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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church September 2012

Pastor's Column

September 9th is Rally Day—the day we typically launch the beginning of our new program year. This year's Rally Day, however, is a “new beginning” in more ways than one. UPC has joined a denominational program called “New Beginnings.” This program is designed to help congregations explore what new beginnings God might have in mind for them. On September 9th UPC will launch a series of conversations within the congregation so that all our members and friends can offer their insight and wisdom to this journey. We will gather for worship, as usual, but there will be a few changes to our typical Sunday morning. Here are some of the changes for that day.

What you can expect on September 9th:

—a single worship service will be held at 10 a.m. (NOT our typical 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.)

Our usual program year schedule, with two services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and the education hour at 10 a.m., will resume the following week, September 16

—the conventional worship service will be abbreviated, approximately 30-40 minutes, to allow us to worship God through our conversations and deliberations. The collective discernment of how we can be faithful to God's call in this time and place is indeed another form of worship

—everyone at church, members and friends, will be invited to join one of 7 small groups stationed around the church building. These groups will use the New Beginning's report of our church, prepared by the denominational consultants, as a tool for beginning these conversations.

—the small groups will last approximately 90 minutes

—a light lunch will be offered

—activities will be provided for younger children during the small group time

—the small groups will conclude by 12:30 p.m., in time for folks to get home for the Bill's game at 1 p.m.!

We hope you will attend on September 9th and join your voice to these important discussions about the future of UPC. The September 9th conversations are just the first of 6 small gatherings. The remainder of those gatherings will occur on week nights and week days throughout the fall. Please take a look at the enclosed schedule of the small group meetings and find a day and time that works best for you. Even if you can't attend all 5 gatherings, please attempt to join as many as possible. **The future of UPC will be shaped by the Spirit working through all of us—yes, through YOU!**

Shalom,
Tracy

Worship Column

September 2nd - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship – Communion by
Intinction

Lectionary: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm
45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-21-23

September 9th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Rally Day

10:00 AM Worship

10:40 AM New Beginnings Gathering (see
Pastor's column)

Lectionary: Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23; Psalm
125; James 2:1-10,(11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 16th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour – Friends of the
Night People w/Nicole Gowel, Development
Assistant

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James
3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 23rd - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour– Adult &
Children

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1;
James 3:13-4:3, 7—8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 30th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour– Adult &
Children

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22;
Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50



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New Beginnings - Schedule For Gatherings

Gathering #1

Sunday, September 9: ALL GROUPS MEET. Gather first for worship at **10 AM** break into small groups from approximately **10:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** A light lunch will be offered. Activities for children will be offered during the group 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, 21, Nov. 4, 18)	Jude Hammer & John Swaine	Jude's house
Monday, 2 p.m. (Sept. 24, 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. 25, 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. Jerilyn Hickey & Dawn Appleton Church
(Sept. 23, Oct. 14, 21, 28, last meeting: Sat. Nov. 17
(time to be arranged)

Group for High School Youth: (Date & more information to follow)

Sunday, 10 a.m. Pat Cookfair-Casseri Church



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**.

JULY 2012	
Infants	1
Children	92
Adults	203
Elderly	<u>35</u>
Total	331
Households:	187
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.

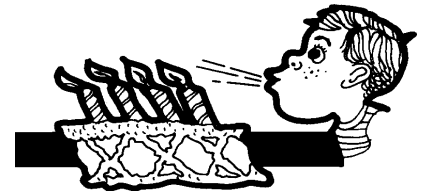
Our thanks to all of you.

