

*The Network... a Publication of
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Message from our Pastor

At the congregational meeting on June 3, the members of University Presbyterian Church voted unanimously to expand the lease agreement with our tenant, Best Self Behavioral Health (BSBH), and to undertake renovations of parts of our lower level to accommodate our congregation's needs.

The expansion of BSBH will include all of the second floor with the exception of the church office--including room 101 near the elevator, the Holzwarth room, the meeting rooms down the hallway to the sanctuary. UPC will retain rights to the hallways leading from the elevator and from the sanctuary to the bathrooms on the second floor. The rent from this expanded lease is substantial and will be important in helping pay for our large and expensive building.

To meet our congregation's needs, the members approved renovations to the Auditorium to turn that space into a more aesthetically pleasing and physically comfortable space. In addition, the Auditorium will be made more accessible with the installation of exterior and interior ramps into that room and the construction of a lift (mini-elevator) from the narthex in the rear of the sanctuary down to the lower level. The plan is to make the Auditorium into a pleasing space we can use for coffee hour, church receptions, and other gatherings.

What all this means is that our building is going to go through an "awkward phase" as construction gets underway, furniture and other items are moved, and our typical patterns of gathering are disrupted. The Session is working to ensure that as much as possible the community groups that use our building for their programs are still accommodated during this transition. The exact duration of this construction is uncertain but it is likely to take somewhere between 4-6 months.

In the meantime, we continue to gather as Christ's community. We continue to worship and to serve with our focus on being disciples of Christ in this place and for this time. We welcome prayers for the present and the future of this part of the body of Christ called UPC.

Shalom,

Tracy

Worship Column ~



June 10 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15);
Ps. 138; 2 Cor. 4:13-4:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 17 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Sam. 15-34-16:13; Ps 20;
2 Cor. 5:6-10, (11-13) 14-17;
Mark 4:26-34

June 24 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Sam. 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and
Ps. 9:9-20 or 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16
And Ps 133; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41



*happy
birthday !!*



OUR JUNE BIRTHDAYS.....

JUNE

- 1 Thomas Somerville
- 2 Timothy Harbison
- 6 Geraldine Grisante
- 6 Dennis Erickson
- 7 Susan Beyer
- 11 Priscilla Stevens
- 21 Sabrina Burker
- 24 Clark Whitefield
- 26 Russell Whitefield
- 26 Zain Shirazi
- 30 Roger Dahl

Hello to all,

Below is a list of Summer Events that are happening this summer. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the events listed.

Kathy Hallborg has graciously put the following information together. Happy Summer to everyone.

University Students, Members and All Friends

Juneteenth Celebration – Saturday, June 16 Martin Luther King Park

Juneteenth commemorates the day that the news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Galveston, Texas. According to historical accounts, news of the Emancipation Proclamation which had been issued by President Abraham Lincoln and had taken effect in 1863, finally reached Galveston on June 19, 1865 when Union Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston. Juneteenth celebrations across America provide an occasion for reflection and rejoicing, self-assessment and planning for the future.

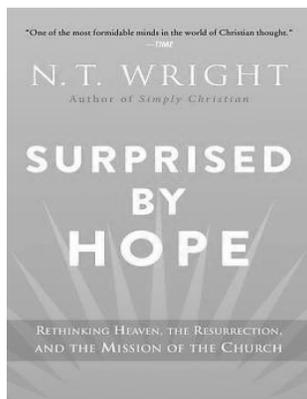
This will be Buffalo's 43rd Juneteenth Celebration. The day begins with a parade. There will be entertainment and activities as well as a vendor market and food court. We will meet in the parking lot of our church at 11:45 am on Saturday, June 16th. Please let us know if you plan on joining us and whether you are able to drive or need a ride. We plan to return about 3:00 pm.

Berry Picking - Sunday, July 8th

Western New York has wonderful fruit. We will be driving to a "U Pick" farm in Niagara County following the Sunday service. Pick blueberries or raspberries or just go for the ride. The berries are sold by weight. We plan to return to the church by mid-afternoon. Please let us know if you plan to be with us and whether you are able to drive or need a ride.

Shakespeare in Delaware Park – Thursday, August 2

"Much Ado About Nothing" See Shakespeare for free! This is the 43rd year for Shakespeare in Delaware Park. We will meet in our church parking lot and leave at 5:30 pm. The performance is held outside on the stage near Hoyt Lake in Delaware Park. Bring a folding chair, blanket or jacket and something to eat. "Much Ado" is a play of intrigue and disguises. It is a comedy so all comes aright in the end! We expect to return the church at about 10:30 pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. And whether you are able to drive or need a ride.



