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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Column

Easter is not a day. Easter is a way of being in the world. Rather than just a once a year holiday, we Christians believe that Easter calls us into a way of living in the world: we are people who allow the God of Life to transform us. In each day of our lives, in the midst of challenges, hardships, boredom, and everyday routines, we believe that the God of New Life is at work in us and around us. And we have the choice to participate in the work of that God of New Life or not. What if, as we lay in our beds each morning before rising to embark on our daily tasks, what if we consciously recalled that the God of Resurrection walks with us. What if we consciously decided that we would be on the look-out for ways we could join in the work of that God of Resurrection.

We at University Presbyterian Church are going through a kind of "resurrection." We are trying to allow the God of Life to work something new within our congregation for the sake of the good news of Jesus Christ. The denominational program is called New Beginnings, but it really is nothing more than the good, old fashioned belief that Easter is always a part of our lives. Easter is *always* part of our lives.

How might you join in the Easter work being undertaken here at UPC?

Shalom,
Tracy



Worship Column

April 7th - 2nd Sunday of Easter

NO early service today

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship – **Communion**

Lectionary: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118: 14-29 or
Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20: 19-31

April 14th - 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship

9:45 AM Deacons meeting

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 21st - 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation
7:9-17; John 10:22-30

April 28th - 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13:31-35



Holzwarth Room Renovation Update

Our Holzwarth Room renovation fund drive is doing very well. The account started off with \$2000.00 and has since added \$3,198.00 for a current total of \$5,198.00. This is great. As soon as possible we will purchase the first section of the room and you will be kept apprised of our progress. Since this is an on-going project, we hope everyone will rally with us to create a pleasant and comfortable room that will serve us for many years to come.

Thank You!



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submit an article, please
contact the church office.

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Food Pantry By The Numbers

Each month, the UPC Food Pantry submits a report to the Food Bank of Western New York, indicating how many households were served during the month, and how many individuals make up those households. We share these statistics with our congregation, which provides such generous support to our pantry, both in time and in donations.

Anyone interested in volunteering one afternoon a month at the Pantry can call **Barbara Pearson, 833-3163**.

February	2013
Infants	1
Children	56
Adults	171
Elderly	<u>31</u>
Total	259
Households:	157
Equivalent meals:	2,331

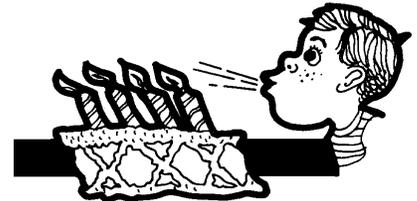
These numbers only tell part of the story of this important and meaningful ministry. It is the people behind the numbers, those who receive this food and offer us their thanks and their blessings, and this congregation who provide such generous support, both in time and in donations, that are the essence and the real story that these numbers represent. **Our thanks to all of you.**

April Birthdays

2	Mikaela Maddock
3	Marlene Kilga
4	Lee Ann Grace
4	John Ward
5	Dawn Appleton
5	Hazel Moodie
7	Andrew Kline
18	Priscilla Kim
18	Jean Decker
18	Michael Townsend
21	John Novak
23	Gladys Gifford
23	Mary Louise Rampola
24	Meg Cheman
28	Jerilyn Hickey
30	Karen Ward

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

13	Jon Lopinski
22	Henna Shirazi
26	Olivia Smith



INTERCOLLEGIATE - INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

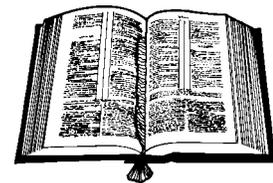
WEDNESDAYS: April 10th and 24th 2013

Light Meal: 5:00 pm - Study until 6:30 pm

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



***An Intergenerational Event
What a Wonderful World!***

Sunday, April 28th

(date subject to possible change – check bulletin for updates)

10:00 am Community Garden Speak



Celebrate God's Gift of the Earth
With a special Earth Day Program!

Food Pantry Information

New Pantry Volunteers are always welcome! Bring a friend along. For more info, call Barb Pearson, 833-3163.

When would I work?

- on a Tuesday or Thursday from 11:30am to 4:00pm.
- one afternoon a month (or as many as you wish).

What would I do?

- You would work with 3 or 4 other volunteers.
- You might guide a client through our “store” to help them choose their groceries.
- You might greet and “check in” our clients.
- You might help to stock shelves .
- If you and a friend would like to work together, we can schedule that for you.
- You will feel good about the time you spend with us, helping our neighbors.



Member Profile

We're bringing in the spring season with our long time member, Ginna Coon. She first attended UPC as a toddler. Based on a recommendation by a friend of her mother's, they attended services. Her mom was impressed by the beauty of the church and the proximity to their home. Needless to say UPC has become a second home to Ginna.

Ginna was born in Children's Hospital, and grew up in her family's home in Eggertsville. The house has been in her family for 97 years! After graduating from Maryville College in E. Tennessee, Ginna joined the Peace Corps. After her training in UCLA, California, she worked for two years in a small town in Ethiopia. She became a Buffalo Public school teacher when she returned from the Peace Corps. She taught fifth graders for 5 years and sixth graders for another 5 years. For the remainder of her career she taught 22 years in the gifted and talented resource studies at Olmsted School # 56 (my daughter Justine was one of her students.)

Since retirement she has enjoyed traveling, and gardening. Although she still considers herself a beginner, she enjoys developing her culinary skills in the kitchen. Ginna has devoted a lot of her spare time to UPC through the years. She has been a member of Session and served as a deacon for numerous terms. She has also chaired the fellowship, stewardship, personnel, Christian education, community and nominating committees. Besides teaching Sunday school, she has also taken on the role of Sunday school superintendent for many years. When the church was raising money to install an elevator, she served on that committee also. During the year 2002, she served as Commissioner to the General Assembly, of Presbytery.

Her faith has helped her through many difficult situations such as her service in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia, and the demands of being a teacher. But the true test was the adjustment required to get her life back on track after she lost her sister Judy.

Thank you, Ginna for all your work in the past to help UPC and for all your future contributions in our walk with Christ as his disciples.



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 Taize 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, April 5 from 5:30 – 6 p.m.** 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 Taize Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

www.upcbuffalo.org/firstfriday

APRIL 2013

Monday	1	Office Closed for Easter Holiday – Have fun – It’s April Fools Day	
Tuesday	2	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	4	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Friday	5	5:30 pm	Taize’ Service
Saturday	6	10:00 am	Grief Support Group Meeting @ Family Tree
Sunday	7	NO 9:00 am Worship Service today	
		9:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
		11:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
		12:15 pm	University Student Luncheon
Monday	8	12:00 noon	Presbyterian Women
Tuesday	9	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	10	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
Thursday	11	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Sunday	14	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:15 pm	University Student Lunch
Tuesday	16	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	17	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday	18	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Sunday	21	9:00 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Community Prayer
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:15 pm	University Student Lunch
Tuesday	23	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	24	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
Thursday	25	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Sunday	28	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:15 pm	University Student Lunch
Tuesday	30	12:00 noon	Food Pantry

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