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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church October 2014

Pastor's Column

The world news each evening can be pretty depressing. There are far too many stories of religious intolerance, of killings and warfare by one religious group or faction aimed at another. You would think by this point in world history, people would have come to learn the importance of religious tolerance and respect. Apparently not yet.

Our own country seems to be heading in another direction: growing secularism. Fewer people acknowledge being part of any religious community. Religious practices are no longer regarded as important to a person's life.

These global and national trends should give us pause. It seems all the more essential that those of us who value the acceptance of other faiths and the important role of spiritual expression in the human life, do what we can to promote a different reality.

This October, University Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a special multi-faith event. Entitled "One Light, Many Candles," this program features the famous folk musician Noel Paul Stookey (of the folk group "Peter, Paul, and Mary") and his wife, the Rev. Betty Stookey, in a multi-faith program in word and song. It will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public, with seating on a first-come basis. Being part of this event is a real blessing and privilege and we hope you will come and bring your friends.

Shalom,
Tracy

Worship Column ~ October 2014

October 5th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship Service with
Communion

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship Service with
Communion

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

October 12th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM Deacons Meeting

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship Service

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

October 19th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship Service

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

October 26th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM **Worship Service**

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



Bowling Bash

On Sunday, October 5th Camp Duffield is hosting a Bowling Bash Tonawanda Bowling Center from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

For a donation of **\$15 per person** you will enjoy 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop. Come join us! For more information, see or call

**Pat Cookfair-Casseri at
834-6468.**



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submit an article, please
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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 August	
Infants	0
Children	72
Adults	155
Elderly	36
Total	263
Households	147
Equivalent Meals	2,367

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.

October Birthdays

- 2 Bill Yockey
- 4 Chris Siegel
- 4 Pat Cookfair-Casseri
- 5 Ruth Wixson
- 7 Marge Arnold
- 7 Janet Beamer
- 7 Stewart Grisante
- 12 Kevin Budziszewski
- 13 Michael Belus
- 13 Alexander Robertson
- 13 Eileen Urquhart
- 15 Norma Wagner
- 16 Sarah Rich
- 17 Henry Moorhouse
- 21 Terry Collins
- 22 Emily Grisante
- 26 Jesse Mook
- 26 Heather Casseri
- 29 John F. Ward
- 31 Sherry Byer

YOUNG PRESBYTERIANS

- 5 Zachary Wadkins-Daub
- 18 Alex Casseri
- 26 C.J. Harbison



Sunday Suppers

University Presbyterian Church is going to hold Sunday Suppers for University Students, neighbors and our members. These dinners will take place on Sunday, October 19, and November 16.

Dinner starts at 5:00 pm; followed by a Ted Talk* Program or guest speakers at 6:00 pm.

Vegetarian meals will be offered, and all the meals are free.

*TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks.

TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages.

Adult Education Class

Adult Education begins at 10 a.m. and is open to anyone who would like to join.

Beginning on Oct. 5: The Psalms

Tracy will lead this class on one of the most beloved books of the Bible: **the Psalms**. Do some psalms seem to calm you down and bring you comfort? Do others stir you up? Do some of the writers actually yell at God? We will examine three types of psalms and their place in our journey through life and faith.

Bible Study

Everyone is invited to a new Bible study, focusing on 2 Corinthians called "Reconciling Paul," by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. See horizons.pcusa.org/bible.htm/bible.htm for details.

Six sessions are planned, at the home of Gladys Gifford, 174 Capen Blvd., Amherst. We will meet on these **Thursdays: October 23 and 30, November 13 and 20, and December 4 and 11, at 7-8 pm. Please RSVP by October 16 to Gladys, 836-2825.**

Bundle Up Buffalo

Winter is coming! The Ministry to Community Committee is trying to **“Bundle Up Buffalo”** by collecting new or gently used winter outerwear (infant through adult) and blankets for the clients of Jericho Road Community Health Center. There will be a collection box in the Holzwarth Room from **October 5 - 19**. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks out to “University Presbyterian Church” with “Bundle Up Buffalo” in the memo line and place in the collection plate. For more information please see or call *Elaine Swaine, 877-4868*. Please consider making winter less cold for those in need. Thank you!

“Donate Your Sole”

Remember...Hearts for the Homeless **“DONATE YOUR SOLE”** program. This on-going ministry to collect gently used and possibly new shoes for those in our community is always in need. The warm weather still has us wearing sandals. Flip-flops are the “shoe” of choice right now. But soon school will begin. A bit of cooler air will bring us wonderful colors of autumn; vivid orange, bright yellows and apple red leaves will be falling. The sounds of raking will be heard and many will exchange flip-flops for new fall sneakers. Think about donating your gently used summer sandals to our shoe program. Many stores now have lots and lots of sales on end of summer styles and inexpensive shoe sales. Kindly helps us by remembering those less fortunate.

We thank you from the bottom of our SOLE!



**Bible Study ~ Intergenerational-International
with Rev. Stuart Buisch
Bible Study will be held on
Wednesday, October 8th and 15th
5:00 – 6:30 pm ~ a light meal is served.
Open to everyone and all are welcome.**

The Music Man of University Presbyterian Church

I thought it was about time we learned more about the staff of UPC. So this month we're featuring our talented and musical organist/choir director, John Novak. John was born and raised in a small town, Little Meadows, Pennsylvania, located right on the NY/PA border near Binghamton. His father owned his own automobile repair shop, and his mother was a technical artist. John is an only child.

