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Each new year forces us to deal with the passage of time. Usually we feel time is going by too quickly. We may wonder, "where did this past year go?" I recall the verse in one of our well-known hymns: "Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day."

Time is a gift. How we use the days of our lives becomes a matter of faith. Protestants were historically known for their "work-ethic" and belief in being industrious. These can be positive characteristics, but can also lead to rigidity and stress. We can mistakenly believe our lives are measured by what we accomplish.

But our faith reminds us that our lives have value in that they reside in God. From this perspective, we are freed to live each day in greater tranquility of spirit. Each day has meaning if we can love, give thanks, be generous, and offer kindness. If we live each day this way, our time on earth will be well spent!

Blessings for a Happy New Year!

Tracy

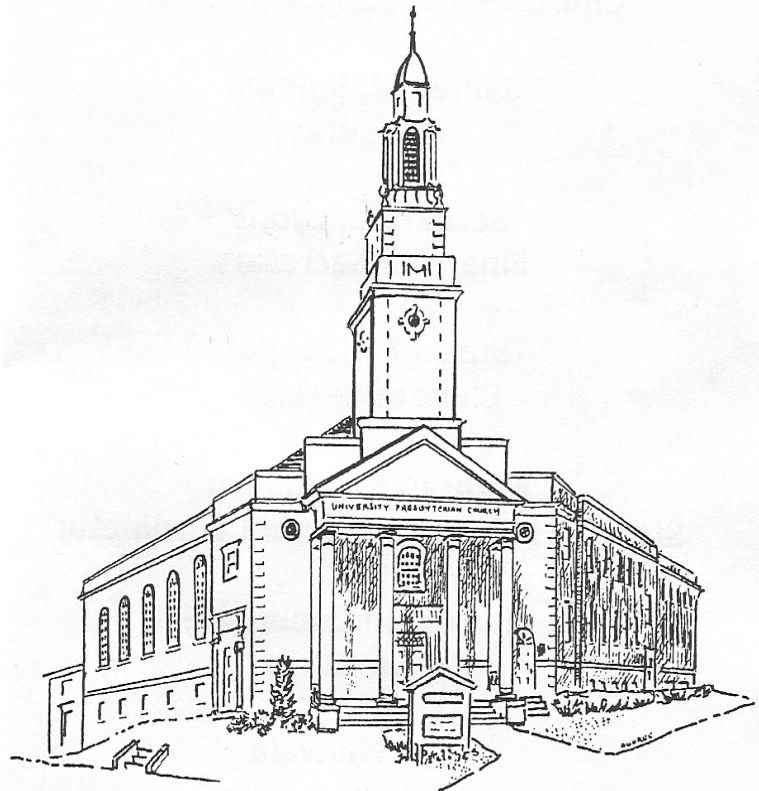
DID YOU KNOW THAT UPC WILL BE 100 YEARS OLD IN 2021?

A small group has had preliminary discussions about how we might observe this anniversary of UPC's 100 years in the community with service, worship, and yes -- some fun. Numerous ideas have been generated. What do you think the anniversary observance should look like? A guiding principle is that no matter how good an idea may seem, if we don't have people willing to implement it, we will have to eliminate it.

In order to glean your stories about UPC, your input and prospective task group leadership, we plan to conduct a survey of the congregation and friends in January. In March, most likely on Palm Sunday over a light lunch after the 11:00 worship service, we will conduct focus groups to further refine and develop the concept for the anniversary observance.

Watch "The Network" and the bulletin for more details on the survey and focus groups.

**Bonnie Dahl
Gladys Gifford
Lee Ann Grace**



Worship Column ~ January 2018



January 7

**Gen. 1:1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19:1-7;
Mark 1:4-11**

January 14

**1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20);
Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Xoe.6:12-20
John 1:43-51**

January 21

**Jonah 3:-1-5, 10; Ps. 62:5-12;
1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20**

January 28

**Deut. 18:15-20; Ps 111;
1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28**

January Birthday Greetings to our members, friends and young adults....

2 Jude Hammer
5 Christopher Safulko
8 Virginia Coon
8 Erika Betz
10 Jean Masters
10 John Lopinski, Sr.
11 Janet Mazzaroppi
12 Sandra Boag
14 Bilquis Dass
17 Carolyn Harbison
19 David Patel
19 Kaylee Casseri
22 Grace Yockey
24 Mac Sabol
26 Mason Appleton
29 Hans Spielberger
29 Eric Dass



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Adult Education for January:

Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. All are welcome to come!

