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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church January 2011

Pastor's Column

There is a feeling of freshness that comes with starting a new year. We imagine that the slate can be wiped clean and we can start this new year unencumbered by the issues of the past, the destructive habits of our lives, the sorrows that have burdened us the previous year. It is a season when we make resolutions to live our lives differently. A fresh start.

And yet . . . And yet we know how difficult it is to follow through on resolutions. And we know how easily the history of the previous year is dragged along into the new year. Sorrows follow us. Worries persist. Troubles don't magically disappear. And the change we want to see in our lives usually comes gradually rather than immediately.

Perhaps rather than viewing the new year as a clean slate, we would be better served to enter it with different expectations. All of who we are and all of what we face in life will follow us into the new year. But so too will God and the power of God. Our "slate" will be blurred with the markings of sorrow, the burdens of our lives, the struggles and worries we face. But it will also bear the markings of a God who abides with us: Emmanuel. Our lives are not "tidy." But God does not expect tidiness. God desires faithfulness. As we enter this new year with our old selves, we can only pray that God will give us the wisdom and the strength to see where and how we might love and serve God in whatever our circumstances may be.

Shalom,
Tracy

Worship Column

JANUARY 2 - 2ND Sunday after Christmas

9:00 AM Worship - Communion

11:00 AM Worship - Communion

Lectionary: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

JANUARY 9 - *Baptism of the Lord*

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or
Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

JANUARY 16 - 2ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

JANUARY 23 - 3RD Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96;
Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

JANUARY 30 - 4TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;
Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 13-23



A Sincere Thank You

To everyone at UPC for the cards, calls, e-mails, gifts, prayers and thoughts during the last couple of months, during my surgery and recovery. Your concerns and best wishes were greatly appreciated.

John Novak



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Co-Editors:
Brian Belus
The Reverend Tracy Daub

Adult Christian Education Class

January begins with a holiday Sunday, (January 2nd). We have no class that first Sunday. Then, starts a long stretch until a **very late** Easter (April 24th), at which time spring will truly be here.

During **January**, we will have *Seasons of the Spirit* Bible Study and also hear from one of our manse students.

January 9th *Seasons of the Spirit* lead by Marietta Bratton

January 16th *Seasons of the Spirit* lead by Tracy Daub

January 23rd Catherine Otieno, our manse student, will be our special guest speaker.

January 30th *Seasons of the Spirit* lead by Donna Riddagh

A sneak peak into February shows we will have a guest speaker from "Habitat for Humanity."

We hope you will join us **every Sunday at 10:00 AM. in Room 101**, where there is always something new to learn and the coffee is always hot!

BIRTHDAYS

January Birthdays

- 1 Dorothy Frye
- 2 Jude Hammer
- 5 Christopher Safulko
- 6 Rose Hoffman
- 8 Virginia Coon
- 10 Jean Masters
- 10 John Lopinski, Sr.
- 11 Janet Mazzaroppi
- 12 Sandra Boag
- 12 Marjorie Waldron
- 14 Bilquis Dass
- 17 Carolyn Harbison
- 19 David Patel
- 22 Grace Yockey
- 24 Erin Hershey
- 28 Elizabeth Lucas
- 29 Hans Spielberg
- 29 Eric Dass
- 30 Diane Walker

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Smitty Siegel
- 8 Erika Betz
- 26 Mason Appleton

INTERCOLLEGIATE - INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS: January 18th and 25th

Light Meal: 5:00 PM

Study until 6:30 PM

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch

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 Gerry Grisante at 835-0433.

NOVEMBER 2010

<u>Month</u>		<u>Thanksgiving Dinners</u>
Infants	1	1
Children	53	41
Adults	156	114
Elderly	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>
	224	182
Households: 129		Households: 99
Equivalent meals: 2,106		Equivalent meals: 182

UPC NEWS

Winter Address

Dec 28 - April 2011

Leslie Hulcoop

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Remember in Your Prayers

The family of Wayne Appleton, who died on December 11, 2010, following a long illness. Wayne is survived by his wife, Gerry Ann (Lonkey), daughter Dawn and son, Wayne and their families. Wayne was an ordained elder and served on the session at UPC.

JANUARY 2011 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	2nd	9:00 am	Worship-Communion	Sanctuary
		11:00 am	Worship-Communion	Sanctuary
MONDAY	3rd	BUILDING CLOSED - HOLIDAY		
TUESDAY	4th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
WEDNES	5th	7:00 pm	Committee Meetings	
THURSDAY	6th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:30 pm	Choir	
FRIDAY	7th	5:30 pm	First Friday Taize Service	Sanctuary
SUNDAY	9th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		9:30 am	Deacon's Meeting	
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
MONDAY	10th	12:00 noon	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	Holzwarth Room
TUESDAY	11th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
THURSDAY	13th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:30 pm	Choir	
SATUR	15th	1:00 pm	Knitting Group	Holzwarth Room
SUNDAY	16th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
MONDAY	17th	1:00 noon	Bridge	
TUESDAY	18th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		5:00 pm	Bible Study	
WEDNES	19th	7:00 pm	SESSION	
THURS	20th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	
SUNDAY	23rd	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
TUESDAY	25th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		5:00 pm	Bible Study	
THURS	27th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:30 pm	Choir	
SUNDAY	30th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary



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, January 7 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