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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 – 13<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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

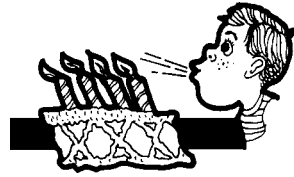


## July Birthdays

- 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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The Reverend Tracy Daub

## 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>        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Infants</b>         | <b>2</b>         |
| <b>Children</b>        | <b>76</b>        |
| <b>Adults</b>          | <b>208</b>       |
| <b>Elderly</b>         | <b><u>41</u></b> |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>327</b>       |
| <br>                   |                  |
| <b>Households:</b>     | <b>191</b>       |
| <b>Equivalent meal</b> | <b>2,943</b>     |

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10:00 am**



**Adult Sunday School 9:00 am**

June 17<sup>th</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Topic will be: Revelation



**Taize' Service - 5:30 pm**

First Friday of the Month  
July 6<sup>th</sup>; August 3<sup>rd</sup>; September 7<sup>th</sup>



**Free Hotdog Roast Following the 10:00 am**

**Church Service** (last Sunday of the month)  
June 24<sup>th</sup>; July 29<sup>th</sup>; August 26<sup>th</sup>



**Blessing of the Animals (all pets welcome)**

July 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.upcbuffalo.org/firstfriday)

## JULY 2012

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



## 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<br>Parking Lot & Gym |
| Sunday    | 26 | 10:00 am  | Worship Service<br>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   |