January 7: Back by popular demand! Cindy Hickey will once again share a video presentation about famous houses of worship around the globe. These have been fascinating explorations of some amazing architectural and historical wonders!

January 14: Guest speakers from the New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC) will come to share about that organization's efforts to introduce more humane alternatives to the practice of solitary confinement in the penal system.

January 21— February 11:

“A Biblical Diet: The Ethics of Food Production and Consumption”

Ever wonder what people in the Bible ate? What does the Bible have to say about faithful and responsible food production? In this multi-week series, we will examine what the Bible has to say about food, how it is produced, and how our diet is part of our lives of faith. We promise tasty treats throughout the series!



Hello...

The Church Business Office is reaching out to our members and friends for a volunteer to assist in the office two days a week... a few hours each day.

If you are interested in helping out with paper work, filing, making copies sorting mail, answering phones, please contact the church office 836-7660 after January 2nd for additional information.

Sincerely,
Denise
Business Office



Calendar January 2018

Monday, January 1st

Happy New Year ~ Warm wishes for a wonderful 2018

Tuesday, January 2nd
12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open today

Thursday, January 4th
12 pm ~ 4 pm
5:30 pm

Food Pantry is open today
Choir Practice

Friday, January 5th
5:30 pm

Taizé Worship Service



Sunday, January 7th
9 am
10 am
11 am
12 pm



Baptism of the Lord
Worship Service with Communion
Adult Education
Worship Service with Communion
Coffee Hour

Tuesday, January 9th
12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open today

Thursday, January 11
12 pm ~ 4 pm
7:30 pm

Food Pantry is open today
Choir Practice



Sunday, January 14th
9 am
10 am
11 am
12 pm

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service
Adult Education
Worship Service
Coffee Hour & January Birthdays

Monday, January 15th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;



Church Business Office is Closed

Tuesday, January 16th
12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open today

Wednesday, January 17th
11:00 am
5:45 pm
7:00 pm



Youth Support Meeting
Ministry to Community Meeting
Session Meeting

Thursday, January 18th
12 pm ~ 4 pm
7:30 pm

Food Pantry is open today
Choir Practice

Calendar ~ January 2018continued

Sunday, January 21st

9 am
10 am
11 am
12 pm

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service
Adult Education
Worship Service
Coffee Hour

God is
so GOOD!

Tuesday, January 23rd

12 pm ~ 4 pm
7:30 pm

Food Pantry is open today.
Choir Practice

Thursday, January 25th

12:00 pm ~ 3:30 pm

Food Pantry is open today.

Sunday, January 28th

9 am
10 am
11 am
12 pm

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service
Adult Education
Worship Service
Coffee Hour

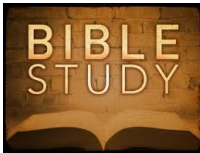
Tuesday, January 30th

12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open today

Wednesday, January 31st

5:00 pm



Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch—in the Holzwarth Room, Lite Meal will be served. Join Rev. Stu for interesting topics.

Thursday, February 1st

12 pm ~ 4 pm
7:30 pm

Food Pantry is open today.
Choir Practice

Friday, February 2nd

5:30 pm

Taizé Worship Service



Sunday, February 4th

9 am
10 am
11 am
12 pm

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service
Adult Education
Worship Service
Coffee Hour





First Friday
AT UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Too many of us lead hectic lives.

Our communities are filled with violence and suffering.

Our personal pain and struggles can overwhelm us.

How do we respond? How can we cope?

University Presbyterian Church welcomes Christians from all traditions to unite in a special contemplative worship experience as we seek spiritual strength for the living of our days. Based on the style of worship practiced in the Taizé Christian community in France, these services offered on the First Friday of each month provide an oasis at the end of the week for all who are weary, troubled, or rushed. Special music from guest musicians, meditative songs, prayers, candles, and scripture readings allow each of us to find a quiet place of prayer and spiritual centering.

We invite you to join us on **Friday, January 5, 2018 from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.** University Presbyterian Church is located at 3330 Main St., Buffalo (across the street from UB South Campus) with parking available in the church lot off Niagara Falls Boulevard. The church is also conveniently accessible using public transportation by taking bus or train to the University Metro station. Questions can be directed to the church office at 836-7660.

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

www.upcbuffalo.org

Happy New Year

2018....



May the sun...*Bring you new energy by day,*



May the moon...*softly restore you by night,*



May the rain... *wash away your worries,*



May the breeze...*blow new strength into your being,*



May you walk...*gently though the world and
know its beauty all the days of your life.*

-apache blessing-