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"Pastor Column"

A great deal of our life is spent planning. We plan for events that are approaching. We plan for retirement. We plan for our next vacation. In the life of the church or the world of business, we are always preparing for the next big event. Scarcely have I planned a worship service, written a sermon, or prepared for a committee meeting then there is another one looming up behind it that needs my consideration.

Sometimes all this future thinking, however, distracts us from the "holy now." This moment, this time, this place has holy value. I don't know what may happen ten minutes from now; all I know is that I have this moment. And God joins me in this moment.

"Now" is really all that any of us have. We have now. And we have the people who inhabit our "now." We have this day to cherish, the blessings of this moment to appreciate, the challenges of this moment to confront, and the people who inhabit "now" to love as best we can.

It is ironic that as I speak about the "holy now" I am actually writing this article in June before I've even left Buffalo for Central America. You will receive it for the summer months of July and August—times that still remain in the future for me at this moment of writing. And when the "then" of July and August arrive, will I be living in the moment or still anticipating some future occasions?

Perhaps this summer we might try to appreciate the gift of God's holy "now" a little more fully than we usually do. Where is there beauty right now? Where is there grace right now? Where can I find God's presence in this time and place? Who are the people who bring blessings to my life at this moment? And how can I share the love of Christ this day?

As you read this, know that I hold all of UPC in prayer each and every day during these summer weeks I am away.

Shalom, Tracy

Message From Our Summer Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

My name is Amy Jelensperger and I want to thank you for the privilege of serving here at University Presbyterian this summer.

I was ordained in 1996 and have served congregations in Northern New York and Pennsylvania. My husband is the Rev. Steven Jelensperger and he serves as head-of-staff at Deerhurst Presbyterian Church in Tonawanda. We have no children but dote on our two dogs quite a bit!

While summer is a time for "taking a break" from the regular schedule of school and work, I hope we will have a chance to meet and get to know one another over the next ten weeks. I already know you are gracious and generous because you have welcomed me and blessed Tracy and her family on their trip to Central America. I am excited to hear back from Tracy about her adventures and I hope we will have great stories to share, too.

Peace and joy be upon us as we serve Christ together! Amy Jelensperger

Summer Birthdays

	JULY		<u>AUGUST</u>
5	Tiffany Whitcomb	1	Tina Burker
9	Tim Wadkins	2	Wayne G. Appleton
12	Bill Rugg	3	Joan Secor
13	Barbara Alderdice	3	John Swaine
16	Hilde Smith	1 1 4	Matt Smith
17	Joan Holzman	7	Ida Caster
20	Thomas Bardos	10	Nadeem Patel
21	Beatrice Henry	12	Katie Boncek Bonczar
22	Gladys Spielberger	12	Vicki Moorhouse
24	Art Cookfair	13	Carol Menczynski
24	Kendra Masters	13	Val Macer
29	Marjorie Rugg	14	Amy Hoechst
29	Marcia Townsend	14	Sharon Melius
	YOUTH BIRTHDAYS	16	Kecia Boncek Nicholson
	JULY	18	Barbara Kraemer
2	Emily Smith	19	Priscilla Maddock
9	Sophie Smith	23	Betty Helwig
15	Gabriella Ward	23	Doris Croop
20	Harrison Appleton	25	Michael Hoffman
22	Ellary Appleton	30	Bina Patel
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Pastoral Care

The Rev. Amy Jelensperger will be our guest pastor while Rev. Daub is away. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please call Amy at <u>867-1323</u> or you may call the office, **836-7660**, **Monday-Friday**, **8:30 AM-4:00 PM**, or **MaryAnn at home**, **773-6786**. Amy will be in the office on Monday and Wednesdays.

Amy will be away from **July 17-July 30**, enjoying vacation time with her husband, Steve. There **will be** pastoral care coverage in her absence. If pastoral care is needed during this time, please call MaryAnn at the office, or at home.

UPC 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.

We could use your help.....

Do you know anyone who might like to be a Pantry volunteer? Or if you would like to try us out as a VOLUNTEER - just one afternoon a month - please call Gerri Grisante at 835-0433

UPC Food Pantry			
Monthly Statistics			
Individuals Served:			
May 2010			

 Infants
 40

 Children
 43

 Adults
 108

 Elderly
 24

 Total
 227

Households: 97 Equivalent meals: 1,611



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Worship Column

July

July 4TH - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship - Communion

Lectionary: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary:: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 18th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

July 25th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 19:38-42



August

August 1st - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship - Communion

Lectionary: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

August 8th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 15th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

August 22nd - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 29th - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:7-14

Summer Worship Schedule

There will be one worship service at 10:00 AM through September 5th. On September 12th the 9:00 AM worship service and 10:00 AM Sunday School will resume.

Habitat For Humanity

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010
8:30 AM (meet in church parking lot)
Location: To be announced



- * Work might include framing windows, clean up, yard work and more.
- * "Attitude is more important than aptitude," says Jack the Habitat site coordinator.
- * Please bring a bag lunch and we will provide drinks and dessert.
- * See sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the nursery or call Priscilla Kim, 839-3960.

Planning Ahead !!

The church office will be undergoing extensive renovation the third week in July (19-23).

New carpeting will be installed and as well as other changes are being made. We will be without computer service for several days. Please try to plan ahead regarding things you may need; which includes any checks that may be needed, outside of the normal bill paying.

Thank you.

Labels

Campbell's labels are <u>no longer</u> being collected. Thank you to all who have so faithfully brought them in.

Canceled stamps, eye glasses and can tabs are still being collected. The are jars in the Holzwarth Room, which you can put these items in.

Financial Report

We are pleased to report that May was financially a positive month. Our income was over budgeted income, and actual expenses were less than the budget. This means our projected deficit has been somewhat reduced. However, we are still looking at a substantial deficit this year. As we are in summer, please keep up your pledges

Thank you