate scheduling, no household will be asked to host more than once and every one brings a contribution to the meal.

While it's called "Dinner with Friends" let your creativity flow – it could be Sunday brunch, a Tuesday evening barbecue or Saturday afternoon picnic by the pool. Make plans now to share in this special time of food and fellowship, getting to know people better in small group settings. Sign up on in the hallway by September 27. Talk to Dr. Even if you have questions (637.3186).



Memorial Garden Update

Our Memorial Garden work parties were a great success! We weeded, raked, hauled, measured, laid block, got dirty, and very tired. When we stopped to look at what we had done, we were exhilarated. The retaining walls have been finished as much as can be, given our expertise and tools. It took over 40 man hours and a dozen people to erect those walls. Our sincere thanks to Dick and Shirley Anderson, Andrew Craft, Matt Craft, Jim Higgins, Dave Johnson, Beth Krauss, Leslie Lane, Scott Manuel, Betsy Nash and Nancy Schiffhauer.

The next stage is laying the pavers. The substrata are made up of materials of different densities, and therefore will retain water and freeze at different rates. Therefore, it was deemed more appropriate to remove the substrata and replace it with a congruous material. Given the time and effort it took to install the walls, we felt we could not do this job effectively ourselves. Therefore, I met with four hardscapers and discussed our situation, asked their opinion, and their quotes for installation. The quotes received exceed our available funds and we have therefore met with the Board, which is pursuing funding options for the shortfall. If we need to postpone the paving, we will finish assembly of the retaining walls and plant the gardens this fall so as to have some closure.

Thank you for your continued interest and appreciation of what has been done. Watch for more opportunities to come to the garden to shovel, rake and plant.

Sincerely,

Julie Higgins
Facilitator of Memorial Garden Renovation Committee

**Plans are underway for the Celebration of Rev. David Johnson's Ministry
with the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse
Friday, October 2, 2009**

The Board was delighted that UCF, as Barb, Dave and Amy's home church, was asked to serve as host site for this celebration of David's ministry as executive presbyter. The catered event opens at 5:00 with appetizers and a wine bar. A bodacious buffet dinner, as well as a dessert bar will begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available to anyone in the congregation who wishes to attend for \$25.00 per person. For convenience, UCF members can make their reservations by giving their checks, directly to Lisa, made payable to Robinson Memorial Church. Payment needs to accompany reservations, so that we don't accidentally exceed our building capacity.

Plan now to be a part of this evening of fellowship, good food, and appreciation!



Fun Fall Fund-raiser !!

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Save the Date!

*Spaghetti Dinner, Basket Raffle
& Silent Auction*

To Do List

1. Mark the date on your calendar.
2. Think of themes for gift baskets.
3. Mark the date on your calendar.
4. Think of services you can offer for the silent auction.
5. Mark the date on your calendar.
6. Ask your favorite restaurant, hairdresser, golf course, movie-theater, or other place of business for a donation or gift certificate for the gift basket or silent auction.
7. Mark the date on your calendar.
8. Think of the talent you have – tutoring, baking, babysitting and can offer as a service for the silent auction or inclusion in a gift basket.
9. And did we mention—mark the date on your calendar! And plan to join us on November 14 for a fun evening of food, friends and fund raising!

The more baskets and the more services and gift certificates for the silent auction, the more funds we will raise! Please use your creative talents to help provide funds for the ministry and mission of United Church! Questions? Ideas? Call Gail Sandle (637-8852); Beth Krauss (637-1215); or Gloria Manuel 9446-3930)



