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

## Pastor's Column

Regardless of whether we are school-aged or not, September always brings with it the feeling of starting something new. This fall at University Presbyterian will see a number of new and exciting events and ministries. The details of some of these appear in separate articles in this newsletter but here are the highlights:

### Special Fall Events:

- University Presbyterian Church and the Canisius College Center for the Global Study of Religion are pleased to sponsor a very special concert weekend, featuring the acclaimed folk artist Noel Paul Stookey (of Peter, Paul, and Mary fame) and his wife, the Rev. Betty Stookey. On Friday, October 10, Noel Paul Stookey will appear in concert at Canisius College. And then on Saturday, October 11, he and his wife, the Rev. Betty Stookey, will offer right here at UPC a free multi-faith program entitled, "One Light, Many Candles." This is a very special opportunity for UPC to be part of, and one our members won't want to miss!
- A shared worship service here at UPC with our MacAlpine Presbyterian friends followed by a potluck on Sunday, September 14.
- International Peacemaker, Jocabed Gallegos, from Mexico, will be the guest preacher at UPC on Sunday, September 21.

### Programs related to university and college students:

- Sunday Suppers: university, college students, and community neighbors are invited to join UPC members in these free monthly dinners with special program. Orchard Park and North Presbyterian Churches are supporting UPC in bringing about these opportunities for table fellowship. September 21, October 19, and November 16.
- University at Buffalo Coffee House: every Thursday evening from late August until early October, UPC will join with UB in hosting a free coffee house in the Auditorium with music and refreshments. This is open to any who wish to attend, if you don't mind the hours of operation: 10 p.m. til 2 a.m.!
- Expansion of the UPC food pantry to better meet the needs of university and college students

Other programs and events are also in the process of planning. This harvest season is offering up a bounty of blessings. We hope you will join in the delights!

Shalom,  
Tracy



## Worship Column ~ September 2014

### September 7<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Rally Day

**9:00 AM** Worship Service with **Communion**  
**10:00 AM** Education Hour  
**11:00 AM** Worship Service with **Communion**  
**Lectionary:** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalms 149;  
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

### September 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 AM** Worship Service  
**9:30 AM** Deacons Meeting  
**10:00 AM** Education Hour  
**11:00 AM** Worship Service with **MacAlpine Presbyterian** joining us.  
**Lectionary:** Exodus 14:19-31; Psalms 114 or  
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12;  
Matthew 18:21-35

### September 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 AM** Worship Service  
**10:00 AM** Education Hour  
**11:00 AM** Worship Service  
**Lectionary:** Exodus 16:2-15; Psalms 105:1-6,  
37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

### September 28<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 AM** Worship Service  
**10:00 AM** Education Hour  
**11:00 AM** Worship Service  
**Lectionary:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalms 78:1-4, 12-  
16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32



## Music Notes From John Novak

Thank you to everyone who enriched our summer worship services by providing Special Music! Thank you for offering your talents to the Lord and to our church.

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin **Wednesday September 3rd at 7:30 PM** in the choir room. New members welcome! Ask John Novak or any choir member for more information. Come join us!



**“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.  
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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 July	
Infants	0
Children	62
Adults	165
Elderly	53
Total	280
Households	173
Equivalent Meals	2520

**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).

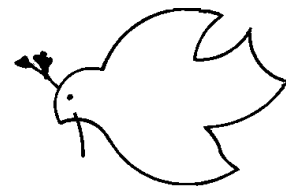
### What would I do?

- 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.



## September Birthdays

- 6 Carl Shepard
- 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
- 29 Joseph Beamer



## Adult Education Class

The class begins at 10 a.m. and is open to any who would like to join.

### **September 7: Meet the Manse Students**

Come meet our three manse students, learn more about them and their faith journeys.

### **September 14: UPC and the University**

This class offers the opportunity to learn more about the new programs UPC is initiating this fall focused on university and college students. Come learn how you can also share in these events.

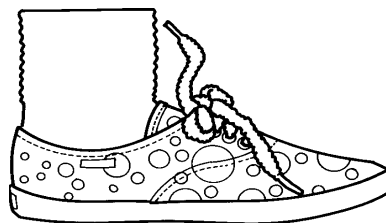
### **September 21, 28, and Oct. 5: The Psalms**

Tracy will lead this 3 week series 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.

