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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Column

After the winter we've had, we all could use a resurrection! We need some warmth, and sun, and signs of life emerging around us. This year, Easter seems especially welcome.

What about signs of life *within* us? Scripture tells us that "anyone who is in Christ is a new creation." What might that mean to be "a new creation"? For sure, it means that the same old, same old ways of being, have to go. We've been invited to know a new life—an abundant life.

So what would that look like for you? Where does your life need to change to reflect the good news of Jesus Christ? Where are you not yet embracing "abundant" life?

And what about our congregation? In what ways might we really live boldly the new life in Christ?

In the spirit and celebration of Easter, join me in letting go: let's let go of the old life. Let's trust in God. Let's allow the Spirit to do something essential and important with us as individuals and as a congregation. Let's live as people of the Resurrection!

Shalom,
Tracy



**THIS WEEK'S
MESSAGE**

Worship Column ~ April 2014

April 6th - 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00 AM Worship Service with **Communion**
11:00 AM Worship Service with **Communion**
Lectionary: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 130;
 Romans 8:6-1; John 11:1-45

April 13th - Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
9:30 AM Deacon's Meeting
10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: *Psalms:* Matthew 21:1-11;
 Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29;
Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalms 31:9-16;
 Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 *or*
 Matthew 27:11-54

April 20th - Easter Sunday ~

Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am Worship *Note TIME CHANGE*
9:00 – 10:30 AM Easter Breakfast
11:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Acts 10:34-43 *or* Jeremiah 31:1-6;
 Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 *or*
 Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 *or* Matthew 28:1-10

April 27th - 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalms 16;
 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Donate Your Sole

Our Hearts for the Homeless “DONATE YOUR SOLE” program is doing well. You have donated shoes, sneakers, boots, sandals, for all ages. This on-going ministry to collect gently used and possibly new shoes for those in our community is always in need. As we enter spring and put away the winter footwear, maybe you would consider these items for the Donate Your Sole container in the Narthex of the church. When you are shopping for a new pair of summer sandals or flip-flops, please remember our project by helping a child or teen with their summer footwear needs.

**We thank you from the
bottom of our SOLE.**



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 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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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



Do you have a "Blessing Story"?

Blessings come to us in many ways. They surprise us at the best and worst of times. Sometimes we don't recognize them until they've passed by. Our *New Beginnings* focus this year is "*Blessings*". *Maybe you have a story that could bless another through the monthly newsletter. Use the space below or as much as you'd like to share and submit to one of the deacons. Some of you may prefer to e-mail your 'blessing story' for editing to:*

universitypresbyterian@verizon.net SUBJECT: Blessings article

Name _____ **Contact Info:** _____

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 February

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| Infants | 0 |
| Children | 70 |
| Adults | 142 |
| Elderly | <u>41</u> |
| Total | 253 |

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| Households | 138 |
| Equivalent Meals | 2277 |

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?

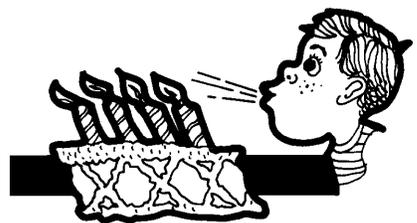
- You would work with 3 or 4 other volunteers.
- You might guide a client through our “store” to help them choose their groceries.
- You might greet and “check in” our clients.
- You might help to stock shelves.
- If you and a friend would like to work together, we can schedule that for you.
- You will feel good about the time you spend with us, helping our neighbors.

April Birthdays

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| 2 | Mikaela Maddock |
| 3 | Marlene Kilga |
| 4 | Lee Ann Grace |
| 4 | John Ward |
| 5 | Dawn Appleton |
| 5 | Hazel Moodie |
| 7 | Andrew Kline |
| 15 | Desmond Chia |
| 18 | Priscilla Kim |
| 18 | Jean Decker |
| 18 | Michael Townsend |
| 21 | John Novak |
| 23 | Gladys Gifford |
| 23 | Mary Louise Rampola |
| 24 | Meg Cheman |
| 28 | Jerilyn Hickey |
| 30 | Karen Ward |

YOUNG PRESBYTERIANS

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| 13 | John Lopinski, Jr. |
| 22 | Henna Shirazi |
| 26 | Olivia Smith |





CAMP DUFFIELD

Camp Duffield is looking for individuals who want to experience the wonder of God's world. We need~

~CHILDREN to sign up for summer camp.

~ADULTS who are willing to volunteer their time by working as a counselor, lifeguard, nurse, crafts person, or kitchen help and can commit to one week of service.

Camp Offerings available to you:

~**Parent/Child 24 Intensity-May 23rd-24th-** A fun-filled 24 hour retreat to spend quality time with your child with a structured program.

~**Challenge Camp-July 6th-12th-**a camp for adults with developmentally challenged adults. Cost \$500

~**Science Camp-July 15th-19th-** Children who have completed grades 3-8) get to explore the wonder of the great outdoors.(Cost \$330)

~**Chipmunks-**For our younger folks who want to just participate in a shortened version of the camping experience. (during Science camp or Leapin'Lizards)(Cost \$330)

~**Leapin' Lizards-July 20th-25th-**For those who have completed grades 3rd-8th. (Cost \$330)

~**Night Owls-** A perfect schedule for teens who stay up late and sleep in. (for those who have completed grades 9-12) (Cost\$340)

~**Camp Hope-Aug.10th-16th-** an opportunity for single parent and blended families to enjoy a camping experience of family camping with others who understand.(Cost \$195)

~**Alumni Reunion retreat-Aug.8th-10th**

~**Women's Retreat-October 10th-12th**

~**Men's Retreat-September 26th-28th**

Camperships are available upon request.