John graduated with his bachelor of Music Degree, Music Education in 2001 from Houghton College, a Wesleyan liberal arts college. He then obtained his masters of Music in Organ Performance at Binghamton University in 2006. Since 2004 he has taught Middle School and High School Voice and General Music (grades 5-12) at Letchworth Central School. He directs four choruses (5-6, 7-8, 9-12, & select chorus) and teaches general music and music theory. He also co-directs the annual Spring musical production. Besides all this and working at UPC, he's also currently pursuing an advanced degree in school administration at UB, which is why when I asked him what he does in his spare time, he didn't know what that was! But he somehow finds the time to serve as the Dean of the Buffalo Chapter, American Guild of Organists, and the President of the Genesee Valley School Music Association.

John grew up in a conservative Baptist church in Apalachin, NY. Then in college he played for St. John Lutheran Church in Allegany, NY and in graduate school he was the organist and music director at Grace Lutheran Church in Vestal, NY. Before coming to UPC he was the organist at Castile United Church of Christ in Castile, NY.

The congregation at UPC is very blessed to have John as our music director. I can say first hand he is a perfectionist and works hard with our small but dedicated choir. He was also instrumental in creating the Taize service which has given attention to our church from outside the community. The service has become a calm and meditative way to unwind after a busy work week.

Thank you John, not only for your musical abilities, but also your charm and wittiness, not to mention your patience with the choir!

Dear JUST COFFEE friends,

An invitation is extended **to order JUST COFFEE once again by OCTOBER 15, 2014.** Please order for your own enjoyment but also for Christmas and Holiday presents for others. I will send the order in on OCTOBER 15 and will be able to get the coffee by month-end.

Caffeinated coffee costs \$10/bag (pound). Decaffeinated coffee costs \$11/bag (pound)

To help make sure I get your order correct, please indicate the following:

CAFFEINATED ARABICA COFFEE:

___ bags of Whole Bean REGULAR roast @ \$10 / lb.

___ bags of Whole Bean DARK roast @ \$10 / lb.

___ bags of Ground REGULAR roast @ \$10 / lb.

___ bags of Ground DARK roast @ \$10 / lb.

DECAFFEINATED ARABICA COFFEE:

___ bags of Whole Bean REGULAR roast @ \$11 / lb.

___ bags of Whole Bean DARK roast @ \$11 / lb.

___ bags of Ground REGULAR roast @ \$11 / lb.

___ bags of Ground DARK roast @ \$11 / lb.

Please get your order in to me by OCTOBER 15, 2014. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Holzworth Room or email me. Thanks!

Email me or talk to me after church if you have questions.

You can visit the Just Coffee web site at <http://justcoffee.org/>

Howard Henry



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 3rd 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

THE NETWORK
October 2014

Wednesday	1st	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	2nd	12 – 4 pm 10 pm – 2 am	Food Pantry UB Coffee CafÈ – Auditorium –(tentative)
Friday	3rd	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Saturday	4th	10:00 am	Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant
Sunday	5th	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Communion Sunday 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service with Communion Adult & Youth Sunday Education Hour Worship Service with Communion International Pot Luck
Tuesday	7th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	8th	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study w/Rev. Stu Buisch – Holzwarth Room Ministry to Community Meeting – All welcome Choir Practice
Thursday	9th	12 – 4 pm 10 pm – 2 am	Food Pantry UB Coffee CafÈ – Auditorium –
(tentative)			
Sunday	12th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service Deacon’s Meeting Adult & Youth Sunday Education Hour Worship Service
Monday	13th	OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY	
Tuesday	14TH	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	15TH	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Session Meeting – Holzwarth Room Choir Practice
Thursday	16th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	19st	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Children’s Sabbath 9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Service Adult & Youth Sunday Education Hour

		11:00 am	Worship Service
		5:00 – 7:00 pm	Sunday Suppers – Students & Neighbors welcome
Tuesday	21 st	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	22 nd	5:00 pm	Bible Study w/Rev. Stu Buisch – Holzwarth Room
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	23 rd	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
		7 – 8 pm	Bible Study @ home with Gladys Gifford
Sunday	26 th	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Adult & Youth Sunday Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	28 th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	29 th	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	30 th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
		7 – 8 pm	Bible Study @ home with Gladys Gifford
1st week of November			
Saturday	1 st	10:00 am	Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant
Sunday	2 nd	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		9:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
		10:00 am	Adult & Youth Sunday Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
Tuesday	4 th	6:00 am to 9 pm	General Election – voting will be held here
NO FOOD PANTRY TO BE HELD TODAY DUE TO ELECTIONS – SEE WEDNESDAY			
Wednesday	5 th	5:00 pm	Bible Study w/Rev. Stu Buisch – Holzwarth Room
		12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry **** SPECIAL DAY FOR PANTRY
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	6 th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Friday	7 th	5:30 pm	Taize service
Sunday	9 th	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		9:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
		10:00 am	Adult & Youth Sunday Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service with Communion