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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

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Dear Saints,

It is difficult to believe that four months have come and gone! Tracy's sabbatical is over and my time with you is at an end. I want to thank you for the opportunity to be in ministry with you. You are an amazing congregation – caring, commitment, hard working, faithful, and one which takes servant ministry seriously.

Your food pantry feeds the hungry. Your ministry to college students is one of welcome and inclusion. Your sanctuary rocked with the music of the steel drums, as you sought to bring aid to children in Haiti and the poor served at Jericho Road. You visit and help the sick among you. You are welcoming of strangers – for then you might indeed entertain angels. You worship with energy and pray twice with "heavenly" music.

In Ecclesiastes we find the familiar passage which reminds us "everything has its season." You are entering a new time, a new season, at UPC. Your pastor is coming back from sabbatical – often a life-giving experience, which energizes everyone. Other beloved, faithful, church staff members have retired or will be shortly. "The times they are a'changing!"- And, as difficult as change can be, it can also be a time of great opportunity. As our paths diverge, I promise to keep Tracy, the good people of UPC and your ministry in my thoughts and prayers. My prayer for you is simple. May you always seek the will of God and have the strength and energy to follow where God leads. May God bless you and keep you!

Blessing,
Geri



Worship Column

October 2nd - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM Worship - Communion

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship - Communion

Lectionary: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 9th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 16th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 23rd - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

October 30th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Annual Crop Walk

October 16th all walkers will meet at Amherst Community Church on Washington Hwy in Amherst.

If you can walk, or sponsor a walker, it would be greatly appreciated. Crop Walk fights hunger and part of the proceeds raised comes back to our food pantry. **See Priscilla Kim or Janet Mazzaroppi for more information.**

Thinking Ahead

This year, as part of our alternative gift giving program, Christmas cards from Heifer International may be purchased. **The cards are 20 for \$15.00.** All orders must be prepaid and will arrive in plenty of time for sending.



“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.

Co-Editors:

Brian Belus
The Reverend Tracy Daub

Great Speakers For The Fall

This fall, the adult study class started a series of bible studies on God's creation and our responsibilities as Christians. So far, we have studied about the land, oceans, the wilderness and the rivers.

On October 16th, Val Macer is speaking to us about her trip to "Heifer International" in Maine. "Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth."

On November 6th, Dan Castle (Sue Castle's son) will be joining us in the Holzwarth Room. He works for "Environment and Ecology" in Lancaster. "They are a global network of innovators and problem solvers, dedicated professionals and industry leaders in 85 engineering and scientific disciplines working together to develop and deliver solutions that promote environmental sustainability – anytime, anywhere." Dan will have plenty of stories to tell and a great deal of information to give us so that we too can participate in sustaining God's Creation.

On November 20th, Howard Henry will be giving us another update on a long term project that he and Lee Ann have been involved with. "Frontera de Cristo† seeks to respond in positive and faithful ways to decrease the suffering and death here on the border (of Mexico & the U.S.) and beyond." We need to look after God's greatest creation - our fellow brothers and sisters.

Children's Book

Lynn McConnell has written and published a second book, "On Grandpa's Farm." As we all know, Lynn writes and illustrates her books with her beautiful drawings. This book tells of Lynn's memories of her grandfather's farm. This would be a wonderful Christmas gift for young children. It tells the way life used to be living on a farm, before the modernization of our equipment today. **Books are \$12 and can be purchased in the church office or by calling Lynn or Dick McConnell at 742-3362.**



We Rejoice And Give Thanks

A large **THANK YOU** for all those who attended, baked, tore down and set up the chancel area for the Lancaster Steel Drum Concert which was held on Saturday, September 17th.

"Free the children" in Haiti and "Jericho Road" in Buffalo will each receive \$1000.20.

This event was extremely successful and we rejoice and give thanks for the efforts of so many.

