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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

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"Pastor Column"

Something new is happening at UPC and we hope you will be a part of it. Beginning in November, UPC will launch a new worship service called "**First Friday at UPC.**" As the name indicates, this service will be held on the first Friday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will be based on the Taize style of worship that emerges from the Taize Christian community in France. Taize services (pronounced Ta-Zay) are contemplative worship experiences, marked by the singing of meditative songs, prayers, candles, scripture reading, and times of silence. Those of you who attended UPC's Ash Wednesday service this year may remember that we incorporated some of these Taize elements into that service—and received enthusiastic responses afterwards.

We hope that First Friday at UPC will not only be a meaningful time of prayer and spiritual meditation for our members, but that it will reach beyond our doors and into the broader community. We live in chaotic times. Our lives are often hectic. Our urban life is filled with violence. How do we respond? How do we cope? We hope that First Friday at UPC will provide an opportunity for all of us who may be weary, troubled, or rushed to find a quiet place of prayer and spiritual centering at the end of the week. The time is set so that students as well as those in the work force might take advantage of this moment of prayer and restoration as their week concludes and before they go on to other activities that evening.

First Friday at UPC begins **Friday, November 5 at 5:30 - 6 p.m.** It will be held in our sanctuary. Please join us and bring a friend!

Shalom!
Tracy



**THIS WEEK'S
MESSAGE**

Worship Column

OCTOBER 3RD - 27TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM Worship - Communion

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship - Communion

Lectionary: Lamentations 1:1-6;
Lamentations 3:19-26, or Psalm 137;
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

OCTOBER 10TH - 28TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12;
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

OCTOBER 17TH - 29TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

OCTOBER 24TH - 30TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

OCTOBER 31ST - 31ST Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4;
Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12;
Luke 19:1-10

**Intercollegiate-
Intergenerational
Bible Study**

**TUESDAYS: OCTOBER 5TH AND
19TH**

Light Meal: 5:00 PM

Study until 6:30 PM

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch

Get Your Flu Shot

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK
ABOUT GETTING YOUR FLU SHOT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

AUDITORIUM - LOWER LEVEL

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR HEALTH
INSURANCE CARD



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Special Worship Services in October

Please note the many special Sunday services occurring during October:

October 2: World Communion Sunday

Join with Christians across the globe as we come to Christ's Table and rejoice in what unites us. Both the 9 and 11 a.m. services will include communion, global music, the collection of our Peacemaking Offering, and thanksgiving for the gift of the Christian community of believers.

October 17: Celebration of Children's Sabbath

UPC will join congregations across the nation in lifting up the needs of children in our country and in celebrating the gifts of the children in our lives. UPC's children will help lead the 11 a.m. service.

October 24: Stone Soup Sunday (Stewardship Sunday)

As the well-known children's story, *Stone Soup*, reminds us, wonderful things come about when we all share what we have. Bring your pledge cards to either the 9 or 11 a.m. service and be part of the wonderful thing God is cooking up here at UPC!

October 31: All Saints' Sunday

We will give thanks for the communion of saints and remember those in our UPC family who have died this year.

October Birthdays

1	Pat Adamec
2	Bill Yockey
4	Chris Siegel
4	Pat Cookfair Casseri
5	Ruth Wixson
7	Marge Arnold
7	Janet Beamer
7	Stewart Grisante
7	Ruth Ochs
9	Kristina Alvaran
12	Kevin Budziszewski
13	Michael Belus
13	Alexander Robertson
13	Eileen Urquhart
15	Norma Wagner
17	Henry Moorhouse
21	Terry Collins
22	Emily Grisante
26	Jesse Mook
31	Chery Byer

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

5	Zachary Wadkins-Daub
26	C.J. Harbison
26	Heather Casseri



Stone Soup Sunday

At the congregational meeting on September 19, the Session officially launched its “Stone Soup Campaign” as the theme for this year’s Stewardship program. The campaign is based on the well-known children’s story where some weary soldiers teach a village how to make delicious soup with only some stones. As the soldiers cook up the stones in a pot of boiling water, each village family becomes so intrigued by this event that they are moved to contribute some small ingredient to make the soup “better.” As the carrots, celery, barley, beef and other vegetables get added one by one, a delicious tasting soup is created and is shared by all.

We hope to create “stone soup” here at UPC. When we each contribute even a little bit of our talents, time, and resources, we will be amazed at what God’s spirit can make from our gifts.

As the Session shared at the congregational meeting, UPC faces significant financial challenges. They are far too much for one person or one family to manage. Yet, together, with God’s presence, we all can be part of creating a dynamic community of believers that can live out Christ’s love to one another and beyond our doors.

Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to contribute to the “soup” God is creating at UPC. Pledges to support the ministries at UPC for 2011 will be received and dedicated at our services on **Sunday, October 24**. Pledge cards will be sent out in the mail ahead of that Sunday.

There’s Been A Change.....

The Presbyterian Women have decided to do something different this year. Rather than have their annual Christmas luncheon, they will have a Valentine’s Day luncheon! What better month than February to have a pick-me-up - when the snow has snowed too much, the ice has iced too much and we need something to perk us up!

MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!!
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH - 12:00 NOON
AUDITORIUM

And God Said “No!”

I asked God to take away my pride,
And God said, “No!”
He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole,
And God said, “No!”
He said her spirit is whole, her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience,
And God said, “No!”
He said patience is the byproduct of tribulation. It isn’t granted, it’s earned.

I asked God to give me happiness,
And God said, “No!”
He said He gives blessings. Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain,
And God said, “No!”
He said suffering draws you apart from worldly cares, and brings you closer to Me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow,
And God said, “No!”
He said I must grow on my own, but he will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked God to help me love others, as much as He loves me,
And God said, “Ah! Finally you have the idea!”