September Birthdays

- 11 Laura MacDonald
- 12 Margaret Twisdale
- 19 Juanita Mattison
- 19 Richard Strub
- 19 Josef Beamer
- 20 Russell Williams
- 22 Mackenzie Maddock
- 25 Barbara Moran
- 26 Marietta Bratton
- 28 Barbara Vossler
- 29 Joseph Beamer

Young Presbyterians

- 22 J. Aiden Ward



INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

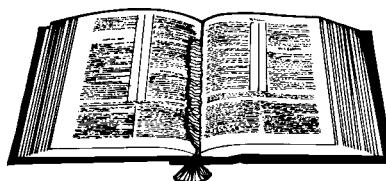
WEDNESDAY: September 5th and 19th 2012

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

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



UPC Member Profile

This month we're going to get to know Joan Secor who has been attending UPC around 50 years. Joan was born in Buffalo and raised on the north side of the city. She grew up on Admiral St. and attended P.S. 66, and then Bennett H.S. She got her B.A. at Buffalo State to be an art teacher, and also attended Albright Art School. She taught elementary ed. in Scotia (near Schenectady) and then back in Buffalo at Kenmore Middle School. While attending Albright Art School she met her husband Bert who was taking commercial art.

They were married for 54 years and have two sons. Joan returned to the work force when her sons were older, and taught at 3 Catholic schools, St Bartholomew's, St Gregory's, and Mt St Joseph's on Main St. After retiring she worked for 16 years as a docent at the zoo.

Since moving to Presbyterian Village, she has taken up gardening, and enjoys doing crossword puzzles. She utilizes her creative side by making homemade birthday cards for friends and relatives. She uses mixed media for her creations and likes to use dried flowers and plants in her Hallmark masterpieces.

She has been an active member in many capacities and roles in the church. The associate minister tried to convince her to teach Sunday school when her sons were young. She and Bert went to Synod school and they enjoyed it so much they attended it for 8 years. Her faith has grown stronger through the years, and she has served on the session, worship and education committee, and helped initiate the contemporary worship service.

Joans' faith has been tested through the years while raising her sons, and most recently coping with the loss of her husband Bert. She developed bells palsy a few years ago, and took up journaling about patience to help her deal with the difficulties she had to cope with. Next year her journaling focus will be on hope and will collect more quotes and scriptures to apply it to her life.

She also credits her Stephen minister with helping her on her spiritual path.

Naturally, her UPC family has been a major source of strength for her also.

Christian Education Opportunities This Fall

The Christian Education program will begin for all ages on **Sunday, September 16 at 10 a.m.**

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 Adult Class will begin on September 16 with a guest speaker, She is Nicole Gowel (Ga-wool), Development Assistant at FONP. She organizes volunteers, helps plan events, speakers to churches, companies, schools etc. to garner volunteers & find further funding. She will inform us about opportunities to volunteer at FONP, Urban Diner at Hope Center and Salvation Army Soup Kitchen at 21 Westminster Ave.

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!

More University Presbyterian Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 15th – CPR Training – registration required – 10 am to 12 pm

Saturday, October 6th – All ages Concert – 5 pm – Reid Hall (Gym)

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

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

Wednesdays, Bible Study with Stuart Buisch – September 5 & 19, October 3 & 17, November 14 & 28 and December 5 & 12, 2012

First Friday Taize' Services – 5:30- 6:00 pm on September 7, 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 – 7 pm Worship Service (Office closed)

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



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, September 7 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

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SEPTEMBER 2012

Thursday,	August 30	7:30 pm	CHOIR PRACTICE begins for Fall/Winter
Saturday	1	10:00 am	Grief Support Meets – Family Tree
Sunday	2	10:00 am	Worship – Communion
Monday	3	OFFICE CLOSED	Enjoy Labor Day
Wednesday	5	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
Thursday	6	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	7	5:30 pm	Taize' Service
Saturday	8	12:00 pm	Memorial Service for Dr. T. Bardos
Sunday- RALLY DAY	9	10:00 am	Worship Service
		10:45 am (approx)	New Beginnings Gathering
Monday	10	12:00 pm	Presbyterian Woman
Tuesday	11	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	12	6:30 pm	Team 1 - meeting
Thursday	13	6:00 am	Primary Elections - State & Local Offices
		12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	15	10:00 am-12:00 pm	CPR Training – registration required
		1:00 pm	Knitting Group
Sunday	16	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour “Friend’s of the Night People”
		11:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	18	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	19	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
		7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday	20	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Sunday	23	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service –University Student Sunday
Tuesday	25	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	27	12:00 Noon	Food Pantry
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	30	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service