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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church July/August 2013

Pastor's Column

A common scripture request at funerals and memorial services is the passage from Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season . . ." After the long list of "a time for" this and a "time for" that, there is a line that states: "moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil." Those who think a religious life is about following a joy-less and austere existence must have overlooked this passage.

If it is true, as the writer of Ecclesiastes states, that there is a time for everything, then summer seems to be the ideal time for celebrating God's gift of eating and drinking and taking pleasure in the activities of life. The long hours of daylight enable us to squeeze more of life's goodness out of our 24 hours—such as an after dinner walk or time on the front porch. The abundance of fruits and vegetables, some coming straight from our own gardens, are seasonal pleasures we can enjoy. Vacations, time spent with family, a bit more leisure time are added pleasures of the season.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." This season holds an abundance of gifts. May we each discover the gifts God is giving to us.

Shalom,
Tracy

Birthdays

JULY

- 2 Emily Smith
- 2 Elissa Diaz
- 5 Tiffany Whitcomb
- 9 Tim Wadkins
- 10 Nancy Chia
- 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 JULY

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



AUGUST

- 1 Tina Burker
- 2 Wayne G. Appleton
- 3 Joan Secor
- 3 John Swaine
- 4 Matt Smith
- 7 Ida Caster
- 10 Nadeem Patel
- 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
- 30 Bina Patel

Holzwarth Room Renovation Update

Our Holzwarth Room renovation fund drive has generated a total of \$4,664.93. in the account. Adding \$2,000 that was in the account prior to the beginning of our drive, the full total is now \$6,664.93 as of June 9th. Since this is an on-going project, we hope everyone will rally with us to help our total meet what is needed to purchase the first section of furniture. Thank You!



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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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Brian Belus
The Reverend Tracy Daub

July Worship Column

July 7th - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Adult Education Hour –
with Rev. Tracy Daub

10:00 AM Worship –
Communion by Intinction

Lectionary: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalms 30;
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Deacon's Meeting
9:00 AM Adult Education Hour –
with Gladys Gifford

10:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Amos 7:7-17; Psalms 82;
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 20: 25-37

July 21st - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Adult Education Hour –
with Gladys Gifford

10:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Amos 8:1-12; Psalms 52;
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 28th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Adult Education Hour –
with Gladys Gifford

10:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalms 85;
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

August Worship Column

August 4th - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Adult Education Hour –
with Gladys Gifford

10:00 AM Worship –
Communion by Intinction

Lectionary: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalms 107:9, 43;
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 11th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Deacon's Meeting ———

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9:00 AM Adult Education Hour –
with Gladys Gifford

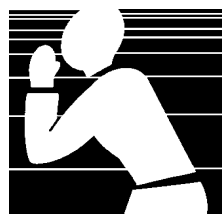
10:00 am Worship
Lectionary: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalms 50:1-
8,22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 18th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalms 80:1-2,8-19;
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 25th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalms 7:1-6;
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17



INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS: July 3rd and 24th 2013

August 21st and 28th 2013

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

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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 5th and August 2nd 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

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.

May 2013	
Infants	1
Children	63
Adults	181
Elderly	46
Total	291
Households:	175
Equivalent meals:	2,619

**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.

Community Garden

“My husband and I stopped at the community garden last weekend and enjoyed seeing what’s happening there. It was great to see the variety of growth, and the tender touches that make it a welcoming place.

Please pass on our congratulations and enthusiasm to the folks who take care of it!”
Thanks - Lidia Vieira

Our Church has decided to participate in the University Heights Community Garden. This garden is located at 63 Tyler St. From the Church Tyler is south on Main Street, right turn to W. Winspear and continue to the right onto Tyler.

The garden has been planned by the University Heights Cooperative and is a very nice use of an empty lot.

Our plot is the first raised bed on the left and is marked with a yellow sign stating: “This plot planted and maintained by University Presbyterian Church”.

Many of our members have attended several workshops in preparation for this event. Lots of members helped plant the garden on Saturday, June 1.

