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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

March 2011

Pastor's Column

I've been doing a lot of reading about Australia in anticipation of my sabbatical trip there in July. Some of the books focus on the Aboriginal Australians concept of what we Westerners would call "spirituality." In the traditional aboriginal understanding, there is no divide between the sacred and the everyday world. Locations on the landscape, objects, animals are all places where the sacred resides.

We Westerners have a harder time grasping this concept in our lives. Our hectic lives, our disconnect with nature, our reliance upon technology all contribute to a divide between the sacred and the mundane. And we find that we have to be intentional in order to overcome this divide.

Lent offers such an occasion for Christians. These six weeks before Easter can provide an excellent opportunity to deepen our connection to God's sacred presence. And we can achieve this in many very simple and "do-able" ways: ten minutes for prayer or meditation a day, attending special worship opportunities, joining a Bible study, starting a prayer journal are all some basic examples of practices that can help re-establish or deepen our relationship with God.

This Lent, UPC provides some opportunities for our members and friends to re-connect to the Sacred Presence: Ash Wednesday service, our monthly Taize services, the Adult class series on forgiveness are a few examples. You are invited to join us in these activities or to discover your own practices of walking ever closely with your God.

Shalom,
Tracy



Worship Column

March 6 - *Transfiguration of the Lord*

9:00 AM Worship - Communion
10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship - Communion
Lectionary: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

March 13 - *1st Sunday in Lent*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:11

March 20 - *2nd Sunday in Lent*

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 27 - *3rd Sunday in Lent*

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42



INTERCOLLEGIATE - INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS: MARCH 8th and 22nd

Light Meal: 5:00 PM

Study until 6:30 PM

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch

Cookbook Correction:

*Recipe Easy Beef Stroganoff -
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ADD: 1 can undiluted Cream of
Mushroom soup

CHANGE: *Ketchup* amount to 2
TABLESPOONS



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submit an article, please
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Adult Christian Education Class

March - what a month! Ash Wednesday, *SPRING* comes to Western New York and the Adult Education hour has some special guests for the month. Actually, we begin our guest speakers with the last Sundays in February.

February 27th - Dr. Timothy Wadkins starts a two week series "Primal Spirituality the New World Order in El Salvador

March 6th - Part 2 of Dr. Wadkins continuing exploration of El Salvador.

March 13th - Father Duke joins us. Father Duke has done pastoral care at Sister's Hospital for over 25 years.

March 20th - We will begin a 5-week series entitled "Learning Forgiveness." This is certainly timely in view of our world today. Kathy Hallborg will lead the class.

March 27th - Part Two of our Lenten Series "Learning Forgiveness" will be led by Jim Moran.

The series will continue on April 3, 10 and 17, led by Donna Riddagh and Tracy.

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.

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Infants	3
Children	59
Adults	176
Elderly	<u>33</u>
	271
Households:	145
Equivalent meals:	2,439



Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us to begin the Lenten season on **Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 PM** for an Ash Wednesday service. The service will include prayer, songs, and the imposition of ashes.

Jane Somerville's 90th Birthday

Open House Celebration
Saturday, March 26, 2011
1:00 - 4:00 PM

North Presbyterian Church
168 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY
PLEASE, NO GIFTS!

RSVP to Pete or Bonnie at
petesomer@aol.com or 716-694-8868. This is an open house,
so please come when you can and if you can. If you're not
sure just come anyway, we'll have enough. If you can't
make it, please send Mom a card, her actual birthday is
March 23rd.

Thanks,
Bob, Tom and Pete Somerville

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

DEACONS SOUP AND PIE LUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011

FOLLOWING THE SECOND SERVICE

\$5.00 soup and pie
\$3.00 just soup
\$2.00 just pie

There will be whole pies that can be purchased - \$7.00

Take Out Soup:
\$3.00 pint
\$5.00 quart

The proceeds will augment the Deacon's Fund, which is maintained to purchase coffee and supplies for coffee hours, purchase items for advent bags for shut-ins, purchase cards sent from the congregation, purchase Tops gift cards and transportation tokens and other needs that may arise.



March Birthdays

- 1 Lori Lopinski
- 5 Patricia Grisante
- 5 Sandy Maiwald
- 8 Arthur Cookfair
- 8 Janet Eaton
- 11 Cindy Hickey
- 12 Karen Stamos
- 12 Elaine Swaine
- 13 Kathy Hallborg
- 16 Karen Guggemos
- 16 Raymond Smith
- 17 Jim Grisante
- 22 William Guggemos
- 23 Claudia Weiss
- 23 Jane Somerville (90th)
- 28 Kyle Townsend
- 29 Ethel Hawes
- 30 Tracy Daub

YOUNG PRESBYTERIANS

- 13 Timothy Moorhouse





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, March 4 from 5:30 PM - 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 Taize Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

www.upcbuffalo.org/firstfriday

MARCH 2011 CALENDAR

TUESDAY	1st	12:00 noon 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Bible Study	Reid Hall
WEDNES	2nd	7:00 pm	Committee Meetings	
THURSDAY	3rd	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir	Reid Hall
FRIDAY	4th	5:30 pm	First Friday Taize Service	Sanctuary
SATURDAY	5TH	10:00 am	Grief Support Breakfast	Family Tree
SUNDAY	6th	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Worship-Communion Education Hour/Children's Choir Worship-Communion University Student Lunch	Sanctuary Sanctuary
MONDAY	7th	1:00 pm	Bridge	
TUESDAY	8th	12:00 noon 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Bible Study	Reid Hall Holzwarth Room
WEDNES	9th	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	
THURSDAY	10th	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir	Reid Hall
SUNDAY	13th	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Worship Education Hour/Children's Choir Worship SOUP & PIE SALE	Sanctuary Sanctuary Auditorium
MONDAY	14th	12:00 noon	PW Meeting	Holzwarth Room
TUESDAY	15th	12:00 noon 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Bible Study	Reid Hall Hozwarth Room
WEDNES	16th	7:00 pm	SESSION	
THURS	17^h	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir	
SATURDAY	19TH	1:00 pm	Knitting Group	
SUNDAY	20th	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Education Hour/Children's Choir Worship	Sanctuary Sanctuary
MONDAY	21st	1:00 pm	Bridge	
TUESDAY	22nd	12:00 noon 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Bible Study	Reid Hall Holzwarth Room
THURS	24th	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir	Reid Hall
SUNDAY	27th	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Worship Education Hour/Children's Choir Worship University Student Lunch	Sanctuary Sanctuary