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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Column

In June we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost Sunday, June 8 is a day when we recall God's gift of the Spirit, which helped those first, terrified disciples overcome their fears and boldly proclaim the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. We sometimes refer to Pentecost as the "birthday" of the Christian Church because of how the testimony of the disciples caused many others to believe and join the way of Jesus Christ. The message of God's life-giving love was so compelling that, according to the Book of Acts, 3,000 people converted after hearing Peter's sermon.

Since that first "birthday" so long ago, the story of the Christian Church is rather mixed. History bears the shameful record of the many times and ways in which Christians have behaved atrociously toward other humans, when the faith has been used to justify killing, conquest, abuse, and cruelty. This is part of the Christian story.

And yet, there is something that has remained so compelling about the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ that here we all are, two thousand years later. Somehow, despite the self-serving manipulation of the message, somehow the good news has been handed down, generation to generation. Thankfully the "good" has not been lost in the midst of the "bad." We can only give credit for this to the Holy Spirit, still at work in us and in history.

Come celebrate the power of God that is still stronger than death and evil and cruelty. Wear red on Pentecost and join in giving thanks for the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Shalom,
Tracy



**THIS WEEK'S
MESSAGE**

Worship Column ~ June 2014

June 1st **7th Sunday of Easter**

10:00 AM Worship Service with **Communion**

Lectionary: Acts 1:6-14; Psalms 68:10, 32-35;
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11

June 8th **Day of Pentecost**

If possible please wear Red to services

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30;
Psalms 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or*
Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

June 15th **Trinity Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalms 8; 2
Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 22nd **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalms 86:1-10,
16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

June 29th **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalms 13;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42



Spring Clean Up Day "2nd Chance"

To all of you who may have missed our first clean up day here at UPC, here is your chance to meet with your friends and members with helping us spruce up the inside of the church building. **Saturday, June 14th from 9 am to 1 pm.** Please bring a bucket, cleaning cloths, work gloves and your energy in helping to make our Sanctuary and building shine.



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is published monthly for
friends and members of
University Presbyterian
Church. If you wish to
submit an article, please
contact the church office.

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Opportunities to Become a Blessing

Volunteer in the Food Pantry

Help with the Children's education hour

Prepare a meal for the University Student Program

Serve as a Liturgist

Call someone you haven't seen at church in a while

Join the choir

Do you have a "Blessing Story"?

Blessings come to us in many ways. They surprise us at the best and worst of times. Sometimes we don't recognize them until they've passed by. Our *New Beginnings* focus this year is "*Blessings*". Maybe you have a story that could bless another through the monthly newsletter. Use the space below or as much as you'd like to share and submit to one of the deacons. Some of you may prefer to e-mail your 'blessing story' for editing to:

universitypresbyterian@verizon.net **SUBJECT: Blessings article**

Name: _____ **Contact Info:** _____

FOOD PANTRY BY THE NUMBERS

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.

2014 April	
Infants	0
Children	62
Adults	164
Elderly	49
Total	249
Households	164
Equivalent Meals	2475

Please Help Us Recruit New Volunteers – New Pantry Volunteers are always welcome! But right now we are in great need of more folks.

- Can you give us an afternoon a month?
- Do you know someone who might like to join us?
- Come and bring a friend along.
- Ask a neighbor.
- Post a flyer at work or at your library.

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.



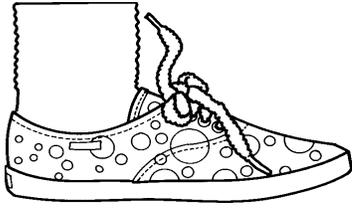
June Birthdays

- 1 Thomas Somerville
- 2 Timothy Harbison
- 4 Neal Croop
- 6 Geraldine Grisante
- 6 Dennis Erickson
- 7 Susan Beyer
- 8 Ray Thompson
- 11 Priscilla Stevens
- 26 Zain Shirazi
- 29 David Walker
- 30 Roger Dahl

YOUTH JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 20 Linnea Ecklund
- 21 Sabrina Burker
- 24 Clark Whitefield
- 26 Russell Whitefield





Donate Your Sole

Our Hearts for the Homeless **“DONATE YOUR SOLE”** program is doing well. Summer is upon us and when you pick up a new pair of sandals, flip-flops or sneakers, check your closet for those that you no longer need. Bring them to church and drop them in the shoe box in the Narthex of the Church. Donations of new items are always appreciated too!

We thank you from the bottom of our *SOLE*.

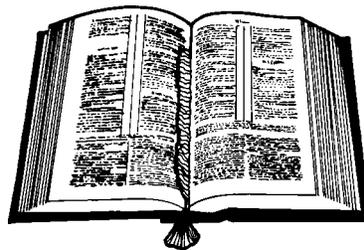
INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays, June 4th, July 9th and
August 27th (open house night)**

**Light Meal: 5:00 pm – Study until 6:30 pm
Holzwarth Room**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch





CAMP DUFFIELD

Camp Duffield is looking for individuals who want to experience the wonder of God's world. We need~

~CHILDREN to sign up for summer camp.

~ADULTS who are willing to volunteer their time by working as a counselor, lifeguard, nurse, crafts person, or kitchen help and can commit to one week of service.

Camp Offerings available to you:

~**Challenge Camp-July 6th-12th**-a camp for adults with developmentally challenged adults. Cost \$500

~**Science Camp-July 15th-19th**- Children who have completed grades 3-8) get to explore the wonder of the great outdoors.(Cost \$330)

~**Chipmunks**-For our younger folks who want to just participate in a shortened version of the camping experience. (during Science camp or Leapin'Lizards)(Cost \$330)

~**Leapin' Lizards-July 20th-25th**-For those who have completed grades 3rd-8th. (Cost \$330)

~**Night Owls**- A perfect schedule for teens who stay up late and sleep in. (for those who have completed grades 9-12) (Cost\$340)

~**Camp Hope-Aug.10th-16th**- an opportunity for single parent and blended families to enjoy a camping experience of family camping with others who understand.(Cost \$195)

~**Alumni Reunion retreat-Aug.8th-10th**

~**Women's Retreat-October 10th-12th**

~**Men's Retreat-September 26th-28th**

Camperships are available upon request.

For more information, please call Pat Cookfair-Casseri at 440-9833.



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, June 6th 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

THE NETWORK

June 2014

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday	1st	10:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
		11:00 am	New Beginnings Meeting
		11:00 am	Planting Today at The Community Garden
			Meet Cindy Hickey in Rm. 101 after the 10:00 am service prior to leaving for the garden.

Tuesday	3rd	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
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Wednesday	4th	5:00 pm	Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm
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Thursday	5th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
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Friday	6th	5:30 pm	Taize Service
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Saturday	7th	10:00 am	Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant
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Day of Pentecost

Sunday	8th	9:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
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		10:00 am	Worship Service followed by a Pot Luck luncheon in Auditorium
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Monday	9th	12:00 pm	Presbyterian Woman Dutch Treat Luncheon at Family Tree – call the Church Office if you plan to attend or for additional information
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Tuesday	10th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
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Thursday	12th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
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Saturday	14th	9 am – 12pm	2nd Chance Clean Up – come help spruce up the Sanctuary and building
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Trinity Sunday

Sunday	15th	10:00 am	Worship Service
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Tuesday	17th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry (delivery date)
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Wednesday	18th	7:00 pm	Session Meeting – Holzwarth Room
Thursday	19th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	22nd	10:00 am	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship Service Following services – Joint picnic with MacAlpine PC @ Como Lake Park
Tuesday	24th	6 am – 9 pm 12 – 4 pm	Federal Primary Election Food Pantry
Thursday	26th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	29th	10:00 am	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship Service followed by a Hot Dog Roast outside Church.

JULY PREVIEW

Tuesday	1st	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Thursday	3rd	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Friday	4th	4th of July Holiday – Church Office Closed NO TAIZE SERVICE this month	
Sunday	6th	10:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
Tuesday	8th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	9th	5:00 pm	Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm
Thursday	10th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry