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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

June 2014

## Pastor's Column

In June we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost Sunday, June 8 is a day when we recall God's gift of the Spirit, which helped those first, terrified disciples overcome their fears and boldly proclaim the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. We sometimes refer to Pentecost as the "birthday" of the Christian Church because of how the testimony of the disciples caused many others to believe and join the way of Jesus Christ. The message of God's life-giving love was so compelling that, according to the Book of Acts, 3,000 people converted after hearing Peter's sermon.

Since that first "birthday" so long ago, the story of the Christian Church is rather mixed. History bears the shameful record of the many times and ways in which Christians have behaved atrociously toward other humans, when the faith has been used to justify killing, conquest, abuse, and cruelty. This is part of the Christian story.

And yet, there is something that has remained so compelling about the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ that here we all are, two thousand years later. Somehow, despite the self-serving manipulation of the message, somehow the good news has been handed down, generation to generation. Thankfully the "good" has not been lost in the midst of the "bad." We can only give credit for this to the Holy Spirit, still at work in us and in history.

Come celebrate the power of God that is still stronger than death and evil and cruelty. Wear red on Pentecost and join in giving thanks for the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Shalom,  
Tracy



**THIS WEEK'S  
MESSAGE**

**Worship Column ~ June 2014**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>      7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 AM**    Worship Service with **Communion**

**Lectionary:** Acts 1:6-14; Psalms 68:10, 32-35;  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11

**June 8<sup>th</sup>      Day of Pentecost**

*If possible please wear Red to services*

**10:00 AM**    Worship Service

**Lectionary:** Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30;  
Psalms 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or*  
Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

**June 15<sup>th</sup>     Trinity Sunday**

**10:00 AM**    Worship Service

**Lectionary:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalms 8; 2  
Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>     12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00 AM**    Worship Service

**Lectionary:** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalms 86:1-10,  
16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

**June 29<sup>th</sup>     13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00 AM**    Worship Service

**Lectionary:** Genesis 22:1-14; Psalms 13;  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42



**Spring Clean Up Day  
"2<sup>nd</sup> Chance"**

To all of you who may have missed our first clean up day here at UPC, here is your chance to meet with your friends and members with helping us spruce up the inside of the church building. **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm.** Please bring a bucket, cleaning cloths, work gloves and your energy in helping to make our Sanctuary and building shine.



**"The Network"**  
is published monthly for friends and members of University Presbyterian Church. If you wish to submit an article, please contact the church office.  
**Co-Editors:**  
Brian Belus  
The Reverend Tracy Daub

## ***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***

### **Do you have a "Blessing Story"?**

Blessings come to us in many ways. They surprise us at the best and worst of times. Sometimes we don't recognize them until they've passed by. Our *New Beginnings* focus this year is "*Blessings*". Maybe you have a story that could bless another through the monthly newsletter. Use the space below or as much as you'd like to share and submit to one of the deacons. Some of you may prefer to e-mail your 'blessing story' for editing to:

*universitypresbyterian@verizon.net* **SUBJECT: Blessings article**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 April	
Infants	0
Children	62
Adults	164
Elderly	49
Total	249
Households	164
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.
- You will feel good about the time you spend with us, helping our neighbors.



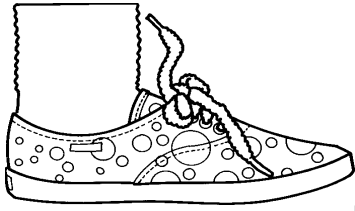
## June Birthdays

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

## YOUTH JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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





## **Donate Your Sole**

Our Hearts for the Homeless **“DONATE YOUR SOLE”** program is doing well. Summer is upon us and when you pick up a new pair of sandals, flip-flops or sneakers, check your closet for those that you no longer need. Bring them to church and drop them in the shoe box in the Narthex of the Church. Donations of new items are always appreciated too!

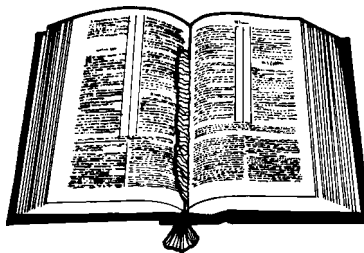
We thank you from the bottom of our *SOLE*.

## **INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesdays, June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> and  
August 27<sup>th</sup> (open house night)**

**Light Meal: 5:00 pm – Study until 6:30 pm  
Holzwarth Room**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!  
Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch**





## **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.**



*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 6th 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)

## THE NETWORK

June 2014

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>New Beginnings Meeting</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Planting Today at The Community Garden</b>
			<b>Meet Cindy Hickey in Rm. 101 after the 10:00 am service prior to leaving for the garden.</b>

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm</b>
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Taize Service</b>
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant</b>
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### Day of Pentecost

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Deacon's Meeting</b>
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		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service followed by a Pot Luck luncheon in Auditorium</b>
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<b>Monday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Presbyterian Woman Dutch Treat Luncheon at Family Tree – call the Church Office if you plan to attend or for additional information</b>
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9 am – 12pm</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Clean Up – come help spruce up the Sanctuary and building</b>
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### Trinity Sunday

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry (delivery date)</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting – Holzwarth Room</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship Service Following services – Joint picnic with MacAlpine PC @ Como Lake Park</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6 am – 9 pm 12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Federal Primary Election Food Pantry</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship Service followed by a Hot Dog Roast outside Church.</b>

**JULY PREVIEW**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday – Church Office Closed NO TAIZE SERVICE this month</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>