Written by Claudia Minden Weisz

Adult Christian Education

SUNDAYS - 10:00 AM - ROOM 101

OCTOBER IS GOING TO BE INTERESTING – to say the least!!

October 3rd “The Faces of Christ”

Cindy Hickey will lead a class on World Communion Sunday, showing the art of other cultures and countries depicting the faces of Jesus

October 17th “Uganda”

Val Macer will join us and tell about her trip to Uganda for 2 weeks.



October 24th and 31st

The other weeks we will continue to follow the lectionary as we study the gospels with “Seasons of the Spirit” study guide.

Come - join us! We value new input, and your views. The coffee is always hot and the discussion lively.

Also, keep an eye on the Education bulletin board – Ginna Coon, Janet Mazzaroppi and Donna Riddagh will be discussing their recent trip to El Salvador in the coming weeks.

Italian Night Dinner

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

COME! ENJOY OUR ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Gather in the Auditorium at 5:00 - eat at 5:30

**MENU: Spaghetti, meatballs, salad,
dessert, beverage**

There will be a free will offering.

**The gym will be open for the children
and youth to play games.**

**See the sign up sheet in the Holzwarth
Room (for head count only) or
call the office (836-7660).**

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.

AUGUST 2010

Infants	2
Children	35
Adults	110
Elderly	<u>23</u>
	170

Households: 98
Equivalent meals: 1,530

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BREAD

FALL 2010

Lee Ann commented that asking for bread is like the story of loaves and fishes. We ask for a little and you give us basketfuls. And we put them all to good use.

After 15 years, this project is not new and we sometimes feel like we are imposing by making this request. However, to the incoming international exchange students, it IS new, and they ARE grateful. The females tend to comment how thoughtful the gesture is. The males usually have this dumbfounded look of “Me? A gift? FOOD!”

One young woman from Australia had her flight canceled and her luggage sent to the Dominican Republic. She got in at quarter after 12 midnight—minus luggage. Close to two days on the road, she was starving. We gave her a loaf of bread in the van en route to the campus. It is just a little thing, but it is such a great demonstration of welcome and concern. Thank you for continuing to help us to do this.

One female student, Jue Wang, came from the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, China to study sociology. We gave her a loaf from

Ginna Coon.

Manchester Metropolitan University in England sent us Lisandra Guimaraes, studying business and French (**the Swains**), history major Ross Birtles (**MaryAnn MacDonald**) and Alexander Levart, also business (**Grace Yockey**).

Jennifer Wu (**Vicki Moorhouse**) and Gemma Watson (**Priscilla Maddock**) arrived from RMIT in Melbourne, Australia. They are both fashion majors.

Two business students came from Central Queensland University in Rockhampton, Australia: Callan Buchholz (**Sarah Smith**); and Jared Truscott (**Kathy Hallborg**).

The final two Australians came to us from the University of South Australia in Adelaide, both studying sport and recreation management: Chloe Oborn (**Jane Somerville**); and Amy Godfrey (**Hilde Smith**).

Our first ever Romanian students came to us from Cluj Napoca, from Babe_ -Bolyai University. We welcomed females Sorana Chipper (**Margaret Twisdale**) and Raluca Lutai (**Joan Secor**), and male Marius Grad (**Donna Riddagh**), all in public administration.

Of course, the residence staff loves to see us! We gave a loaf from **Karen Stucker**, one from **Jane Somerville**, and another from **Sarah Smith** to the North Wing residence hall assistants. We gave a loaf from **Joan Secor** to the Tower 1 folks.

Fortunately, we had enough bread to share with the National Student Exchange newcomers: Thabika Thavakumar from Queens College, NYC (**Ginna Coon**); Jessica Snell, Univ. of Wyoming (**Donna Riddagh**); Mary Murphy, Univ. of Wisconsin, Oshkosh (**Karen Stucker**); and Jason Batt, North Carolina State (**Hilde Smith**).

We put in a 20-hour day on Monday, August 23, picking up students from the airport and bus station, some early, some late, some at the same time in two different locations. We were most grateful, therefore, to have loaves of bread for a Continental breakfast for the orientation that we held the following morning. We used donations from **the Swains**, **Priscilla Maddock**, **Grace Yockey**, and **Vicki Moorhouse**.

Thank you again for your dedicated help. We can't do it without you.

Howard and Lee Ann

OCTOBER 2010 CALENDAR

SATURDAY	2nd	10:00 am	Grief Support Group (Family Tree Restaurant)	
SUNDAY	3rd	9:00 am	Worship- Communion	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship- Communion	Sanctuary
MONDAY	4th	1:00 pm	Bridge	Holzwarth Room
TUESDAY	5th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		5:00 pm	Bible Study	Holzwarth Room
WEDNES	6th	7:00 pm	Committee Meetings	
THURSDAY	7th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:00 pm	Choir	
SATURDAY	9th		Elder/Deacon Retreat	Harvest House
SUNDAY	10th	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	11th	12:00 pm	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	
TUESDAY	12th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
THURSDAY	14th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:30 am	Choir	
SATURDAY	16th	1:00 pm	Knitting Group	Holzwarth Room
SUNDAY	17th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
MONDAY	18th	1:00 pm	Bridge	Holzwarth Room
TUESDAY	19th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		5:00 pm	Bible Study	Holzwarth Room
WEDNES	20th	7:00 pm	SESSION	
THURSDAY	21st	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:30 pm	Choir	
SATUR	23rd	5:30-7:30 pm	Italian Night Dinner	Auditorium
SUNDAY	24th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
TUESDAY	26th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
THURS	28th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
SUNDAY	31ST	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary