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March 2019



Message from our Pastor...

What a special surprise awaited me in church on Sunday, February 17! I was completely blown away by the surprise celebration the congregation held for the 25th anniversary of my ordination. I was deeply touched and humbled by the outpouring of well wishes, thoughtfulness, and your staggering generosity. As some have felt when experiencing the deep kindness of others, the words "thank you" seem inadequate. But in the end, there is nothing else one can say. So, thank you! Your kindness meant a great deal to me.

Shalom,

Tracy

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Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9th....or you'll be late for church on Sunday!

March Worship Column

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Transfiguration of the Lord

Exod. 34:29-35; Oa, 99;
2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12;
Ps. 51:1-17;
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10;
Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, March 10, 2019

1st Sunday in Lent

Duet. 26:2-22; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16;
Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

Sunday, March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18;
Os, 27; Phil. 3:17-41; Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 24, 2019

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8;
1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 31, 2019

4th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32;
2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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| 1 | Lori Lopinski | | 12 | Elaine Swaine |
| 5 | David Bartley | | 13 | Kathy Hallborg |
| 5 | Patricia Grisante | | 13 | Timothy Moorhouse |
| 8 | Arthur Cookfair | | 16 | Karen Guggemos |
| 11 | Cindy Hickey | | 17 | Jim Grisante |
| | | | 22 | William Guggemos |
| | | | 23 | Claudia Weiss |
| | | | 28 | Kyle Townsend |
| | | | 30 | Tracy Daub |

March 2019 Calendar of Events

March 1	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize Service
March 2	Saturday	12:30 pm	University Students Bowling
March 3	Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Education Hour Worship Service Coffee Hour
March 5	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
March 6	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Supper
March 7	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir
March 10	Sunday	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Deacons' Meeting Education Hour Worship Service Coffee Hour & March Birthday Celebration
March 12	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
March 13	Wednesday	5:00 pm	Bible Study at Ginna Coon's house
	March 14	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm
			Food Pantry Choir
	March 17	Sunday	9:00 am
			10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm
			Worship Service Education Hour Worship Service with Baptism Coffee Hour
March 18	Monday	10:30 am	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist
March 19	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
March 20	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session

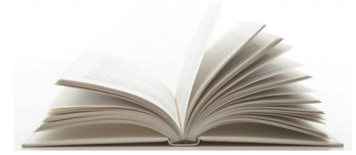


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March 2019 Calendar Continued.....

March 24	Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 am	Coffee Hour
March 25	Monday	7:00 pm	Lenten Book Discussion at Gladys Gifford's house
March 26	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
March 27	Wednesday	5:00 pm	Bible Study at Ginna Coon's house
		7:00 pm	Disaster Preparedness Training
March 28	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir
March 31	Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Coffee Hour & Youth Group Sub Sale



Adult Education

March 10—April 14: Lenten Series— Confessing the Faith

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is considering including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's *Letter from a Birmingham City Jail* in its Book of Confessions. We will explore this famous letter and its ramifications for Christians today.

If time permits, we will also examine one or two other creedal statements in the Book of Confessions and what they mean for us today. Tracy will lead this Lenten series.

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service

March 6th, 5:30 dinner, 6 p.m. service

We will begin the Lenten season with a light soup supper followed by service with imposition of ashes. Both will be held in the sanctuary.





Lenten Book Discussion

Following the lead of UPC's racial justice task force, a discussion of the book *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving will be offered during Lent.

This will be a time of respectful conversation in which we will listen to one another as we share our experiences and understandings. We will follow the study guide prepared by the Presbyterian church. Participants should read the entire book prior to the first meeting. Copies are available in the Buffalo Library and online, as well as at local bookstores.

We plan to meet Monday evenings, March 25, April 1 and April 8, from 7-8:30 pm, at the home of Gladys Gifford (174 Capen Blvd in Amherst). Please sign up with Gladys (836-2825 or at the church office by March 4th so that she may prepare materials.

