

*The Network... a Publication of
University Presbyterian Church
February 2016*

*Please join us for the
Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting:
Sunday, February 7th at 12:00 pm*

The annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of University Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016 following the 11 am worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is for the election of new officers, approval of the Pastor's salary, reception of committee reports and the church budget for 2016.

Please join us following the meeting in the Holzwarth Room for coffee and light refreshments.

*Thank you for your participation in this
important meeting.*



Men's Social Group

UPC is initiating a Men's Social Group to begin in February. Our first meeting, on February 27, 2016 will be a breakfast at the Family Restaurant on Bailey Avenue at 10:00 am. If you have any questions contact Dennis Erickson, cell 480-3215 or home 876-6874. Come out for conversation and planning on what direction we want to take with the group in the future.



FEBRUARY

- 1 Gerry Ann Appleton
- 1 Connie Michael
- 2 Andrew Safulko
- 3 Kamil Patel
- 8 Jim Smyton
- 9 Sue Castle
- 11 Tim Ecklund
- 12 Grace Agbemenu
- 12 Lidia Vieira
- 17 Barbara Lyons



Our Youth...

FEBRUARY

- 6 Linda Moorhouse



Worship Column—February 2016

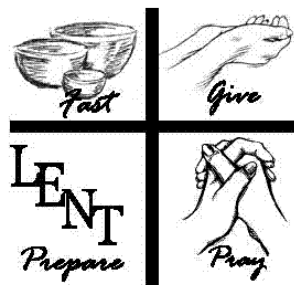


February 7 **Transfiguration of the Lord**
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**
10:00 am **Education hour for adults & youth**
11:00 am **Worship service with Communion**
Lectionary: Exod. 34:29-35; Ps. 99; Cor. 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 14 **1st Sunday in Lent**
9:00 am **Worship Service**
9:30 am **Deacon's Meeting**
10:00 am **Education hour for adults & youth**
11:00 am **Worship service**
Lectionary: Deut. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16
Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

February 21 **2nd Sunday in Lent**
9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:00 am **Education hour for adults & youth**
11:00 am **Worship service**
Lectionary: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27
Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

February 28 **3rd Sunday in Lent**
9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:00 am **Education hour for adults & youth**
11:00 am **Worship service**
Lectionary: Isa. 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; Cor. 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9





University Presbyterian Food Panty Needs Your Assistance

Hello to all our members, families and neighbors,

Are you looking for ways to stay active and help out? Are you a student who needs volunteer hours? Would you like to meet new people and help our community?

Volunteer at the University Presbyterian Church Food Pantry

Contact a friend or two and get together to do something worthwhile. Stop and visit our Food Pantry. See how it works, shadow a current volunteer. And then join us in helping.

It's only 4 ½ hours once a month, unless you want to help more (yes!!!) and it's certainly easy work. PLUS, you will feel good about the time you spend with us, helping our neighbors. Pick the day (Tuesday or Thursday) that would be good for you & your friends and work together.

We are in need of 4-6 new individuals (more would be great) to help us with distributing food to our clients. You might guide a client through our "store" to help them choose their groceries. You might help to stock shelves. Call the Church Office 836-7660 for additional information.

It's worth trying!!!

Our Statistics for December 2015

Infants	1
Children	45
Adults	186
Elderly	45
Total	277
Households:	162
Equivalent meals:	2,493

News Neediest

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7 ways you can help your pastor on Sunday **by Ron Edmonson**

Pray – Pray for your pastor. Ask God to open the ears of the people, to guide your pastor’s heart and to bless the services with His Spirit.

Don’t critique – Sunday morning is not the best time to bring complaints. It is very distracting when the pastor is about to speak to hear criticism that will have to be dealt with later. It weighs very heavy on the mind and gets in the way of focusing on the message. Hold those until Monday, but even then, ask yourself if sharing it is personal to you or genuinely helpful to the entire body.

Don’t share something you want us to remember – Most likely we will forget what you told us by the time Sunday is done. Send us an email later or call us Monday morning. If it must be shared on Sunday, please write it down for us so we can remember the details. Our minds are so clouded on Sunday thinking about a million different things. And, we try hard to make our focus about a message we hope God will use.

Be Kingdom-minded – Think of others interests even ahead of your own. Keep in mind the temperature in the room may not be your ideal temperature, but it may be exactly the right temperature for someone else. Your song may not be sung today, but it could be the song that leads another to the throne of grace. The message may not address what you’re dealing with right now, but for someone else, it might be life-changing. Be a part of the crowd that says, “I love what helps another” and you’ll help your pastor and the church greatly on Sunday mornings.