Board Highlights – August, 2009

- The Board formally recognized, with gratitude, the contributions Norm Hatt has made to this church and the Board as this was Norm's last Board meeting before Alice's retirement and the Hatts' sensitively planned "leave of absence" from UCF to allow new music staff to become established. We look forward to seeing them back among us when they deem it appropriate. Norm will continue to be involved with our Jubilee House Ministry.
- The Board heard a report from Julie Higgins regarding the progress and concerns in the restoration of Memorial Garden. The Board approved the use of Fellowship Hall for the upcoming celebration of the service of Rev. Dave Johnson as Executive Presbyter of Cayuga Syracuse Presbytery.
- It was voted to take a dedicated Peacemaking offering and distribute 50% to the ABC USA, 25% to the Peacemaking Program Ministries of the United Presbyterian Church, 12.5% to the local peacemaking missions of United Church of Fayetteville and 12.5% to the Presbytery of Cayuga Syracuse.
- It was voted to remove Tom Parmenter from the church roles by letter of transfer and Carolyn Gordon at her request.
- The Board voted to support the appointment of Marge Julian to head up the Stewardship Committee and Jim Watts to head the Adult Education committee.
- After much discussion, the Board voted, to accept the restructured staffing model to be effective January 1, 2010. The model was developed in response to their strategic planning work this spring. The Board believes these decisions were necessary at this time in our life, but made them with sadness for the effect they will have, especially on our non-clergy staff. There were significant reductions in both job responsibilities and salaries for the Administrative Assistant and the Directors of Children's Ministry and Education. (Significant changes were previously made in the Music Staff position, prior to the opening of the search for a Director of Music Ministries.) Rev. Dr. Even then led the Board in prayer for those who are affected and for the church. The Staff Support committee, the Board, the Pastor and all our congregation will continue to work with the staff to be as flexible as possible in the implementation of these changes. More info will follow in a separate mailing.
- It was reported that Five Seasons Florist will deliver flowers to the church on Saturdays when ordered from them at a cost of \$25 for most arrangements.
- The Search Committee for the Director of Music Ministries has narrowed the field to two finalists, and following auditioning with the choir, the committee will make a recommendation to the Staff Support Committee and Board.
- At the request of Norm Hatt, outgoing Jubilee House steward, Pete O'Malley was approved as his successor.
- Norm also requested and received approval to proceed with insulation and weatherizing of Jubilee House, offsetting the cost with government subsidies, funds from existing sources and solicitation of supplemental funds to completely cover the cost. Work will not proceed until all funding is in place. The savings in energy costs will be substantial and will increase the value of Jubilee House over time.



Submitted by Gail Sandle, Clerk

A Tribute to Norm Hatt

At its August meeting, the Board formally recognized the contributions of Norm Hatt at his last Board meeting. Norm has served this church for many years in many capacities and what follows expresses what many are feeling as Norm leaves us, at least for a time.

It's hard when one person's retirement leads to losing two good people. Norm has been part of the fabric of this church throughout his and Alice's tenure here. Norm has lent his mellifluous voice to us through the choir and his wonderful solos. He has shared his intellect with us leading the Adult Lay Studies committee and working to bring us informative and stimulating presenters and programs meant to inform and challenge us. He has shared his commitment to mission with us through his untiring work with Jubilee House and the families who have passed through. He has shared his passion for justice through the many times he has voiced his thoughtful opinion, listened to opposing positions, worked on the ordination task force and advocated for a group or cause he feels strongly about. Norm's tireless behind the scenes efforts and cheerful availability to pitch in to help wherever needed, one example is his volunteering to drive Bruce and Mary to various doctor's appointments and the like, including (I think) one trip to Rochester and back. Norm always supported Alice in her mission here and together and separately they have been such an integral part of our church. They raised their children in this church—and now are nurturing their grandchildren.

When a thread is pulled through a piece of fabric, it leaves a space that cannot be filled in again—unless you are able to find that particular thread and weave it back in again. I know we all hope that Norm's thread will find its way back into our fabric again one day, restoring the fabric to its intended pattern.

Building Use Updates –

We welcome back Shelby Schaefer's *"On Broadway Dance Studio"*. Shelby will begin teaching dance midweek afternoon/evenings in Fellowship Hall this fall.

Village Nursery School (lower level) has openings available this fall! To enroll your child, please Contact Jackie Abraham at VNS at 637-9683.

If you would like to use the building to host private parties, classes, etc. please contact the Church Office or Church Use coordinator, Bonnie Lang.



2009 Peacemaking Offering

The annual Peacemaking Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 4th, 2009. As has been done in the past, the offering will be divided to promote the work of peacemaking and justice in our local community, as well as to provide support to those efforts in the regional, national and international work of our denominations. During the month of September you will be receiving more information about this important offering!

Submitted by,
Wendy Schmidt

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF
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THE STEEPLE COFFEEHOUSE

2009-2010 Season Opening !

“The Lost Boys”

SAMMY award-winning group, led by John Cadley

Back by popular demand, this will be their 4th season at the Steeple Coffeehouse!

Saturday, September 26th

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

\$7.00/person donation includes dessert and unlimited coffee and tea

Coffeehouse performances are scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month from Sept-April.

Hands-on mission projects for UCF



Handymen, handywomen, and handykids!

Do you like to swing a hammer or see the results of a newly painted wall? We have identified a project at the F-M Food Pantry that can be accomplished by you as a congregation. Although the front office has been renovated, there is a need to renovate the dry goods room and hallway. If you are handy or would like to be, please contact Kevin Sweder, Chair of the Mission Committee, and let him know of your availability during September. If you can't do physical work, please contribute monetarily as we estimate the cost of materials to be about \$800.00. The materials will enable us to install a hanging ceiling and vinyl tile flooring.

