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Pastor's Column

This morning was one of those winter days when it seemed like a good idea to crawl back under the covers. It was gray, dark, damp, and cold. Sometimes the winter season can leave us feeling worn down. For others among us, it isn't so much the season outside that wears us down as it is the "winter-time" seasons of our souls, spirits, and minds.

The burdens we carry, the grief we bear, our anxieties and worries, our health concerns—all of these can leave us feeling as if winter's darkness has settled upon our hearts.

In early January, some of us found a moment of refreshment in the midst of our literal as well as our spiritual winters. The First Friday Taize service was a restoring moment of quiet prayer, beautiful music, and candle light that left many among us feeling as though we had been lifted up from the struggles of everyday life. The turn-out of worshippers was well beyond our expectations with a significant number coming from our wider community. Following the service, many of those in attendance spoke of how much the service was meaningful to them. More than one person said to me, "I'll definitely be back!" A UPC member stated that, "My day just went from here," lowering her hand to her knees, "to here!" lifting her hand up passed her head.

It's amazing how meaningful some quiet prayer, some simple songs of faith, and some lovely music can be! The impact of this simple service indicates how scarce such moments are in our days when we can sit with God and let God's spirit wash over us—and how much we need them! It is medicine to our souls.

Our next First Friday Taize service is Friday, February 4 from 5:30 – 6 p.m. Maybe you would like to share in this healing medicine with us!

Shalom,
Tracy

Worship Column

February 6 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship - Communion

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship - Communion

Lectionary Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12);
Psalm 112:1-9(10); I Corinthians 1-12(13-16);
Matthew 5:13-20

February 13 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9;
Matthew 5:21-37

February 20 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm
119:33-40; I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23;
Matthew 5:38-48

February 27 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131;
I Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34



INTERCOLLEGIATE - INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

**TUESDAYS: February 1st and
15th**

**Light Meal: 5:00 pm
Study until 6:30 pm
Holzwarth Room**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!
Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch**



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Remember in Your Prayers

The Cookfair and Casseri families on the death of Joan Cookfair. Joan died on December 27, following a brief illness. Joan was an ordained elder and served on the Session at UPC, sang in the chancel choir, was involved with our youth group and was extremely active at Camp Duffield through the years. A celebration of Joan's life was held on Friday, December 31st.

Diane and David Walker on the sudden death of their 15 year-old grandson, Robert Tanyi, A celebration of Robert's life was held on Friday, January 7th and, also on the death of David's sister following a very brief illness.

The Daniels and Henry families on the sudden death of Steven Daniels, son of Gail and John Daniels and grandson of Beatrice and the late Albert Henry. Steven died on December 25. A celebration of Steven's life was held on Saturday, January 8th.

Adult Education Hour

February will be a very informative month. We will start out on **February 6th** with Margaret Talboys from Habitat for Humanity. UPC has been involved with this great cause for many years. Margaret will tell us some of the history of Habitat. She will also be letting us in on any updates on new projects in the works.

February 13th we will hear from Howard Henry on "Torture, What is my Christian Response?" As always, Howard tries to get us to see the world from a religious point of view. He is always interesting and thought provoking.

On **February 20th** we will have a week of Bible study, using our Seasons of the Spirit. This class will be lead by Donna Riddagh.

On **February 27th**, Dr. Tim Wadkins will start a two-week series in which he tries to get us to look at the world through our "Christian" eyes.

We hope you will plan to join us! The coffee is always hot!

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 Gerry Grisante at 835-0433.

<u>DECEMBER 2010</u>			
		News Neediest	
Infants	3		2
Children	57		57
Adults	161		168
Elderly	<u>37</u>		<u>29</u>
	258		256
Households: 149		Households: 138	
Equivalent meals: 2,322		Equivalent meals: 256	

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
AND CORPORATION MEETING**

**Sunday, February 6 - 12:00
Noon**

**Annual reports will be available
on January 30th,
so they can be read and
reviewed prior to the meeting.**

**The Pastor's salary will be
voted on, as well as, officers
(Elders and Deacons) for the
Class of 2013.**

February Birthdays

- 1 Gerry Ann Appleton
- 1 Connie Michael
- 2 Gladys Harbison
- 2 Andrew Safulko
- 3 Kamil Patel
- 8 Jim Smyton
- 9 Sue Castle
- 11 Tim Ecklund
- 12 Grace Agbemenu
- 12 Lidia Vieira
- 17 Barbara Lyons

LITTLE PRESBYTERIANS

- 6 Linda Moorhouse





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, February 4 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

FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR

TUESDAY	1st	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		5:00 pm	Bible Study	
WEDNES	2nd	7:00 pm	Committee Meetings	
THURSDAY	3rd	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:30 pm	Choir	
FRIDAY	4th	5:30 pm	First Friday Taize Service	Sanctuary
SATURDAY	5th	10:00 am	Grief Support Breakfast	Family Tree
SUNDAY	6th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Var. Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		12:00 noon	Congregational Meeting	
MONDAY	7th	1:00 noon	Bridge	
TUESDAY	8th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
THURSDAY	10th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:30 pm	Choir	
SUNDAY	13th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		9:30 am	Deacon's Meeting	
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Var. Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
MONDAY	14th	12:00 noon	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL LUNCHEON	Auditorium
TUESDAY	15th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		5:00 pm	Bible Study	Hozwarth
WEDNES	16th	7:00 pm	SESSION	
THURS	17^h	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	
		7:30 pm	Choir	
SATURDAY	19TH	1:00 pm	Knitting Group	
SUNDAY	20th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Var. Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
MONDAY	21st	1:00 pm	Bridge	
TUESDAY	22nd	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
THURS	24th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
		7:30 pm	Choir	
SUNDAY	27th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Var. Rooms
		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary