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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

October 2012

Pastor's Column

UPC is a beehive of activity this fall. There is a difference, however, between "busyness" and participating in ministries which help others and further our faith. One drains, the other sustains. Perhaps you can find a ministry in which your gifts can be offered to God and others.

The New Beginnings Small groups are in full swing, meeting throughout these weeks at the church and in members' homes. A schedule of these gatherings is enclosed in this newsletter for your benefit. If you haven't already joined a group, please consider making this important commitment to our congregation. Your participation in as many of these gatherings as possible will have an important impact on the direction our congregation will take in the upcoming years.

You won't want to miss the acoustic guitar concert event coming up this month, featuring Dennis Erikson's son Dan and his friend Ashley as they share their original music. It is an event appropriate for all ages so bring a friend along!

Our children will once again help lead worship on October 14 as we celebrate a Children's Sabbath and pray for the issues confronting children in our country.

The Adult Education class will involve lively conversation as Dr. Timothy Wadkins helps us explore the challenging as well as joyful texts of the Bible.

The Food Pantry, which operates twice a week, is always in need of volunteers. Perhaps you have the opportunity to assist in this important ministry.

In November, UPC will once again assist Crossroads Lutheran Church and the Family Promise program by providing food for the families in a time of homelessness. Your hands could help offer nourishment to body and spirit.

The monthly Taize services will continue to feed our souls on the First Friday of every month. This service draws a faithful core of folks who find it source of spiritual sustenance. If you haven't ever come, you are missing something special.

A bountiful table has been spread for us: opportunities to serve as well as those which will support us for the journey. Come feast with us!

Shalom, Tracy

Worship Column

October 7th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour– Adult & Children

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary:

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalms 26; Hebrews 1:4, 2:5-12;

Mark 10:2-6

October 14th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour– Adult & Children

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalms 22:1-15;

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 21st - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour– Adult & Children

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Job 38:1-7; (34-41); Psalms 104:1-

9m 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 28th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

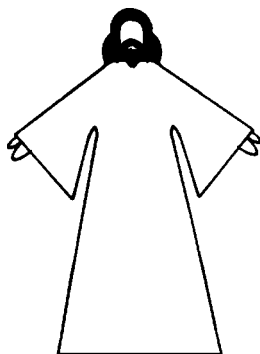
9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour– Adult & Children

11:00 AM **Worship**

Lectionary: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalms 34:1-8

(19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



“Just Coffee” Last 2012 Order

Please sign up for Just Coffee (sign up sheet) by **Sunday, November 4**. This will be the last order sent in for 2012. The shipment should arrive about two weeks later. Think about Christmas/Holiday gifts. Due to increased shipment costs, I have to raise the price by 25 cents per pound at this time. Therefore, each pound of caffeinated coffee will cost \$9.25; each pound of decaffeinated coffee will cost \$10.25. Please see Howard for questions.”



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submit an article, please
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Jericho Road Ministries

Presents: **BUNDLE UP BUFFALO!** Winter Outer Wear Drive for clients of Jericho Ministries & Family Practice

We are accepting new and gently used outerwear items and blankets for men, women and children of all ages.

Drop off coats and blankets here at University Presbyterian Church. A collection bin will be available in the Holzwarth Room until Thursday, October 11th.

Monetary donations also accepted. Checks made payable to Jericho Road Ministries, with "Bundle Up Buffalo" on the memo line. Send Checks to Jericho Road Ministries, 184 Barton Street, Buffalo, NY 14213

To volunteer at the Saturday, October 20th distribution contact Ami Measer at 716-982-7972 or at bundleup@jrm-buffalo.org



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7:30 P.M.

The clergy in the Eggertsville Snyder area announce a community wide Thanksgiving service to be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Crossroads Lutheran Church, 4640 Main Street. The entire community is invited to attend. **Everyone is asked to bring canned goods for our local food pantry at the University Presbyterian Church. All monetary offerings will also be given to the pantry.**

Thank you for your help in getting the word out to the entire community.

Rev. Nancy A. Milleville

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**.

<u>August 2012</u>	
Infants	2
Children	101
Adults	195
Elderly	33
Total	331
Households:	167
Equivalent meals	2,979

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 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.

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
26	Heather Casseri
29	John F. Ward
31	Chery Byer

YOUNG PRESBYTERIANS

5	Zachary Wadkins-Daub
26	C.J. Harbison

INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, October 3rd and Wednesday October 17th, 2012

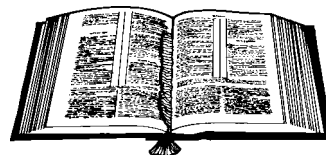
November 14th and 28th and December 5th and 12th

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

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



Christian Education Opportunities This Fall

Children's Class:

Children (ages 5 years through 7th grade) will meet in a multi-aged class, taught by a team of rotating teachers. Class time will start with music, offered by Tiffany Whitefield, collective time as an entire group, followed by smaller groups for age-based activities.

