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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

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## Pastor's Column

"When I die, I don't want any service." I've heard those words from a surprising number of people—even those who have been active in the life of the church. I have also participated in a number of services where the families, those with a church background as well as those without a history of church participation, seem at a loss as to what the funeral service should look like. What rituals should be included? Where should it be held? Should the casket be present?

No doubt most of us have attended many funerals and memorial services. We glean from these experiences ideas about what a funeral should look like. Some things we like, others we don't.

Eastertide, the season of celebrating the Resurrection, is a good opportunity to examine this matter of the funeral. Just what makes for a good funeral? And, specifically, what makes for a good *Christian* funeral?

In a two-week adult class series, we will explore these questions as well as others like: what is the purpose or function of a funeral; how does the service bear witness to our faith; what is the difference between a funeral and a memorial service; is cremation a faithful option; should the service be at the funeral home or the church; and who needs to be at the service?

How we take care of our dead not only reveals something about us as a society but, especially, it reveals something essential about who we are as Christians. Join us for a discussion about this important part of the human experience and what that means for our journey of faith with God.

Rather than being a depressing topic, (after all, how many of us like to think about death, let alone our own deaths!), I believe that we will be surprised that this exploration of the "good funeral" will actually lead us to the discovery of something joyful and hopeful.

### **The Good Funeral: What Makes for a Good Christian Funeral**

**Sunday, May 11 & 18**

**10 a.m.**

Shalom,  
Tracy



## Worship Column ~ May 2014

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**9:00 AM**      Worship Service **with Communion**  
**11:00 AM**      Worship Service **with Communion**  
**Lectionary:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalms 116:1-4,  
12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23;  
Luke 24:13-35

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**9:00 AM**      Worship  
**9:30 AM**      Deacon's Meeting  
**10:00 AM**      Education Hour  
**11:00 AM**      Worship  
**Lectionary:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalms 23;  
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:-1-10

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**      **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**9:00 AM**      Worship  
**11:00 AM**      Worship  
**Lectionary:** Acts 7: 55-60; Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-  
16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**      **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
*One Worship Service begins on Sundays for the  
Summer*  
**10:00 AM**      Worship Service  
**Lectionary:** Acts 17:22-31; Psalms 66:8-20; 1  
Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



## Donate Your Sole

Our Hearts for the Homeless "DONATE YOUR SOLE" program is doing well. You have donated shoes, sneakers, boots, sandals, for all ages. This on-going ministry to collect gently used and possibly new shoes for those in our community is always in need. As we enter spring and put away the winter footwear, maybe you would consider these items for the Donate Your Sole container in the Narthex of the church. When you are shopping for a new pair of summer sandals or flip-flops, please remember our project by helping a child or teen with their summer footwear needs.



**"The Network"**  
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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## 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 March	
Infants	0
Children	60
Adults	143
Elderly	<u>46</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>
<b>Households</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>Equivalent Meals</b>	<b>2241</b>

**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?

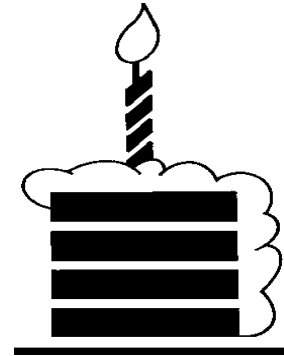
- You would work with 3 or 4 other volunteers.
- You might guide a client through our “store” to help them choose their groceries.
- You might greet and “check in” our clients.
- You might help to stock shelves.
- If you and a friend would like to work together, we can schedule that for you.
- You will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

## May Birthdays

- 1 Annette Arber
- 6 Jeffrey Grisante
- 6 Judy Betz
- 11 Shahnaz Morris
- 15 Geoffrey Burkner
- 15 Donna Riddagh
- 16 Lisa Patel
- 23 Cathy Siegel
- 24 Robert Hallborg

### YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Emily Waldron
- 16 Elizabeth Waldron
- 31 Karly Masters



**INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL  
BIBLE STUDY**

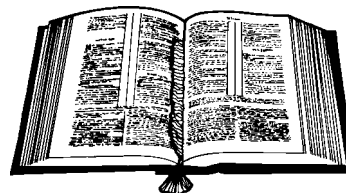
**May 7th & May 28th**

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

**Holzwarth Room**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch**



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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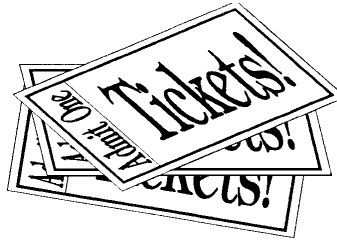
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## UPC News

The Towne Players are doing "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" at the **Sheridan Parkside Community Center, 169 Sheridan Parkside, in Tonawanda**. Dennis Erickson will be playing the psychiatrist, Dr. Spivey. The performances are **May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Also, the following weekend May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.** Tickets are general admission \$12.00 and \$10.00 for seniors and students. Presale tickets can be purchased from Dennis Erickson and are \$10.00.



### ***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*



## **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:**

~**Parent/Child 24 Intensity-May 23rd-24th-** A fun-filled 24 hour retreat to spend quality time with your child with a structured program.

~**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.**

## Member Interview May 2014

Priscilla Maddock is our last interview before the summer break. Priscilla was born in Binghamton, NY and grew up in Endicott, NY. Her father worked for IBM in the area. Priscilla describes her upbringing with her brother as being a wonderful, idyllic, pretty traditional childhood! Priscilla and her husband John now live in Amherst where they raised their 2 daughters, Mackenzie and Mikaela.

Priscilla works as the co-director of the Westminster Early Childhood Programs in Buffalo. The WECP is a large early childhood education center, serving children ages 8 weeks through 5 years of age. Her job keeps her very busy but when she's not working she enjoys reading and always has a book going no matter how busy she is. She loves spending time with family and friends. Both of their daughters live out of town right now, so they enjoy visiting them and having them come home when they can. They own a little piece of paradise on Skaneateles Lake in Central New York, and escape to their cottage whenever possible.

Priscilla and John first found UPC when they were married here by Peter Nord. They joined when they were expecting their first child, Mackenzie. They were initially attracted to the beauty of the sanctuary, and still feel it is a beautiful place! Then they met many wonderful people and felt it was the best congregation to raise their daughters with.

Priscilla attributes her faith for leading her to the people in her life and thanks God for her family, friends and for the life she leads. It has kept her grounded and humble, and it gives her peace and comfort in difficult times. Through the years she has been a deacon, an elder, a Sunday school teacher for over 10 years. Currently she is a member of the Personnel committee. Priscilla, your dedicated service to the youth of the church has helped them with their own faith journey.



*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, May 2nd 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](http://www.upcbuffalo.org/firstfriday)



## THE NETWORK

May 2014

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Taize Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b> <b>Education Hour for Adults &amp; Youth</b> <b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 am – 9:00 pm</b> <b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Buffalo School Board – Elections – Lower level</b> <b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Deacon's Meeting</b> <b>Education Hour for Adults &amp; Youth</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Presbyterian Woman Meeting – Holzwarth Room</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Deacon's Meeting</b> <b>Education Hour for Adults &amp; Youth</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b>

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry (delivery date)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting – Holzwarth Room</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry Choir Practice</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Our Summer ONE Worship Service begins today 10:00 am                      Worship Service</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Memorial Day – Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>

**PREVIEW for First week June 2014**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
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