University Students Bowling

Bowling is fun whether you are an expert or a first time bowler. We plan on bowling on Saturday, March 2nd from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Kenmore Lanes, 1691 Kenmore Avenue, Kenmore NY 14217 (near the intersection of Kenmore and Elmwood Ave.). Your cost for two games plus rental of shoes and use of bowling balls is \$5.00. Food is sold at Kenmore Lanes but no one is allowed to bring in food. Please contact Kathryn Hallborg at 491-1115 or k.hallborg@yahoo.com to make a reservation by Thursday, Feb. 28th. We plan on arranging carpools so let me know if you need a ride or if you are driving and can provide transportation.



Just Coffee

It's time again to order delicious Just Coffee from our friends at the border and Chiapas. Please fill out the order sheet in the Coffee Room or contact Howard Henry at justcoffeeorders@roadrunner.com Caffeinated, Arabica coffee is \$10 per pound, Decaffeinated Arabica coffee is \$11 per pound. Please specify if you want whole beans or ground, dark roast or regular roast. Talk to Howard if you have questions. The order will be sent off April 1st.



Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch

Rev. Buisch will be leading Wednesday evening Bible Study at Ginna Coon's house (26 Chassin in Amherst) on February 27, March 13 & 27 and April 10 & 24 at 5:00 pm. Attendees must RSVP by noon on the Tuesday before each date by calling or texting 716-713-6488.

Disaster Preparedness Training Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m. University Presbyterian Church

UPC members, friends, and neighbors are invited to attend a training program designed to help them develop a personal plan in the event of a disaster. This program will be conducted by the New York Citizen Preparedness Corp and is free and open to all. Feel free to invite others or bring a friend!

Governor Cuomo launched the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps in 2014 so residents have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.

The training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or human-made disaster as well as some basic guidelines on how to react to an active shooter situation. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Proper preparation in the home will be emphasized with encouragement to ensure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, along with fire extinguishers, are all available and in proper working order. Trainers will supply information on what organizations can provide additional support; how to register for NY-Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system; and how to be aware of notifications from such sources as the Emergency ALERT System (EAS). Participants will also be encouraged to get more involved in existing community-based emergency activities that may be organized through local schools, businesses or community-based organizations.

Often during an emergency, electricity, heat, air conditioning or telephone service may not work. Citizens should be prepared to make it on their own for at least 7-10 days, maybe longer. Also, as part of the training, participants will receive information about the other supplies and personal information that they should add to their Personal Response Kit. As an individual, a family member, and member of their community, it is essential that citizens take a few basic steps to be prepared; their quality of life and their loved ones may depend on it.



18th Annual Understanding Islam Series **Two Faiths: A Common Destination?**

March 12: Concept of God in Islam and Christianity

Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson & Sawsan Tabbaa, DDS

- Centrality of God in each faith tradition
- Status of Jesus in Christianity & Islam
- Concept of Trinity
- 99 Attributes of God in Islam
- Why & Who do we pray to

March 19: Holy Scriptures in Abrahamic Faiths

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lawrence & Imam Khalilullah Qadri

- Explain the origin of scriptures in chronologic order
- Old Testament to the New Testament to the Last Testament
- Source and compilation timeline of scriptures
- Primary message(s) and interpretation(s) of scriptures
- Status of Scriptures today

March 26: Primary Role Model(s) for Christians & Muslims

Rev. Daniel Schifeling & Husam Ghanim, PhD

- Prophethood in Christianity & Islam
- Centrality of Jesus and Muhammad (PBUH) in respective faith traditions
- Primary role(s) models in your faith traditions
- Role and status of spiritual mentorship
- Any Pledge of Allegiance requirement from your faith tradition

April 2: How we live our lives as Christians & Muslims

Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty & Kathy Jamil, MS

- What is essential for daily living in your faith (Spiritually)
- Guiding principles and rules for our daily life
- Application of the lessons from the lives of our role model(s) today
- Teachings from our families, homes and religious institutions
- Role and status of Shariah in Muslim daily life

All sessions will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church,
724 Delaware Avenue, and are open to the public.

Each evening will begin at 6:00 PM with a halal dinner, followed by
presentations and discussion from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

*Dinner reservations (\$7) are required; please contact Jamie at
jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437. No reservation is required if
not attending dinner.*

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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, March 1st from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.**

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

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(The Taizé' Service in April is scheduled for April 5, 2019)