For more information, please call Pat Cookfair-Casseri at 440-9833.

Network of Religious Communities 34th Annual Appreciation Dinner.

The Mission to Community Committee has selected Sandy Boag as our honoree for the Network of Religious Communities 34th Annual Appreciation Dinner. We invite you to join us in honoring Sandy at this special event. Please complete this form and return it to the church office by Sunday April 13. Please contact Marietta Bratton or Janet Mazzaroppi if you have any questions.

Network of Religious Communities 34th Annual Appreciation Dinner

Thursday May 8 ~ 6:00 P.M.

Salvatore's Italian Gardens

6461 Transit Road in†Depew

Speaker: Nancy Weil, Founder of the Laughter Academy. Nancy focuses on the spiritual aspects of laughter and helping people cope with change, grief and loss.

NRC Appreciation Dinner Reservation

Please include your payment with this form.

Name: _____

of tickets (\$40 per person): _____

Please indicate if you have dietary needs:

of vegetarian meals: _____

of gluten free meals: _____

INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL

BIBLE STUDY

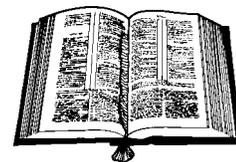
April 9th & 23rd

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

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



Member Interview

John Swaine and his wife Elaine joined UPC in 2008, after their church closed its doors and they were looking for a new house of worship. They were impressed with the music and the thought provoking sermons of UPC. Since joining they have been dedicated members of the choir. Besides being in the choir, John is also an elder on Session, and a member on the property and nominating committees. He and Elaine are also active in the group, Family Promise, which gives food and shelter to homeless refugees.

John was born in Dover, NJ, and lived in Orchard Park until the age of 5. His family then moved to Manlius (near Syracuse) where he resided until going to UB in 1992. Despite the weather he has made WNY his home since college. He and Elaine now live in Kenmore. John works in Clarence as an engineer at Dynabrade, a manufacturer of abrasive power tools. John's involved with the stationary equipment, developing new products and supporting sales and service on existing products.

When John isn't busy with his job or church business, he enjoys reading. He's also currently training to run in his first marathon. In everyday life, John says his faith helps him look past his own issues and enables him to see God's beauty all around him.

Our congregation is blest to have so many active and enthusiastic members such as John and Elaine. After all it is the people that make a church, not the walls and roof of the structure.



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, April 4th 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
April 2014

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| Tuesday | 1st | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Wednesday | 2nd | 7:00 pm | Lenten Devotions – Holzwarth Room |
| Thursday | 3rd | 12 – 4 pm 7:30 pm | Food Pantry Choir Practice |
| Friday | 4th | 5:30 pm | Taize Service |
| Saturday Restaurant | 5th | 10:00 am | Grief Support Meeting @ Family Tree |
| Sunday | 6th | 5th Sunday in Lent | |
| | | 9:00 am | Worship Service with Communion |
| | | 10:00 am | Education Hour for Adults & Youth |
| | | 11:00 am | Worship Service with Communion |
| | | 12:00 pm | Coffee Hour |
| Tuesday | 8th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Wednesday | 9th | 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch –all welcome Session Meeting – please note: DATE CHANGE |
| Thursday | 10th | 12 – 4 pm 7:30 pm | Food Pantry Choir Practice |
| Sunday | 13th | Palm Sunday | |
| | | 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| | | 9:30 am | Deacon’s Meeting |
| | | 10:00 am | Education Hour for Adults & Youth |
| | | 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| | | 12:00 pm | Coffee Hour |
| Monday | 14th | 12:00 pm | Presbyterian Woman Meeting – Holzwarth Room |
| Tuesday | 15th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry (delivery date) |
| | | Maundy Thursday | |
| Thursday | 17th | 12 – 4 pm 8:00 pm | Food Pantry Maundy Thursday Worship Service |

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| Sunday | 20th | Resurrection of the Lord/Easter | |
| <u>service</u> | | 8:00 am | Worship Service – <u>Note this is an early</u> |
| | | 9:00 – 10:30 | Easter Breakfast – Holzwarth Room |
| | | 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| Monday | 21st | OFFICE CLOSED for EASTER HOLIDAY. | |
| Tuesday | 22nd | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Wednesday | 23rd | 5:00 pm | Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch – all welcome |
| | | 7:00 pm | Lenten Devotions with Gladys Gifford |
| Thursday | 24th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| | | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Sunday | 27th | 2nd Sunday of Easter | |
| | | 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| | | 10:00 am | Education Hour for Adults & Youth |
| | | 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 29th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |

PREVIEW for First week May 2014

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| Thursday | 1st | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| | | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Friday | 2nd | 5:30 pm | Taize Service |
| Saturday | 3rd | 10:00 am | Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree |
| Restaurant | | | |
| Sunday | 4th | 3rd Sunday of Easter | |
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