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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church July/August 2012

Pastor's Column

I love visiting farmers' markets in the summertime. I usually go to them in search of fresh summer fruits: peaches, berries of all kinds, cherries (well, probably not this year!), and melons. While it is true that thanks to modern transportation methods we can get a lot of these fruits throughout the year at our supermarkets, there is something special about buying locally grown fruits when they come in season. They taste better. And the fact that they are fleeting makes them seem extra special. There is a small window when they can be savored and enjoyed and then, they are gone until next year.

The Bible speaks on many occasions about summer fruits, typically metaphorically. There are passages discussing some loss in the life of the people which is compared to the passing of the season of summer fruit. Life is transient. Like summer fruit, it is not to be squandered. Another passage from Amos laments the situation of God's people and compares it to when one goes into a field to look for summer fruit only to find that there are none left. All the good fruit has been harvested and "the faithful have disappeared from the land."

Who would have guessed that there is something to be learned from summer fruit! Life is as precious as a summer peach, not to be wasted. We are called to be God's fruitful and faithful people, in all seasons! May this summer season yield many sweet fruits in our lives!

Shalom,
Tracy

***July Readings
Worship Column***

July 1st – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Book of Revelation

10:00 AM Worship – **Communion by
Intinction**

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27;
Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15;
Mark 5:21-43

July 8th – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Book of Revelation

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 15th – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Book of Revelation

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19;
Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 22nd – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Book of Revelation

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a;
Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22;
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29th – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Book of Revelation

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14;
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

***August Readings
Worship Column***

August 5th - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Book of Revelation

10:00 AM Worship – **Communion by
Intinction**

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a;
Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16;
John 6:24-35

August 11th – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Bible Study

Book of Revelation

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33;
Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19th – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

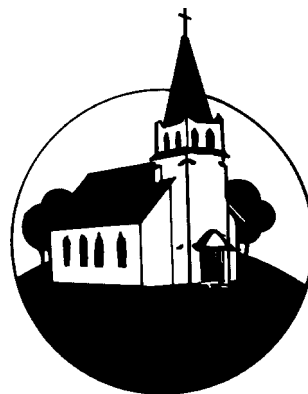
10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14;
Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 26th – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30,
41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69

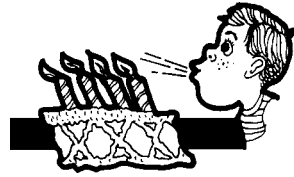


July Birthdays

- 2 Emily Smith
- 5 Tiffany Whitcomb
- 9 Tim Wadkins
- 12 Bill Rugg
- 13 Barbara Alderdice
- 16 Hilde Smith
- 17 Joan Holzman
- 21 Beatrice Henry
- 22 Gladys Spielberger
- 24 Art Cookfair
- 24 Kendra Masters
- 27 Brandi Thomas
- 29 Marjorie Rugg
- 29 Marcia Townsend
- 30 Joe Maiwald

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Sophie Smith
- 15 Gabriella Ward
- 20 Harrison Appleton
- 22 Ellary Appleton



August Birthdays

- 1 Tina Burker
- 2 Wayne G. Appleton
- 3 Joan Secor
- 3 John Swaine
- 4 Matt Smith
- 7 Ida Caster
- 10 Nadeem Patel
- 12 Katie Boncek
- 12 Vicki Moorhouse
- 13 Carol Menczynski
- 13 Val Macer
- 14 Amy Erickson
- 14 Sharon Melius
- 16 Kecia Boncek
- 18 Barbara Kraemer
- 19 Priscilla Maddock
- 23 Betty Helwig
- 23 Doris Croop
- 25 Michael Hoffman
- 30 Bina Patel

Thank You

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who made a Birthday Cake for Pentecost Sunday. Each was unique and all were wonderfully delicious and made the day special. Thanks again for your time and graciousness.

Cindy Hickey and Ginna Coon



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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.**

<u>May 2012</u>	
Infants	2
Children	76
Adults	208
Elderly	<u>41</u>
Total	327
Households:	191
Equivalent meal	2,943

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.

