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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church July/August 2014

Pastor's Column

The Church's calendar is divided up into seasons. By "seasons" I mean *liturgical* seasons, not climatic season. Advent, Christmastide, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, are some of the liturgical seasons that make up the Christian calendar. And then there is that oddly named season that comes right after Pentecost—the season we are in right now. It's simply called "Ordinary Time."

While lacking the excitement, drama, or special holidays of the other seasons, "ordinary time" is where most of us spend most of our lives. Most of our lives are spent doing ordinary things: taking care of our family members, cooking meals, going to work, mowing the lawn, doing homework, washing our clothes, attending meetings, going to the store, engaging in our hobbies, etc. These seemingly mundane parts of our lives are places where we live out, day by day, our faith. And we pause in this season to recall that God blesses these ordinary parts of our lives.

During the month of August, we want to celebrate our "ordinary" lives and the way God is known in and through these activities. During the weeks of August, worshipers are invited to bring to the service some item used in the course of their ordinary lives: a spatula, a golf club, an umbrella, a dish cloth, a fishing rod, a garden tool, a mop, a pair of sneakers, etc. During the service we will offer a blessing for these items and the way they help us live faithfully and joyfully the life God has given us. Then, during the week, these items will be constructed into a special "sculpture" on the chancel.

We hope that you will be willing to let us temporarily borrow your item for the enrichment of our worship life. And don't forget: please mark your item with your name so that you can receive it back once August is over and our sculpture comes down.

May God bless our ordinary times so that we may serve our God and one another extraordinarily well.

Shalom,
Tracy

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 May | |
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| Infants | 1 |
| Children | 67 |
| Adults | 160 |
| Elderly | 47 |
| Total | 275 |
| Households | 166 |
| Equivalent Meals | 2475 |

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.

“Donate Your Sole”

Remember...Hearts for the Homeless “**DONATE YOUR SOLE**” program. This on-going ministry to collect gently used and possibly new shoes for those in our community is always in need. 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. Even though it’s mid-June, remember sales on sneakers and back to school footwear will be starting soon. Please help those less fortunate.

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



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Brian Belus
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Worship Column ~ July 2014

July 6th - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service with
Communion

Lectionary: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
Psalms 45:10-17 or *Song of Sol. 2:8-13*;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalms
119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,
8-23

July 20th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalms 139:1-
12, 23-24; Romans 8: 18-25; Matthew 12:24-30,
36-43

July 27th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Genesis 29:15-28; *Psalms 105:1-
11, 45b or Psalms 128*; Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Worship Column ~ August 2014

August 3rd - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service with
Communion

Lectionary: Genesis 32:22-31; *Psalms
17:1-7, 15*; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-
21

August 10th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-18; Psalms
105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 5-15;
Matthew 14:22-33

August 17th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalms 133;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-
20) 21-28

August 24th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Exodus:1:8-2:10; *Psalms 124*;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

August 31st - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship Service

Lectionary: Exodus: 3:1-15; Psalms 105:1-
6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew
16:21-28

July-August Birthdays

JULY

2 Emily Smith
2 Elissa Diaz
5 Tiffany Whitefield
9 Tim Wadkins
10 Nancy Chia
12 Marjorie Rugg
13 Barbara Alderdice
16 Hilde Smith
17 Joan Holzman
22 Gladys Spielberger
24 Art Cookfair
24 Kendra Masters
27 Brandi Thomas
29 Bill Rugg
29 Marcia Townsend
30 Joe Maiwald

YOUNG PRESBYTERIANS

JULY

9 Sophie Smith
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



CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to our custodian Matt Arusso and Elizabeth Bowes who will be married on **Saturday, August 30, 2014.**

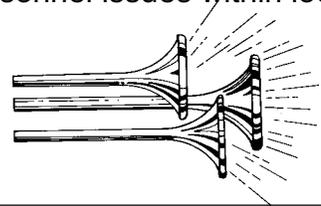
God's Blessings.

Congratulations, John!

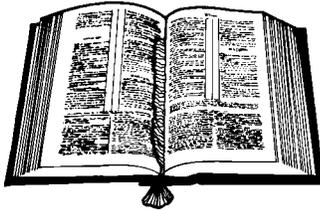
The past two years have been quite busy for our Organist and Minister of Music, John Novak. He has been the Sub-Dean of the local chapter of The American Guild of Organists and in that role has had responsibility for planning yearly programs. His term ends on June 30, 2014 and at that point he will become the Dean of the Buffalo Chapter.

His role as Dean will put him in the forefront leading the Chapter for the next two years. This is a major responsibility for a chapter that has 110 members. His responsibilities include such things as contact with other chapters throughout the nation, coordination with the national organization in New York City, attending the national convention and bringing back recommendations for the future of the organization, dealing with personnel issues within local churches and presiding over meetings of the local chapter.

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate John on his new role and wish him well as he assumes his new responsibilities.



Bible Study ~ Intergenerational-International Event



**Join Rev. Stuart Buisch on:
Wednesday, July 9th and Wednesday, August 27th**

5:00 – 6:30 pm ~ A light meal is served.

Open to everyone and all are welcome.

The August 27th session is our OPEN HOUSE.

We welcome students and adults returning to classes.

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

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Ministry to Community Committee is collecting school supplies for the clients of Jericho Road Community Health Center.

The drive will run from July 20 to August 10, 2014.

