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**Pastor's Column**

I watched a program the other night about the efforts of some people in a community to build a radically new kind of residential nursing facility for the elderly that was more home-like and less clinical. It included a vision of a place where the residents (referred to as "elders") were honored and encouraged to participate, where appropriate, in the household tasks of daily living. The community leaders championing this residence had a vision and a dream. But the journey to realize that dream was long and hard. There were legislative issues to overcome, endless meetings, and fundraising challenges. And then came the downturn in the economy which put all their plans on hold for a time.

The residence did eventually get built amid much celebration. But the program raised for me the awareness of how much humdrum, tedious, and unglamorous aspects there are to pursuing a dream or living out a calling. Ministry does not always come with warm fuzzy feelings. It is often made up of a lot of ordinary grunt work.

This program brought to my mind the ministries many of us at UPC are engaged in. A lot of what lies behind our ministries is rarely flashy, glamorous, or even evident to the casual observer. People put in a lot of work behind the scenes to make an event or a program or a service happen.

As we close our regular program year schedule for the more relaxed pace of summer, I want to thank all the folks in our congregation who do so much of the behind the scenes ministry. These efforts bring so much benefit to so many people. Scripture tells us that the realm of God often comes in ordinary forms and is often hidden from view. Thank you to all at UPC whose efforts have been part of the realm of God!

Shalom,

Tracy

## WORSHIP COLUMN ~ June 2015

June 7<sup>th</sup>                      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 am                      Worship Service with Communion  
Lectionary: 1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15)  
Ps. 138; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 14<sup>th</sup>                      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 am                      Worship Service  
Lectionary: 1 Sam. 15:34-16:13; Ps.20  
2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 21<sup>st</sup>                      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 am                      Worship Service  
Lectionary: 1 Sam. 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and  
Ps. 9:9-20; or 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and  
Ps. 133; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 28<sup>th</sup>                      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 am                      Worship Service  
Lectionary: 2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27; Ps. 130;  
2 Cor. 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

### *Happy Birthday to our June members*

1        Thomas Somerville  
2        Timothy Harbison  
6        Geraldine Grisante  
6        Dennis Erickson  
7        Susan Beyer  
11       Priscilla Stevens  
20       Linnea Cotto-Ecklund  
26       Zain Shirazi  
29       David Walker  
30       Roger Dahl



### And to our *Young adults*

20        Linnea Ecklund  
21        Sabrina Burker  
24        Clark Whitefield  
26        Russell Whitefield

Dear Friends,

Please join me at the Silent Vigil for “United Nations' International Day in Support of Torture Victims” June 26, Bidwell and Elmwood Ave, Buffalo NY 6 PM - 7 PM



"Every day, women, men and children are tortured or ill-treated with the intention of destroying their sense of dignity and human worth. By concretely supporting victims of torture, the international community will prove its unequivocal determination and commitment to fight torture and impunity."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Questions? Please contact Howard Henry [laghh@roadrunner.com](mailto:laghh@roadrunner.com)

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Please don't forget about our Hearts for the Homeless “DONATE YOUR SOLE” program. Drop off gently used shoes, boots, lippers and sneakers to the box in the Narthex of the Church. Your donations make a difference in the lives of men, women and children. *Your generosity is always appreciated. Thank you!!!*



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This year's cookie sale in December will feature additional home-canned items -- jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, chutneys, spaghetti sauce -- whatever the bounty of your gardens or the farmers market will allow.

As you preserve items for yourself, please consider making some additional jars for sale in December. We will provide decorative fabric “bonnets” for your jars, so all you need to do is label them.

If you can contribute to this effort, please call Lee Ann Grace at 836-0413 or e-mail her at [laghh@roadrunner.com](mailto:laghh@roadrunner.com).



# Discover Duffield

**Camp Duffield is now accepting registrations for the summer program.**

July 5-11 Challenge Camp for Developmentally Disabled Adults



July 12-18 First Timers Camp (Chipmunks) 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders spend a half week at camp experiencing it all but they need to bring a parent to experience it with them!.



July 12-18 Music/Science Camp (3rd-8th graders)

July 19-24 Night Owls (9th-12th

graders)



Aug. 9-15 Single Parent and Blended Family Camp

We are looking for campers as well as counselors.



\* There are some scholarships available if needed.

**See or call Pat Cookfair-Casseri for more information 440-9833**



*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 Taizé 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, June 5, 2015 from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.** 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 Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation***

[www.upcbuffalo.org](http://www.upcbuffalo.org)

# THE NETWORK CALENDAR

## June 2015

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Taizé Service
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Breakfast group meets at Family Tree Restaurant
<u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></u>		<u>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
	10:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
<u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></u>		<u>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Bible Study w/Rev. Stu Buisch – Holzwarth Room
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting – Holzwarth Room
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
<u>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></u>		<u>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
<u>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></u>		<u>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry

## **1<sup>st</sup> week of July - Preview**

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Taizé Service</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July – enjoy your day!</b>	
<b><u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>

***Please note, there will be a combined issue of the  
NETWORK for July and August.***

***Be sure to send all information to the office by June 20th.  
Thanks so much.***