Food Pantry By The Numbers

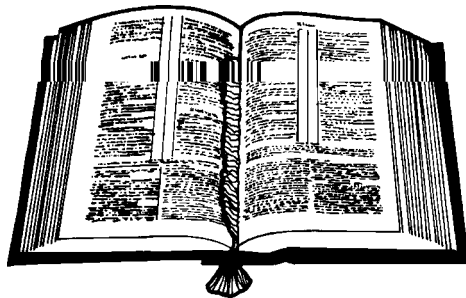
Each month, the UPC Food Pantry submits a report to the Food Bank of Western New York, indicating how many households were served during the month, and how many individuals make up those households. We share these statistics with our congregation, which provides such generous support to our pantry, both in time and in donations.

Anyone interested in volunteering one afternoon a month at the Pantry can call **Barbara Pearson, 833-3163.**

Infants	2
Children	85
Adults	168
Elderly	<u>34</u>
	289

Households: 146

Equivalent meals: 2,601



INTERCOLLEGIATE - INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS: October 12 and 26

**Please note: The day has changed to
Wednesday**

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!
Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch**



October Birthdays

- 1 Pat Adamec
- 2 Bill Yockey
- 4 Chris Siegel
- 4 Pat Cookfair Casseri
- 5 Ruth Wixson (90th)
- 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
- 26 Heather Casseri
- 31 Chery Byer

YOUNG PRESBYTERIANS

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





<http://www.fpwny.org/>

The mission of **Family Promise of Western New York** (Interfaith Hospitality Network) is to unite faith based and other organizations in a collaborative response to the needs of homeless families in our community. Family Promise provides temporary shelter, meals, and assistance for homeless families with children while they seek stability and independence. Family Promise is unique in providing shelter to families, keeping even two parent families intact

The Family Promise host and support congregations provide lodging, meals and hospitality for these families in need. **University Presbyterian Church has committed to be a support congregation to Crossroads Lutheran Church, Main Street in Snyder, during the week when they act as hosts to the homeless families in the Family Promise Program.**

As a support church, UPC is responsible, four times a year, to provide an evening meal for the families (4:30 to 7:30) , to provide companionship during the evening hours (7:00 to 10:00), and if possible, to provide a couple to stay overnight at the church (9:30pm to 7:00 am).

The next date for UPC to be the support church will be October 4th, 2011.

Please consider volunteering to help out on this date. Contact John Swain or MaryAnn MacDonald to sign up or get more information.

In our country, 1 in every 50 children has experienced homelessness In Family Promise of WNY, the face of homelessness becomes personal and the call to hospitality to “the least of these” is real.

UPC is a Family Promise Support Church, Helping Homeless Families in WNY. Could you lend a hand?

VOICE-Buffalo Public Meeting

Sunday, October 23, 2011

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church

724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

Seeking accountability from community leaders in the areas of: Public Education, Community Jobs, Public Transportation Inspiring communities of faith to persevere and prevail

For more information, contact UPC VOICE-core team leaders:
Gladys Gifford, Jude Hammer, Janet Mazzaroppi



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, October 7th 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

October 2011

Sunday	October 2	9: 00 am	Worship-Communion
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship-Communion
		12:15 pm	University Student Lunch
Tuesday	October 4	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		6:30 pm	Stitchery Class
Wednesday	October 5	10:30 am	Food Pantry Volunteers Mtg.
		7:00 pm	Committee Meetings
Thursday	October 6	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	October 7	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Sunday	October 9	9:00 am	Worship
		9:30 am	Deacons Meeting
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:15 pm	University Student Lunch
Monday	October 10	12:00 noon	Presbyterian Women
OFFICE CLOSED - COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY			
Tuesday	October 11	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		6:30 pm	Stitchery Class
Wednesday	October 12	5:00 pm	Bible Study with "Stu"
Thursday	October 13	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday	October 16	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:15 pm	University Student Lunch
Tuesday	October 18	10:00 am	Adult Christian Educ. Meeting
Wednesday	October 19	7:00 pm	SESSION
Thursday	October 20	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir
		1:00 pm	Bible Study with "Geri"
Sunday	October 23	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:15 pm	University Student Lunch
Tuesday	October 25	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		6:30 pm	Stitchery Class
Wednesday	October 26	5:00 pm	Bible Study with "Stu"
Thursday	October 27	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		1:00 pm	Bible Study with "Geri"
Sunday	October 30	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:00 noon	GOULASH LUNCH