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Message from our Pastor

The season for giving thanks is upon us. The Thanksgiving holiday offers us the occasion to consider our blessings in life and to offer our gratitude to God.

One of your blessings, I hope, is the faith community of University Presbyterian Church. While we never claim perfection, we strive to be a loving, caring, faithful community that embodies Christ.

“Thanksgiving” is appropriately the theme for this year’s Stewardship Campaign at UPC. On November 17, we will dedicate our stewardship pledges for the upcoming year 2020. As our members consider their pledges, we invite you to reflect upon what makes you grateful to be part of this small part of the body of Christ called UPC.

Here are a few things that make my list of UPC blessings:

- a fantastic choir and Director of Music whose gifts enable me to feel God’s presence in worship
- members whose witness of compassion, justice, and care inspire me to greater faithfulness
- the wonderful diversity of nationalities, races, theological beliefs, sexual orientations, religious backgrounds, and talents within our congregation
- the beautiful building and newly renovated spaces that provide us pleasing places to conduct our ministries and the opportunity to share these spaces with others.

As you consider your financial commitment to UPC, I encourage you to reflect upon the UPC blessings for which you are grateful. Letters with pledge cards will be mailed later in the month and you are invited bring these cards to worship on November 17 so we can offer them to God with our prayers of thanksgiving and commitment,.

Tracy

Worship Column ~

November 3, 2019

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144;
2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10, 2019

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98;
2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17;
Luke 20:27-38

November 17, 2019

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12:
2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 24, 2019

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;
Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43



THERE IS
always, always,
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something
to be thankful for

NOVEMBER



Nov. 1	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Nov. 2	Saturday	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends Turn clocks back at bedtime
Nov. 3	Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Fellowship Time
		12:15 pm	University Students & Friends
Study		5:00 pm	Youth Group @ North Presbyterian
Nov. 5	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Nov. 6	Wednesday	10:00 am	Worship & Education
Nov. 7	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
		7:30 pm	Choir
Nov. 10	Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
		9:30 am	Deacons' Meeting
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Fellowship Time & Birthday Celebration
Nov. 11	Monday	<i>Veteran's Day ~ Church Office Closed</i>	
Nov. 12	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
		5:00 pm	Intercollegiate/Intergenerational Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Racial Justice Task Force @ North Presbyterian
Nov. 14	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
		7:30 pm	Choir
Nov. 15	Friday	8:00 pm	Youth Group Lock-in @ UPC
Nov. 17	Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Fellowship Time
		12:15 pm	University Students & Friends Bible Study



Bible



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November Calendar Continued....

Nov. 19	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Nov. 20	Wednesday	5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Community Committee Session
Nov. 21	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Nov. 24	Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Education Hour Worship Service Fellowship Time
Nov. 26	Tuesday	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Intercollegiate/Intergenerational Bible Study
Nov. 28	Thursday	<i>Thanksgiving Day ~ Church Office Closed</i>	
Nov. 29	Friday	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	



Best Wishes to Our November Birthdays....

- 7 Mary Jean Conibear
- 10 Molly Anthony
- 11 Sarah Smith
- 11 Elizabeth Harbison
- 11 Brian Belus
- 16 Jim Whitefield
- 17 Joysline Chia
- 18 Gary Melius
- 22 Grace Burker
- 23 Doug Harbison
- 26 Nicholas Harbison
- 28 Alma Kelly
- 29 Elizabeth Johnson



All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2019

We will commemorate All Saints Sunday on November 3rd in our litany of remembrance for those who have died. This year we will be giving thanks for the lives and service of the following individuals from our church family: We will commemorate All Saints Sunday on November 3rd in our litany of remembrance for those who have died. This year we will be giving thanks for the lives and service of the following individuals from our church family: Glenn Alderdice, Jean Masters, Karen Stucker, Barbara Alderdice and William Harbison.



On your mark get set.....Bake!

UPC is again holding it's Holiday Cookie Sale on December 7th. So, watch the sales, stock up on cookie ingredients and bake! Donations will be accepted Friday, Dec. 6th.

Just Coffee – Again!

Some folks forgot to place an order for October and asked me to submit a request for November 24. Yes, of course!

If you would like to order for November 24, 2019 sign up on the Order Sheet in the Narthex or contact Howard at justcoffeorders@roadrunner.com Thank you!



Thankful

Joy Jar

Are you wondering about the Joy Jar located in the Narthex? UPC is collecting money to help the environment. The WNY Land Conservancy would like to purchase a tract of land in Wales, NY, called Mossy Point. It's adjacent to land they already own called Kenneglenn Nature Preserve. If they are able to buy Mossy Point it will be the largest patch of protected forests in the entire Niagara River watershed. As an intact headwater forest, this land will provide clean water for the Niagara River and prevent flooding in the communities living downstream. This action will benefit everyone in the Great Lakes area.



The WNY Land Conservancy already has raised \$1 million towards the purchase price of \$1.6 million. They are trying to keep the land in its natural state and prevent a private company from purchasing and developing it. We must stop taking our environment for granted, and treating land as a commodity worth only what monetary value we affix to it.

Each of us can demonstrate our gratitude for God's world by contributing towards the Joy Jar weekly with a free will offering of any amount. If you feel grateful for something in your life or just want to contribute to this cause, I ask you to donate any amount whether it's a quarter or a dollar. The amount doesn't matter; looking for and appreciating our blessings is what matters. Donation deadline is November 17th.

Adult Education Class Sunday Mornings, 10:00 AM All are welcome!



Sunday, November 3–November 17: Gladys Gifford will be leading the class entitled, *Carved in Stone*, about the Ten Commandments.

Sunday, November 24: Shirley Herman will lead a Bible study on the book of Jonah



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.

Please join us on **Friday, November 1st, from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.**

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

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(The Taize' Service in December is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2019)



November

*Comes and
November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.*

*With night coming early
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.*

*The fires burn
And the kettle sings,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.*

-Elizabeth Coatsworth