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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Column

"When I die, I don't want any service." I've heard those words from a surprising number of people—even those who have been active in the life of the church. I have also participated in a number of services where the families, those with a church background as well as those without a history of church participation, seem at a loss as to what the funeral service should look like. What rituals should be included? Where should it be held? Should the casket be present?

No doubt most of us have attended many funerals and memorial services. We glean from these experiences ideas about what a funeral should look like. Some things we like, others we don't.

Eastertide, the season of celebrating the Resurrection, is a good opportunity to examine this matter of the funeral. Just what makes for a good funeral? And, specifically, what makes for a good *Christian* funeral?

In a two-week adult class series, we will explore these questions as well as others like: what is the purpose or function of a funeral; how does the service bear witness to our faith; what is the difference between a funeral and a memorial service; is cremation a faithful option; should the service be at the funeral home or the church; and who needs to be at the service?

How we take care of our dead not only reveals something about us as a society but, especially, it reveals something essential about who we are as Christians. Join us for a discussion about this important part of the human experience and what that means for our journey of faith with God.

Rather than being a depressing topic, (after all, how many of us like to think about death, let alone our own deaths!), I believe that we will be surprised that this exploration of the "good funeral" will actually lead us to the discovery of something joyful and hopeful.

The Good Funeral: What Makes for a Good Christian Funeral

Sunday, May 11 & 18

10 a.m.

Shalom,
Tracy



Worship Column ~ May 2014

May 4th **3rd Sunday of Easter**
9:00 AM Worship Service **with Communion**
11:00 AM Worship Service **with Communion**
Lectionary: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalms 116:1-4,
12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23;
Luke 24:13-35

May 11th **4th Sunday of Easter**
9:00 AM Worship
9:30 AM Deacon's Meeting
10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Acts 2:42-47; Psalms 23;
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:-1-10

May 18th **5th Sunday of Easter**
9:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship
Lectionary: Acts 7: 55-60; Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-
16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 25th **6th Sunday of Easter**
*One Worship Service begins on Sundays for the
Summer*
10:00 AM Worship Service
Lectionary: Acts 17:22-31; Psalms 66:8-20; 1
Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



Donate Your Sole

Our Hearts for the Homeless "DONATE YOUR SOLE" program is doing well. You have donated shoes, sneakers, boots, sandals, for all ages. This on-going ministry to collect gently used and possibly new shoes for those in our community is always in need. As we enter spring and put away the winter footwear, maybe you would consider these items for the Donate Your Sole container in the Narthex of the church. 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.



"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.
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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 March	
Infants	0
Children	60
Adults	143
Elderly	<u>46</u>
Total	249
Households	153
Equivalent Meals	2241

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.

May Birthdays

1	Annette Arber
6	Jeffrey Grisante
6	Judy Betz
11	Shahnaz Morris
15	Geoffrey Burkner
15	Donna Riddagh
16	Lisa Patel
23	Cathy Siegel
24	Robert Hallborg

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

9	Emily Waldron
16	Elizabeth Waldron
31	Karly Masters



**INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL
BIBLE STUDY**

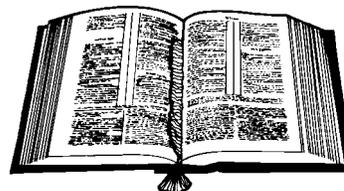
May 7th & May 28th

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

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



Do You Have A “Blessing Story”?

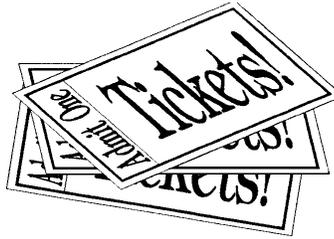
Blessings come to us in many ways. They surprise us at the best and worst of times. Sometimes we don't recognize them until they've passed by. Our *New Beginnings* focus this year is “Blessings”. *Maybe you have a story that could bless another through the monthly newsletter. Use the space below or as 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:** _____

UPC News

The Towne Players are doing "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" at the **Sheridan Parkside Community Center, 169 Sheridan Parkside, in Tonawanda**. Dennis Erickson will be playing the psychiatrist, Dr. Spivey. The performances are **May 2nd and 3rd at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 4th at 2:00 pm. Also, the following weekend May 9th and 10th at 7:30 pm.** Tickets are general admission \$12.00 and \$10.00 for seniors and students. Presale tickets can be purchased from Dennis Erickson and are \$10.00.



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



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:

~**Parent/Child 24 Intensity-May 23rd-24th-** A fun-filled 24 hour retreat to spend quality time with your child with a structured program.

~**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.

Member Interview May 2014

Priscilla Maddock is our last interview before the summer break. Priscilla was born in Binghamton, NY and grew up in Endicott, NY. Her father worked for IBM in the area. Priscilla describes her upbringing with her brother as being a wonderful, idyllic, pretty traditional childhood! Priscilla and her husband John now live in Amherst where they raised their 2 daughters, Mackenzie and Mikaela.

Priscilla works as the co-director of the Westminster Early Childhood Programs in Buffalo. The WECP is a large early childhood education center, serving children ages 8 weeks through 5 years of age. Her job keeps her very busy but when she's not working she enjoys reading and always has a book going no matter how busy she is. She loves spending time with family and friends. Both of their daughters live out of town right now, so they enjoy visiting them and having them come home when they can. They own a little piece of paradise on Skaneateles Lake in Central New York, and escape to their cottage whenever possible.

Priscilla and John first found UPC when they were married here by Peter Nord. They joined when they were expecting their first child, Mackenzie. They were initially attracted to the beauty of the sanctuary, and still feel it is a beautiful place! Then they met many wonderful people and felt it was the best congregation to raise their daughters with.

Priscilla attributes her faith for leading her to the people in her life and thanks God for her family, friends and for the life she leads. It has kept her grounded and humble, and it gives her peace and comfort in difficult times. Through the years she has been a deacon, an elder, a Sunday school teacher for over 10 years. Currently she is a member of the Personnel committee. Priscilla, your dedicated service to the youth of the church has helped them with their own faith journey.



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, May 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

THE NETWORK

May 2014

Thursday	1st	12 – 4 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Friday	2nd	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Saturday	3rd	10:00 am	Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant
Sunday	4th	3rd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour for Adults & Youth Worship Service with Communion
Tuesday	6th	6:00 am – 9:00 pm 12 – 4 pm	Buffalo School Board – Elections – Lower level Food Pantry
Wednesday	7th	5:00 pm	Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm
Thursday	8th	12 – 4 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Sunday	11th	4th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Deacon's Meeting Education Hour for Adults & Youth Worship Service Coffee Hour
Monday	12th	12:00 pm	Presbyterian Woman Meeting – Holzwarth Room
Tuesday	13th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Thursday	15th	12 – 4 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Sunday	18th	5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Deacon's Meeting Education Hour for Adults & Youth Worship Service Coffee Hour

Tuesday	20th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry (delivery date)
Wednesday	21st	7:00 pm	Session Meeting – Holzwarth Room
Thursday	22nd	12 – 4 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Sunday	25th	6th Sunday of Easter Our Summer ONE Worship Service begins today 10:00 am Worship Service	
Monday	26th	Memorial Day – Office Closed	
Tuesday	27th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	28th	5:00 pm	Bible Study w/Rev. Stuart Buisch – Holzwarth Rm
Thursday	29th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry

PREVIEW for First week June 2014

Sunday	1st	10:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
Tuesday	3rd	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Thursday	5th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Friday	6th	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Saturday	7th	10:00 am	Grief Support Meeting @Family Tree Restaurant