“Seniors Giving Back” is another mission initiative that bears its impetus from Karen and Jim Gutelius, Director of Youth Ministries, Victoria King, and UCF youth attending the REACH work camp in Niagara Falls, NY, in July. If the youth can “reach” out as a team, so can the adults! Certainly, many adults and youth have participated in mission endeavors in our outward witness locally and in the greater world in the past and thus, this will be a chance to do it again with a team, at the same time building community, meeting others and providing mission service to those in need.

Jim, Karen and Kevin welcome UCF congregants (*old and young*) to be part of such short-term mission projects commencing this fall. Visioning in August at their home, Karen and Jim, together with over a dozen folks, identified places where we might begin such work in the community. Networking and making contacts to identify needs and opportunities have begun. It was decided to plan a day this fall at Vanderkamp to accomplish a small work project there to get to know one another better. Other work-sites discussed were: Habitat, United Way, the Huntington Center and projects such as the one at the F-M Food Pantry. Stay tuned for future announcements and speak with Karen, Jim and Kevin for more details.



Jubilee House Update

**Energy Upgrade To Be Undertaken This Fall
Your Support Needed**

At its August 18 meeting, the Board approved a significant energy efficiency upgrade for Jubilee House, to be undertaken this fall by GreenHomes America (formerly

known as EnTherm). A survey conducted by GreenHomes in June found that there were several areas in Jubilee House where the insulation was missing, insufficient, or improperly installed. The upgrade will install cellulose insulation in the walls and attic areas of Jubilee House, new compact fluorescent lighting throughout, and a new energy- efficient hot water heater. GreenHomes has estimated that these steps will result in savings of about \$600 per year in utility costs at current prices. The total cost of this project will be \$7,814, but the United Church will have to pay only 50% of this cost (\$3,907) because the tenants of Jubilee House will qualify the church to receive energy improvement subsidies.

The United Church will defray its portion of the cost of this project by using money from existing church funds, such as the Jubilee House Fund, special contributions from United Church members, and a contribution from a supporter of this project from Eastern Hills Bible Church. The Board has mandated that the project may not be started until sufficient commitments are received to completely pay for the project. The first contribution toward the project was conditioned upon receiving enough support from others to complete the project this fall. As of this writing, \$538 must still be raised.

The Jubilee House Task Force has supported this project because we believe that improving energy efficiency at Jubilee House will help to reduce the high utility costs for the current and future tenants, and will allow the United Church to be a more faithful steward of the natural environment by reducing our use of fossil fuels. We urge you to support this improvement of Jubilee House by making a special contribution, earmarked "Jubilee House."

Norman Hatt
Jubilee House Task Force

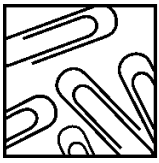
From the Search Committee for the Director of Music Ministries:

We appreciate your inquiries and patience as we conduct our search. Our schedule has been affected by summer travel plans of our candidates. We are now happy to report that we have finished the first round of interviews and finalists have been notified of our interest. The next step will be to have candidates "audition" with the choir mid-September. Choir input will be requested after that meeting.



Thank you for your interest and support as we prayerfully make our decisions.

Scott Manuel, Chair; Linda Raymond, Secretary; Sul-Young Choi; Martha Ketcham; Jim Spencer; Dr. Even, ex-officio



**FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE**

Church Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Oct/Nov Newsletter Materials Due – Friday, Sept 18th

Your promptness is always greatly appreciated!

Membership Directories will be mailed to our homebound members only this year. Please plan to pick yours up on September 13th. Directories will be available in the Narthex and in the Church Office after the 13th. If you are able to deliver to a homebound member, please let the church office know.

Going Green: *As we prepare to distribute more and more information electronically, please let us know if you are not receiving emails at your preferred email address. If you have ideas on going green at United Church, please contact the office. We look forward to hearing from you!*



College Addresses:

Please help us keep in touch with your college student by providing us with his or her 2009-2010 snail mail address. Please call the church office or e-mail ucf@twcny.rr.com or sgmanuel@twcny.rr.com by September 30th.

Thank you!

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*Thanks to all who hosted Fellowship Time this summer!
Kathy Clay and the Fellowship Committee.*

Sharing the GOOD News !!!

Your Congregational Care team is encouraging the congregation to share their blessings in the newsletter! Folks love to read about graduations, family reunions, exciting travels, births of children/grandchildren, new employment, awards, visits with relocated prior members, etc. that occur in our church family. *Please email or call Linda Hickok with these tidbits and she'll get them in print!*

Green Family Closet Thrifty! Best Wishes Annie!