## "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!**



## Pot Luck Luncheon

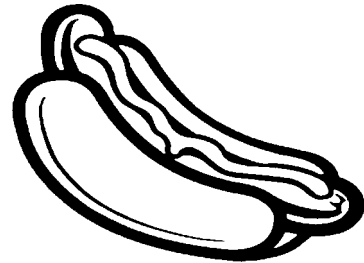
On **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting **MacAlpine Presbyterian Church members for the 11 am worship service**

A **Pot Luck Luncheon** will follow the service.  
We are asking our members to bring a dish to pass.  
MacAlpine members will also share with us.  
Remember the pot luck rule of thumb:  
"Bring enough for your family plus 10 more"  
The weekly bulletins will have additional information.

### Rally Day

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is RALLY DAY**

We return to two worship services, beginning with the **early service at 9:00 am** and our **second service at 11:00 am**. Our last **HOT DOG ROAST** of the season will take place following the 11:00 am service. Our Youth and Adult Education Classes will also begin again starting at **10:00 am on Sundays**.



### *Opportunities to Become a Blessing*

*Volunteer in the Food Pantry*

*Help with the Children's education hour*

*Prepare a meal for the University Student Program*

*Serve as a Liturgist*

*Call someone you haven't seen at church in a while*

*Join the choir*

## 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, September 21, October 19, and November 16.**

**Dinner starts at 5:00 pm; followed by a Ted Talk\* Program 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 **T**echnology, **E**ntertainment and **D**esign converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The coordinators for the school supply drive wish to say “**thank you so much**” to everyone who contributed to the **School Supply Drive for Jericho Road.**

**The response has been overwhelming!**

### **Bible Study ~ Intergenerational-InternationalEvent**

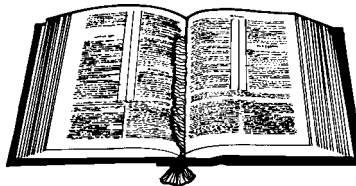
**with Rev. Stuart Buisch**

**Bible Study will be held on**

**Wednesdays, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 – 6:30 pm ~ a light meal is served.**

**Open to everyone and all are welcome.**



## **Confirmation Class Essay**

**By Linnea Cotto-Ecklund**

When I think of a Christian community, I think of a system. I believe that without a community a church cannot function. Christianity is meant to be spread throughout others so that we can become stronger and more connected. Jesus created small communities and he expresses that being a part of a community is like being a part of a family; he believes that a family cannot be defined through blood but through love. I have many people in my life that I consider my family because of the love I share for them. As I choose to become a member of the church I will choose to become a member of a family.

The importance of a Christian community shows when we work together to help others. For example, when we collect cans for food pantries, or when we volunteer for soup kitchens. Giving money to the church also helps maintain our community economically. Jesus said "Do to others as you would have them do to you." We invest into our church to express our commitment. Community and commitment come hand in hand; as we work together we are spreading the love of Jesus. I believe that our Christian community inside the church is just a small fraction of a worldwide community of Christians and I'm proud to be a part of it. Jesus and his disciples lived together, ate together, experienced life together, a community allows us to accept people who are different, and grow together. We need the Christian community so that the gospel can be passed onto the next generation.

As I've grown up, I have had difficulty understanding some things in my life. But I believe that being confirmed is the beginning of my journey through a faithful life, and investing my time into the Christian community will help me see life in a different perspective.



*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 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](http://www.upcbuffalo.org/firstfriday)



**THE NETWORK**  
**September 2014**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Office will be Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Taize Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>RALLY DAY - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Adult &amp; Youth Sunday Education Hour begins</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
		<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Hot Dog Roast to celebrate Rally Day</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Presbyterian Women Meeting – Holzwarth Room</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 am to 9:00 pm</b>	<b>Primary Election</b>
		<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study w/Rev. Stu Buisch – Holzwarth Room</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Deacon's Meeting</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Adult &amp; Youth Sunday Education Hour</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with</b>
			<b>MacAlpine Presbyterian Church</b>
		<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Pot Luck Luncheon with members of MacAlpine</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting – Holzwarth Room</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Adult &amp; Youth Sunday Education Hour</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>New Beginnings Meeting – Holzwarth Room</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study w/Rev. Stu Buisch – Holzwarth Room</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>		
		<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Adult &amp; Youth Sunday Education Hour</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>October preview – 1<sup>st</sup> week</b>			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Taize Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Adult &amp; Youth Sunday Education Hour begins</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>