The plot is 4x8 feet and it appears that by using the square foot planting method we will get lots of produce by the end of the season. If you visit the garden you will notice there are strings forming a grid. This grid form can better plan how to utilize the small space. We have planted herbs, tomatoes, red and green sweet peppers, lettuce and zucchini.

This produce will be available to both our parishioners and clients of the Food Pantry.

We are always looking for volunteers to help. Look for a sign-up sheet on the display case in the hall.



University Heights Community News

Visit the Market

The University Community Farmer's Market is up and running. This market is a collaboration between the University at Buffalo, the surrounding South Campus neighborhoods and local organizations to promote wellness and community sustainability through the availability of fresh produce and locally grown food while promoting local entrepreneurs. Stop by to check out the fresh produce

University Community Farmers Market 2013 Information

Dates: Saturdays, May 18 - October 12, held rain or shine

Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: UB South Campus on Main Street at Kenmore Avenue in Buffalo, NY
Parking is available right behind the market by entering campus across from the University Plaza on Main Street

<http://www.ourheights.org/farmersmarket/>

Walk the Gardens - Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk

Samuel P. Capen was the first full-time, salaried Chancellor at the University at Buffalo.

The Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk began in 2002 with 24 gardens, in an effort to showcase the neighborhoods surrounding the University at Buffalo South campus which includes the University District of Buffalo, Eggertsville and Amherst. [* No filter found for the requested operation. | InlinelImage.tmp115837 *]

2013 marks the 12th year of the Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk, a free self-guided tour of more than 60 private gardens and carefully nurtured public spaces. The Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk is designed to encourage neighborhood beautification, collaboration and to build strong communities.

Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk 2013 Details

Date: Saturday July 13, 2013 - Free event, rain or shine in the University District neighborhoods

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Various homes and public spaces in the neighborhoods of the University District of Buffalo, Eggertsville and Amherst (specific locations to be announced soon).

Maps will be available at the following locations:

ï University Community Farmer's Market (UB South Campus at Main Street and Kenmore Ave.)

ï University Heights Tool Library (5 W. Northrup Place, next to Just Pizza)

ï UB Anderson Gallery (1 Martha Jackson Place (off Englewood south of Kenmore Ave.)

Member Profile

We begin the summer months with our member Barbara Kraemer, who joined 10 years ago. Barb came upon our church doing research for Kenmore Presbyterian, and to our good fortune decided to stay. The appeal of UPC happened as soon as she walked through the doors. Barb appreciated the diversity of the congregation, and Tracy's sermons as well as her conversations with the children every Sunday. UPC serves as her spiritual family because of the music, opportunities to help others and the openness of the congregation to express freedom of individual thoughts and beliefs. Barb was raised a Catholic, but found their belief system to be too constraining.

Barb grew up in Kenmore, the second youngest in a family with 12 children! After leaving home, she lived in various areas around Buffalo, but eventually came back to Kenmore 12 years ago. Barb began her working career as a computer programmer and project manager at a bank for 20 years. After that she held various positions as a paralegal in different offices for 10 years. For the past 11 years she's been working at a doctor's office on the West Side which houses a health education agency. Barb's the executive assistant, which means she wears a lot of hats on the job such as grant writing, clerical duties and HR work.

When Barb isn't working or attending church, she enjoys her old time TV sitcoms on her prized DVD collection, such as Frazier, Golden Girls, and Mary Tyler Moore. Barb also volunteers at a local nursing home once a month assisting with their scheduled Saturday activities, and leading a Sunday afternoon sing-along. During the summer you can find her relaxing by the river or at an outdoor concert event.

Barbara has been a member of the choir for 10 years, and also coordinates the communion servers once a month. Barb also served as chair and a member for the worship committee, as well as joining various seasonal worship teams, and served as an ordained elder.

When asked about her faith, she had difficulty coming up with an answer, since she describes her faith as being shaky. She sees herself as having more questions than answers, but I think that would describe everyone's belief system. But that's why we continue to attend UPC and reach out to other Christians on their journey. What she does know is there is a basic goodness and beauty in the world and in this life that is, for her, the very definition of God. That is where her faith lies, and in that sense her faith has helped to shape the direction of her life. It gives the foundation of right and wrong, and the ability to prioritize the things in life that are really important.