There will be a collection box in the Holzwarth Room.

The highest priority needs are backpacks, folders and 3-ring binders, but there is a long list of other needed items, from pens and pencils to boxes of tissues.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks can be given to Elaine Swaine or mailed to

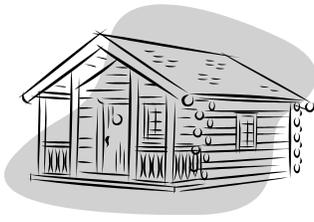
Jericho Road Community Health Center
184 Barton Street
Buffalo, NY 14213

Checks should be made payable to Jericho Road Community Health Center with "School Supply Drive" in the memo line.

See the list below for items needed:

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| Backpacks | Highest Priority |
| Folders | Highest Priority |
| Various sized 3-ring binders | Highest Priority |
| Soft pencil holder pouch with holes | |
| Bottles of Hand Sanitizer | |
| Marble composition notebooks | Small white boards |
| Pencils | Glue Sticks |
| Crayons | Supply boxes |
| Highlighters | Scissors |
| Markers - thin and regular | Erasers |
| Colored pencils | Subject dividers |
| Boxes of Tissue | Wide-ruled loose leaf paper |
| Boxes of Baby Wipes | 1 subject spiral notebooks |
| Lined 3x5 index cards | Rulers (metric on one side, inches on the other) |
| Book covers | |

Please consider helping children in need as the 'Back to School' sales hit the stores. Thank you!



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:

~**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.

Confirmation Class Essay

By Olivia Smith

The essay was to answer the question *“Why is being part of a Christian Community important?”* or *“Why can’t I just be a good Christian on my own?”*

Living in a Christian community and believing in God is a very separate idea than believing in God, but not sharing your beliefs with anyone. The ideas are very separate because when choosing not to share your beliefs with others, you become very isolated. You have no one there to help you when you need it, and you are not there to help someone else when they need it. When you live in a Christian community, you are sharing your thoughts about God with people who accept and love you.

Living in a community of Christians is also important because it helps you make good decisions. As said in Luke Chapter 3, verse 10-11, “And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.” This is telling us that when someone has nothing or close to nothing, and we have plenty, we should share. This section of the Bible is telling us to share with those in need even if you don’t want to, because it is the right thing to do. When you surround yourself with others who support you, and believe in the same thing you do, it is much easier to make good decisions.

One last positive aspect of living in a Christian community is that it helps you do the right thing even when you don’t want to. As Jesus says over and over in the Bible “Love your enemies,” that is a hard thing to do. No one wants to be kind to those they hate, because in most cases they have done something to you to make you feel that way. When you have people around you who also believe, they can help you get through it and do the right thing. Living in a Christian community is important because it gives you the support you need to make the right decisions and live out the word of God. The idea of living in this type of community will help me in the future because it will help me to do the right thing, and be someone that God is proud of.



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, August 1st 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

July 2014

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| Tuesday | 1st | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Thursday | 3rd | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Friday | 4th | Happy 4th of July – Church Office is closed and Taize will be AUGUST 1st. | |
| Saturday | 5th | Grief Support meeting will not be held due to the Holiday weekend. | |
| Sunday | 6th | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 8th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Wednesday | 9th | 5:00 pm | Bible Study w/ Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm. |
| Thursday | 10th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Sunday | 13th | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 15th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Thursday | 17th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Sunday | 20th | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 22nd | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Thursday | 24th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Sunday | 27th | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | | Following Service | Hot Dog Roast outside on N.Falls Blvd sidewalk |
| Tuesday | 29th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Thursday | 31st | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |

August 2014

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| Friday | 1st | 5:30 pm | Taize Service |
| Saturday | 2nd | 10:00 am | No meeting for Grief Support group |
| 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Sunday | 3rd | 10:00 am | Worship Service with Communion |
| Tuesday | 5th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Thursday | 7th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Sunday | 10th | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 12th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Thursday | 14th | 12 – 4 pm — | Food Pantry Church <u>Office</u> closed |
| Friday | 15th | — | Church <u>Office</u> closed |
| 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Sunday | 17th | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| Monday | 18th | — | Church <u>Office</u> closed |
| Tuesday | 19th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Wednesday | 20th | 7:00 pm | Session Meeting – Holzwarth Room |
| Thursday | 21st | 12 – 4 pm — | Food Pantry Church <u>Office</u> closed |
| Friday | 22nd | — | Church <u>Office</u> closed |
| 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Sunday | 24th | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 26th | 12 – 4 pm | Food Pantry |
| Wednesday | 27th | 5:00 pm | Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Open House Everyone is welcome to attend. Stop for a visit and meet Rev. Buisch as he begins his Bible Study for the new school year. Light meal will be served. |

Thursday 28th 12 – 4 pm Food Pantry

**Sunday 31st 10:00 am 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Service**

1st week of September preview

Monday 1st Labor Day Church Office Closed

Tuesday 2nd 12 – 4 pm Food Pantry

Thursday 4th 12 – 4 pm Food Pantry

Friday 5th 5:30 pm Taize Service

Saturday 6th 10:00 am Grief Support Group – Family Tree Restaurant

**Sunday 7th Season of Peace – RALLY DAY (2 Worship Services resume)
9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Adult & Youth Educational hour
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
Noon Coffee Hour – Holzwarth Room**