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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Column

Summer time. It brings to mind lazy hot days of relaxation, when life takes a slower pace. It is also a season which typically has seen a slower pace in the life of our church. The choir gets a rest. We switch to just a single service at 10 a.m. The service itself is a bit more casual than during the program year.

And yet, our service to Christ does not come to a stop just because summer has set in. There are ministries that still need our attention, activities in which our participation is still important. This summer we hope you will take advantage of some of these offerings:

—An adult Bible Study class

Held at 9 a.m. in Room 101, this 9 week class will begin on Sunday, June 17. We will explore the challenging, often misunderstood, and yet meaningful Book of Revelation. Gladys Gifford and I will alternate leadership of this discussion.

—Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Details are found within this Network. Come join in serving Christ by serving others.

—Summer small group gatherings

As part of our participation in the program New Beginnings, where UPC is seeking to discern our future direction as a congregation, the members will be invited to attend a small gathering of up to 10 people. Through these gatherings, we hope to hear your thoughts, explore ideas, and listen to your wisdom about the life of UPC. Details of these gatherings will follow.

—Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. with Free Hot Dog Roast the last Sunday of each month

On the last Sunday in June, July, and August, we will offer a free hot dog roast on the front lawn for worshippers and community members alike. Come meet our neighbors!

—First Friday Taize Services

Quiet contemplation, beautiful music, the words of Holy Scripture, and blessed silence are offered up as food for the soul.

There are many opportunities in these lazy summer days to feed the soul, the body, and the mind while deepening our relationships with God and one another. We hope you will join us.

Shalom,
Tracy



Worship Column

June 3rd - Trinity Sunday

10:00 AM Worship – Communion

Lectionary: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalms 29; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

June 10th - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15);
Psalms 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 17th - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalms 20;
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 24th - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 & Psalms
9:9-20; or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 & Psalms 133;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41



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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**.

April 2012	
Infants	2
Children	88
Adults	193
Elderly	<u>37</u>
Total	320
Households:	173
Equivalent meals	2,880

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.

June Birthdays

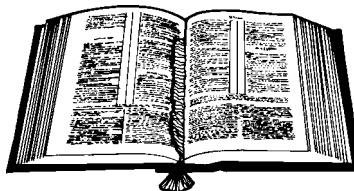
- 1 Thomas Somerville
- 2 Timothy Harbison
- 4 Neal Croop
- 6 Geraldine Grisante
- 6 Dennis Erickson
- 7 Susan Beyer
- 8 Ray Thompson
- 11 Priscilla Stevens
- 21 Eleanor Henderson
- 26 Zain Shirazi
- 29 David Walker
- 30 Roger Dahl

YOUNG PRESBYTERIANS

- 20 Linnea Ecklund
- 21 Sabrina Burker
- 24 Clark Whitefield
- 26 Russell Whitefield



INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY: June 20, 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



Food Pantry "Job" Openings

The Food Pantry now has two "Job" openings for willing workers -at volunteer pay.

1). A spot is available to work one Tuesday or Thursday afternoon per month from 11:30 to 4:00, helping clients choose their groceries, stocking shelves, etc. You will work with three others and meet some great folks.

OR

If you don't have afternoons free, or you cannot do the physical work, don't despair - we have two other volunteer opportunities for you:

2). We need a Back-up person to learn the monthly on-line food ordering method recently put into service with the Food Bank. This requires checking with the pantry staff to find out the food needs, logging into the ordering system on the correct day (usually the 2nd Thursday of the month), and placing the food order. Currently this is completed by Kathy Hallborg, but she is the only volunteer who is familiar with this system. The Back-up person would be able to fill in if Kathy is unavailable to complete the order.

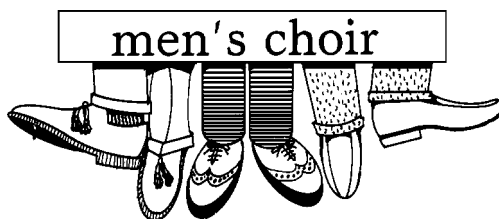
If you think you're the person for one of these jobs, please hurry to contact Barbara Pearson at 833-3163 or Janet Mazzaroppi at 639-7526. We hope to fill these "openings" very soon.....

BGMC Spring Concert

**The Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus will hold their
Spring Concert at University Presbyterian Church on
Saturday, June 9th at 8:00 pm.**

**BGMC proudly presents
we tell the story
Our Lives Become the Stories that We Weave.**

**To order tickets call 716-883-1277
or visit www.BuffaloGayMensChorus.org**





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, June 1 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

JUNE 2012

Friday	1	5:30 pm	Taize' Service
		7:30 pm	Youth Sleep Over
Saturday	2	10:00 am	Grief Support Group - Family Tree
Sunday	3	10:00 am	Worship - Communion
Tuesday	5	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	7	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Saturday	9	8:00 pm	Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus Concert
Sunday	10	10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	11	12:00 noon	Presbyterian Women Meeting
Tuesday	12	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	14	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Saturday	16	1:00 pm	Knitting Group
Sunday	17	10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	18	12:00	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Mtg.
Tuesday	19	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	20	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Stu
		7:00 pm	Session
Thursday	21	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	24	10:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	26	6:00 am	Federal Primary Election Site
		12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Thursday	28	12:00 noon	Food Pantry

JULY 2012 - Preview

Sunday	1	10:00 am	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