Volunteer – The work of the church can’t function with only a few people. I’ve never met the church that had too many people volunteering in preschool ministry, too many greeters, or too many people willing to do whatever it takes.

Introduce us to visitors – We love to meet visitors, especially those seeking a church home. It is comforting when the church is bringing people with them or meeting new visitors as they arrive.

Pray – It really does begin and end with prayer. More than anything, we want your prayer support. The Spirit of God seems to respond when you do.



Heifer's Honeybees Are Buzzing!

What's the buzz? Through the Ministry to Community's alternative Christmas gift giving, our congregation generously donated \$1170.00 to Heifer International. What a blessing!

Currently working in 30 countries, including the United States, Heifer provides livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle for food and income.



**Adult Education Class:
"Christian Truth in Time and Space"
Led by Dr. Timothy Wadkins
February 7—March 13**

Christians through the ages and at present around the world have consistently declared that their particular version of the Christian tradition is the right one, at the exclusion of others who also claim to be Christian.

In the early Christian church, vicious conflict emerged in arguments about whether Jesus was God and about how he could be both human and divine. In the early middle-ages the Roman Catholic Church began to argue that outside of its communion there could be no salvation and after the Protestant Reformation they made it clear that Protestants could not be saved. Protestants of course, countered with the belief that Catholics were not Christians either, and numerous wars and skirmishes erupted whenever Catholics and Protestants shared the same geographical space. Today it is common to hear mainstream Christians describe Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses as heretics, and Protestant Fundamentalists typically argue that no one can be a Christian unless they accept "Christ as their Lord and Personal Savior."

This seminar will consider whether there is a "core" set of beliefs around which those who claim allegiance to Christ can all unite, or whether Christians will forever be defined by contentiousness and an inability to get along. It will ask important questions about what it means to believe.

**Youth Education Class:
"Journey with Jesus in the Twenty-First Century"
Led by Tracy Daub
February 7-March 13**

The youth will explore various teachings of Jesus and consider how to implement them in today's world and in their daily lives.

THE NETWORK CALENDAR

February 2016

Monday, 2/1		Happy First Day of the Month
Tuesday, 2/2	12—4 pm	Food Pantry
Thursday, 2/4	12—4 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Friday, 2/5	5:30 pm	Taizé service. All are very welcome to attend.
Saturday, 2/6	10:00 am	Breakfast with friends at Family Tree Restaurant. Contact Kathy Hallborg, for information and to reserve a seat.
<u>Sunday, 2/7</u>		<u>Transfiguration of the Lord</u>
	9:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
	10:00 am	Education Hour for Adults and Youth
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting
	following meeting	Light refreshments and coffee in the Holzwarth Room
Tuesday, 2/9	12—4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, 2/10		<u>Ash Wednesday</u>
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, 2/11	12—4 pm	Food Pantry There is NO Choir Practice
<u>Sunday, 2/14</u>		<u>1st Sunday in Lent</u>
	9:00 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
	10:00 am	Educational Hour for adults & youth
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Coffee Hour
Monday, 2/15	12:00 pm	Presbyterian Women—meet in the Holzwarth Room Bring a brown bag lunch
Tuesday, 2/16	12—4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, 1/20	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

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The Network Calendar

February 2016 ~ continued

Thursday, 2/18	12—4 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
<u>Sunday, 2/21</u>		<u>2nd Sunday in Lent</u>
	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Educational Hour for adults & youth
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, 2/23	12—4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, 2/24	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stu Buisch—held in the Holzwarth Room. All are welcome to attend these Bible studies.
Thursday, 2/25	12—4 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Sunday, 2/28		<u>3rd Sunday in Lent</u>
	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Educational Hour for adults & youth
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Coffee Hour
Monday, 2/29		Leap Year Day.... Happy Birthday to all who celebrate Leap Year!
<u>March preview of 1st week:</u>		
Tuesday, 3/1	12—4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, 3/2	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stu Buisch—held in the Holzwarth Room. All are welcome to attend these Bible studies.
Thursday, 3/3	12—4 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Friday, 3/4	5:30 pm	Taizé Service
Saturday, 3/5	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends at Family Tree Restaurant. Contact Kathy Hallborg for information and to reserve a seat.
Sunday, 3/6		<u>4th Sunday in Lent</u>
	9:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
	10:00 am	Educational Hour for adults & youth
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
	12:00 pm	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, February 5th, 2016 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

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