“Take me out to the Ballgame, Take me out to the Park”

Buffalo Bisons Friday Night Bash (vs. Toledo)

July 19th at 7:05 PM. Fireworks follow the game.

Meet at Church at 6:10. PM

\$12.00 per ticket. Pre-payment needed in advance by July 14th

Contact Karen Stucker ~ 430-8822 or Ginna Coon ~ 833-3106

Reserved Seating – no bleachers

Adult Education Classes

continue with weeks 4, 5, 6, and 7 in July with the series on the Beatitudes.

August dates are 4th and 11th.

Rev. Tracy Daub will present the first 4 weeks and

Gladys Gifford will continue through the remaining 5 weeks.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

University Community Farmers Market

Have you stopped and picked up some fresh vegetables and fresh fruit from the University Community Farmers Market? Every Saturday, until mid-October, from 8 am to 1 pm at UB South Campus, Main Street at Kenmore Avenue, join hundreds as they check out the freshest produce and artisan products from the WNY farm growers.

Save The Date

Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, September 7th. Time will be announced as soon as possible.

MEET THE NEIGHBORS and have a HOT DOG and SODA

Continuing on the last Sunday of July and August, after the 10:00 am Worship Service UPC will be holding a hot dog roast outside the church for members and local neighbors. Everyone is welcome to stay and mingle with friends and neighbors and enjoy the great outdoors.



Sunday School Sleepover

Sunday school sleepover party will now be held in October of this year. Due to the many activities at the end of the school year coupled with the warmth of the church during the summer months, it was decided to hold the sleep over in October. As soon as a date is finalized everyone will be given more information.

July-2013 CALENDAR

TUES	2	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
WED	3	5:00 PM	Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch
THURS	4	NOTE	Church Office Closed-No Food Pantry
FRI	5	5:30 PM	Taize Service
SAT	6	10:00 PM	Grief Support @ Family Tree Restaurant
SUN	7	9:00 AM	Bible Study w/Gladys Gifford
		10:00 AM	Worship Service w/Communion by Intinction
TUES	9	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
THURS	11	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
SAT	13	9 am - 4 PM	Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk
SUN	14	9:00 AM	Bible Study w/Gladys Gifford
		10:00 AM	Worship Service
TUES	16	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
WED	17	NOTE	NO SESSION THIS MONTH
THURS	18	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
FRI	19	7:05 PM	Friday Night Bash @ Bisons Game
			6:10 meet at Church (if desired)
SUN	21	9:00 AM	Bible Study w/Gladys Gifford
		10:00 AM	Worship Service
TUES	23	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
WED	24	5:00 PM	Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch
SUN	28	9:00 AM	Bible Study w/Gladys Gifford
		10:00 AM	Worship Service
		11:00 AM	Hot Dog Roast
TUES	30	12-4 PM	Food Pantry

August-2013 CALENDAR

THURS	1	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
FRI	2	5:30 PM	Taize Service
SAT	3	10:00 PM	Grief Support @ Family Tree Restaurant
SUN	4	9:00 AM	Bible Study w/Gladys Gifford
		10:00 A	Worship Service w/Communion by Intinction
TUES	6	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
THURS	8	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
SUN	11	9:00 AM	Bible Study w/Gladys Gifford
		10:00 AM	Worship Service
TUES	13	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
THURS	15	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
SUN	18	9:00 AM	Bible Study w/Gladys Gifford
		10:00 AM	Worship Service
August	19-23	NOTE:	Church OFFICE will be closed
TUES	20	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
WED	21	5:00 PM	Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch
		7:00 PM	Session Meeting
THURS	22	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
SUN	25	9:00 AM	Bible Study w/Gladys Gifford
		10:00 AM	Worship Service
TUES	27	12-4 PM	Food Pantry
WED	28	5:00PM	Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch
THURS	29	12-4 PM	Food Pantry