What is the meaning of life? Do we really believe in life after death? In literal and bodily resurrection? And how does our belief about life after death affect what we believe about life before death?

Shirley Herman and Gladys Gifford will lead us in a book study in June, to read and discuss N.T. Wright's Surprised by Hope.

We want to share how this book helps us when we consider heaven, life after death, resurrection and the mission of the church.

We will meet at 11 am, after the worship service, in Room 101 (next to Holzwarth Room): June 10th, 17th, and 24th. Please join us. Thank you.

We have this book available to purchase in the church office. Cost is \$10.49. Cash or check payable to UPC.

UPDATE FOR REV. STUART BUISCH BIBLE CLASSES

Hello to all of Reverend Stuart Buisch's Bible Study students, members, and friends.

Due to renovation within the church building, Bible Study will be held at 26 Chassin Ave., Amherst, NY 14226; courtesy of Ginna Coon. The dates for these bible discussions are June 27th, July 11th, & July 25th, August 22nd, and September 5th. Meetings begin at 5 pm. All are invited.

Books ~ Books ~ Books

**In the Holzwarth Room there are many interesting books that are being offered
To everyone who may be interested in taking one, two or several.
Read them, share them, keep'em in your library.**

PLEASE NOTE:

**Beginning SUNDAY, JUNE 17, the front entrance to the church will
be CLOSED due to repair work on the Church's steeple.**

It will remain closed for approximately 8 weeks.

**Worshippers are asked to use the parking lot
entrance to access the sanctuary.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!



Information about the Network

The first week of June is just about over, so I hope it was a good week for everyone. I apologize that this edition wasn't out sooner. The office has been very busy, and I have lots to do every day. Unfortunately, the May Network was not published and only 2 people contacted me to ask when it would be received. I hope everyone is reading this newsletter and finds it helpful.

I would like comments and suggestions for future issues.

If anyone is interested in helping to work on the NETWORK this would be great. Just let me know and I will help too.

June 2018 Calendar

June 1st through June 9th is already over so let's start with...

Sunday, June 10

9:30 am
10:00 am
11:00 am
11:00 pm

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon's Meeting
Worship Service
Book Study— "Surprised by Hope" with Shirley & Gladys
Coffee Hour celebrating June Birthdays

Monday, June 11

Church Tower Repair Work is scheduled to begin

Tuesday, June 12

12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open

Thursday, June 14

12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open

Sunday, June 17

10:00 am
11:00 am
11:00 am

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Service
Coffee Hour
Book Study with Gladys & Shirley ~ "Surprised by Hope"
Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful men who are fathers, granddads and uncles

Tuesday, June 19

12 pm ~ 4:00 pm

Food Pantry is open

Wednesday, June 20

5:45 pm
7:00 pm

Ministry to Community Meeting
Session Meeting

Thursday, June 21

12 pm ~ 4 PM

Food Pantry is open

June 2018 Calendar continued...

Sunday, June 24

10:00 am
11:00 am

11:00 am

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Service
Book Study ~ “Surprised by Hope” ~ Bring your coffee and join Gladys & Shirley as they conclude their 3 part book study.
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 27

5:00 pm

Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch. This date and the the bible study classes on June 27, July 11, 25, August 22 and September 5 will be held at 26 Chassin Avenue, Amherst, NY 14226. Hosted by Ginna Coon ~ 833-3106. Contact Rev. Buisch for more info.

Thursday, June 28

12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open

And July begins....

Sunday, July 1

10:00 am
11:00 am

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Service with Communion
Coffee Hour

Tuesday, July 3

12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open

Wednesday, July 4

Happy 4th of July..... Business Office is Closed.



Thursday, July 5

12 pm ~ 4 pm

Food Pantry is open

Friday, July 6

5:30 pm

Taizé Worship Service

Saturday, July 7

10:00 am

Breakfast with Friends at Family Tree Restaurant

Sunday, July 8

10:00 am
11:00 am

Worship Service
Coffee Hour



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, July 6, 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

Welcome to the month of



Sunlight is here and it stays longer each day.

Time for planting gardens, sprucing up our homes, going on picnics, taking walks in the early evening.



sitting on porches and decks just to relax and unwind.

Smell the air after a June shower. It's incredible. I love watching thunderstorms. I will sit on my front porch and watch the heavy rain pour down, watch lightening as it crackles in the sky. It makes me feel alive, and very happy. I thank my good fortune for all that I have. May each and every one of our members and friends enjoy the month of June to the fullest.