Habitat For Humanity Update

One is now able to register online for volunteering at Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers are needed to work on a house, sign up for a committee, or volunteer to work in Restore.

Two of our ladies, Jude Hammer and Joanne Bartlett, helped out on Sat. June 9th working on a women's build house. They both enjoyed their time with this project. They volunteer every year and find it very rewarding.

Contact Habitat for Humanity at habitatbuffalo.org for more information and to become a volunteer.

Meet The Members Of UPC

This month our featured member is one of our newest additions to our congregation. Preston Rich recently joined UPC in the spring, and has been a regular attendee since. Preston was born in Batavia and grew up in Corfu, NY. His wife's name is Sarah and she is from Wassiac, NY which is just north of New York City. Sarah is an intern in the Emergency Room at Buffalo General Hospital. They just celebrated their third anniversary on June 21st.

Preston works at M&T bank as an analyst. He is also attending UB part time for his MBA, so they have little leisure time. When he does relax, he enjoys working in his garden.

His family attended a Baptist church growing up and although he enjoys his Baptist roots, he was attracted to UPC by the warm friendly feeling he experienced during his initial visits. He describes our congregation as having a strong community feeling. He has already agreed to serve as Deacon and we hope he enjoys being a member here for many years.

INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY: July 11, 2012 & August 1 & 29, 2012

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

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



University Presbyterian Church Summer Calendar

**Sunday Services May 27th - September 2nd
10:00 am**



Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

June 17th - August 12th
Topic will be: Revelation



Taize' Service - 5:30 pm

First Friday of the Month
July 6th; August 3rd; September 7th



Free Hotdog Roast Following the 10:00 am

Church Service (last Sunday of the month)
June 24th; July 29th; August 26th



Blessing of the Animals (all pets welcome)

July 28th 11:00 am
Rain or Shine

Please join us for these events.



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, July 6 and Friday August 3 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

JULY 2012

Sunday	1	9:00 am 10:00 am	Bible Study – Book of Revelation Worship – Communion
Tuesday	3	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	4	Office Closed	HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
Thursday	5	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Friday	6	5:30 pm	Taize’ Service
Saturday	7	10:00 am	Grief Support Group - Family Tree
Sunday	8	9:00 am 10:00 am	Bible Study - Book of Revelation Worship Service
Tuesday	10	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	11	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
Thursday	12	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Sunday	15	9:00 am 10:00 am	Bible Study - Book of Revelation Worship Service
Tuesday	17	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	19	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Saturday	21	1:00 pm	Knitting Group
Sunday	22	9:00 am 10:00 am	Bible Study - Book of Revelation Worship Service
Tuesday	24	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	26	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Saturday	28	11:00 am	Blessing of the Animals (all pets welcome)
Sunday	29	9:00 am 10:00 am	Bible Study - Book of Revelation Worship Service
			Free Hot Dog Roast – following Worship
Tuesday	31	12:00 noon	Food Pantry

AUGUST 2012

Wednesday	1	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Stuart Buisch
Thursday	2	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Friday	3	5:30 pm	Taize' Service
Saturday	4	9:00 am – 12 noon	Teacher Orientations w/Gladys & Tracy
		10:00 am	Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree
Sunday	5	9:00 am	Bible Study - Book of Revelation
		10:00 am	Worship Service – Communion
Tuesday	7	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	9	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Sunday	12	9:00 am	Bible Study – Book of Revelation
		10:00 am	Worship service
Tuesday	14	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	15	7:00 pm	Session meeting
Thursday	16	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Saturday	18	1:00 pm	Knitting Group
Sunday	19	10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	20	NOTE: Denise will be on vacation this week & the office will be closed until 8/27/12. For any pastoral concerns, please call Tracy at home.	
Tuesday	21	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	22	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Saturday	25	8:00 am – 2 pm	International Students Garage Give-A-Way Parking Lot & Gym
Sunday	26	10:00 am	Worship Service Free Hot Dog Roast – following Worship
Tuesday	28	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	29	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
Thursday	30	12:00 noon	Food Pantry