On Saturday, August 29th, Annie Mwelwa will open a thrift shop at 3056 Burnet Ave in Syracuse. Donations of clothing for all ages, knick knacks and household items are welcome! Annie extends her sincere THANKS to all those who have been helping her along with her new and exciting business venture!



United Church Congregational Care Ministry

Part of each member's ministry is to respond to the needs and hurts of others through prayer and other acts of caring. We also lift up joys and celebrations and offer thanksgiving to God for births, birthdays, anniversaries and other milestones in members' lives. To update this list please contact Cindy Rosbrook or Barbara Johnson.

IN BEREAVEMENT:

to the family of UCF member Oliver Gridley, who passed away on July 25, 2009.

to the family of Francis (Ike) Osborne, who passed away on June 20, 2009.

IN CELEBRATION:

of the birth of Sawyer Alden Bender, born July 8, 2009 to Mark & Tracy Bender. Proud grandparents are David & Debbie Bender.

of the birth of Maren Eleanor Applegarth, born August 19, 2009. Maren is the daughter of Derrick & Heather Applegarth and the granddaughter of John & Deb Lane.

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Dottie Biven	Tracey Kuhns
Don Burch	Janet Press
Dorothy Hughes	Iona Ries

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

10 John & Sandy MASON
11 John & Sandy Fanto
18 Robert & Kim Cherry

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

01 Irene Sheptak-Regni
02 Dan Arras, Rich Bohnsack
05 Sarah McCoubrey
06 Jerry Gordon
07 Kristen Doto, Leslie Lane, David Sandle
08 Paul Arras
09 Dottie Biven, Scott Manuel
10 Matthew Abbott
12 Lorie Abbott
13 Andrea Dunuwila, Chris Vasiliades
14 Sarah Ketcham
15 Ransom Larson
19 Barbara Hitchcock, Dori Parmenter
21 Jane Arras, David Hartman, Soon Park
22 Sarah Short
25 Roberta Mou, Lorraine Schmidt
26 David Kim, Chuck Peth, Esau Price
28 Marilyn Wehrle, Jason Wieczorek
29 Dick Lang
30 Sul-young Choi

Please note that all anniversaries and birthdays will continue to be listed in the newsletter, but only "milestones" will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Please let the office know if you or a family member has a "big one" coming up!

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Helen Brown (James Square)
Avis Clintsman (Wynwood #280)
Marcia Ehlers (Wynwood #127)
Helen Jean Krathwohl (at home)
Frances Lee Muckley (Wynwood #116)
Ruth Law (Sunnyside Adult Home E-3)
Margory Sweetser (Home for Adults)

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Barbara Burgess – friend of Barb McKean
Ed Campbell – Barb McKean's friend
Bill Chamberlin- Tracey Kuhns' cousin
Camdyn Cross - D. & G. Sandle's granddaughter
Michael Dailey –friend of Barb McKean
Joy Englehart – former UCF member
Flo Florek – friend of Lori Lommel & Kevin Sweder
Tom Groff - D. and B. Clark's son-in-law
Andrew Harkins - Diane Brundage's brother
Dave & Ruth Hill - M.J. Woodcock's cousin
Nancy Hines - Brad Hines' mother
Jane Roche King & family –Sarah Given's daughter in law's family
Jane LaFever – friend of Betsy Nash
Kent & Karen Maynard - L. Scharbach's brother & sister-in-law
Barbara Miller – sister of former UCF member, Brad Mann
Anne Perry - Gay Burch's mother
Robin Regni - Irene Regni's daughter
Cherie Riggs - wife of Randy Riggs, former Associate United Church pastor
Sean - Diane Brundage's friend
Ralph Sandle – Dave Sandle's father
Ruth Schwiebert – Joanne Birge's mother
Nicholas Trivelpiece – Grandson of Jim & Karen Gutelius
Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:

In a pastoral emergency, please call the church office at 315-637-3186. If it is outside office hours, please be sure to leave a message on Dr. Even's voice mail (ext. 104), and call her home as well 315-445-3002.



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The United Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda D. Even
Minister of Music & Worship: Alice Dickerson Hatt
Director of Children's Ministries: Judy Spencer
Director of Youth Ministries: Victoria King
Administrative Assistant: Lisa Minutoli
Board Moderator: David DeHority
Treasurer: Scott Manuel
Assistant Treasurer: Robert Craft

Regular Church Office Hours are Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Summer Worship 9:25 AM through September 13th
Regular Worship 10:30 AM begins September 20th
Christian Education begins at 9:00 AM, September 20th
Fellowship follows worship.
Child Care provided.

Please submit your **Oct/Nov** newsletter articles to the church office by **Sept. 18.**