Teachers this fall will be: Marge Waldron (Sept. 16-Oct. 7), Amy Erikson (Oct. 14-Nov. 18), and Ginna Coon (Dec. 2-23). Jude Hammer and Sandy Robertson will alternate as classroom aides.

Adult Class:

The remaining Sundays in the fall semester will be taught by Dr. Timothy Wadkins, Professor of Religious Studies at Canisius College. Dr. Wadkins, always a popular and engaging teacher, will lead us in a discussion of the following topic:

“The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: The Bible and Christian Faith”

Part history, part theology, and part autobiography, this series will discuss questions about the Bible in the context of faith. How exactly are we to understand the role of the Bible in Christian history? What does it mean to affirm the inspiration and authority of Scripture? How should the Bible be interpreted? What are we to do about difficult parts of the Bible, such as those which depict infant sacrifice or genocide in God's name? All of these questions and more will be addressed in this series.

Come join in what promises to be a most stimulating conversation!

New Beginnings - Schedule For Gatherings

Schedule for remaining 5 Gatherings:

Please review the dates and times below and select a group that works best for you. Attendance at as many of the 5 gatherings as possible is encouraged, but if you cannot meet with your group on a given week, you are welcome to join another one. Group meetings last approximately 90 minutes.

<u>Time of Group:</u>	<u>Leaders:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
Sunday, 12:30 p.m. (Sept. 23, Oct. 7, 28, Nov. 4, 18)	Jude Hammer & John Swaine	Jude's house
Monday, 2 p.m. (Sept. 17, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5, 19)	Janet Mazzaroppi & Sandy Boag	Church
Monday, 6:30 p.m. (Sept. 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5, 19)	Tim Ecklund & Howard Henry	Church
Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Sept. 18, Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 20)	Gladys Gifford	Gladys' house
Wednesday, 12 noon (Sept. 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7, 21)	GINNA COON & SARAH SMITH	Church
Group for newer members and friends of UPC:		
Sunday, 12:15 p.m. (Sept. 23, Oct. 14, 21, 28, last meeting: Sat. Nov. 17 (time to be arranged))	Jerilyn Hickey & Dawn Appleton	Church
Group for High School Youth: (Date & more information to follow)		
Sunday, 10 a.m.	Pat Cookfair-Casseri	Church

There may be some changes to the above dates &/or times. Please check with your group leader prior to your meeting date(s) for any possible changes.

More University Presbyterian Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 6th - All ages Concert - 5 pm - Auditorium (note change of room location)

Monday, October 8th - Church Office Closed for Columbus Day Holiday

Saturday, October 13th - Christian Library Association - 8 am to 2 pm - Holzwarth Room

Bible Study with Stuart Buisch - Tuesday, October 2 & Wednesday October 17, Wednesdays November 14 & 28 and December 5 & 12, 2012

First Friday Taize Services - 5:30 - 6:00 pm on, October 5, November 2 and December 7, 2012

November 6th (Tuesday) - Presidential General Election
NO FOOD PANTRY THIS DAY
Voting from 6 am to 9 pm

November 6th (Tuesday) - UPC - sponsored BAKE GOOD SALE - stop and purchase baked goods to take home or stay and have a piece of cake, pie, cookies, etc along with a cup of coffee

Thursday & Friday, November 22nd & 23rd - Happy Thanksgiving!
Church Office is CLOSED Thursday and Friday.

Sunday, December 2nd - Advent Pot Luck Dinner- following 11 am worship service.

Saturday, December 8th - Cookie Sale and Book Sale - morning

Sunday, December 9th - Christmas Caroling (time to be announced)

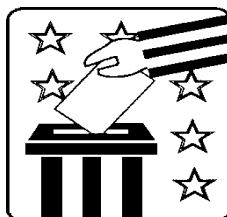
Sunday, December 16th - Christmas Dinner at 12 pm for Members

Sunday, December 23rd - 11 am Worship Service with Children's Pageant

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve ~ 7 pm Worship Service (Office closed)

Tuesday, December 25th - Merry Christmas - (Office closed)

Mark your calendar now for all these special events at UPC





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 5 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 2012

Monday	1	12:00 Noon	Presbyterian Women Meeting
NOTE: meeting is 1st Monday this month due to Columbus Day observed on the 8th of October			
Tuesday	2	12:00 Noon	Food Pantry
		5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
Thursday	4	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	5	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Saturday	6	10:00 am	Grief Support @Family Tree
		5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Music Concert (for all ages) - Auditorium
Sunday	7	9:00 am	Worship Service - Communion
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service - Communion
		12:15 pm	University Student Luncheon
Monday	8	OFFICE CLOSED	Columbus Day Holiday
Tuesday	9	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	11	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	13	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Christian Library Association
Sunday	14		Children's Sabbath
		9:00 am	Worship Service
		9:30 am	Deacon's Soup and Pie Sale
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:15 pm	University Student Luncheon
Tuesday	16	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	17	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
		7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday	18	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	21	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:15 p	University Student Luncheon
Tuesday	23	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	25	12:00 Noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	28	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:15 pm	University Student Luncheon
Tuesday	30	12:00 Noon	Food Pantry