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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church November 2010

Pastor's Column

Sometimes we best experience gratitude in terms of contrast. When our days are chaotic, filled with noise and too many people, then we are grateful for a moment of quiet solitude. Yet, if we know great loneliness and days by ourselves, then we may be grateful for the companionship of others. It is when we are confronted with death that we often are able to cherish life and all the small and large things in life that are precious to us. After 9/11 we all held our children and loved ones a little more tightly. People who have endured great hardships are often those who have a strong sense of gratitude for the blessings they have in life.

Gratitude born out of a sense of contrast is found in the Bible as well. The Hebrew people were often reminded to “remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,” and how God delivered them from their suffering. This remembrance is intended to fuel gratitude for what they have and to motivate them to live kind, generous, and faithful lives. Every time we come to the communion table we are invited to remember a contrast. Once we were slaves to fear, sin, and death, but because of Christ’s love we are freed to live differently—as resurrected people, who live grateful lives of service and compassion.

In this season of Thanksgiving, maybe we would benefit by recollecting some of our own personal and collective contrasts so that such recollections may fuel in us a sense of gratitude and transform how we live and love.

Shalom,
Tracy

Worship Column

NOVEMBER 7TH - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship - Communion

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship - Communion

Lectionary: Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
or Psalm 98; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 27-38

NOVEMBER 14TH - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12;
2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 21ST - Christ the King Sunday

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;
Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

NOVEMBER 28TH - 1ST Sunday in Advent

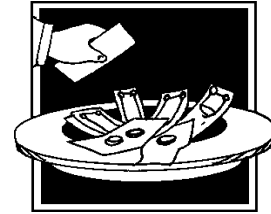
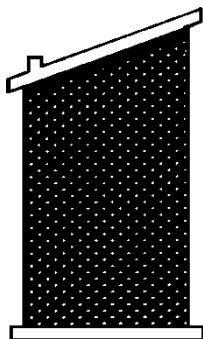
(Lectionary Year A begins)

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans
13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



Financial Report

Due to lesser fuel costs than estimated and higher than expected earnings on our investments, our deficit through September was less than \$9000.

Further, we are asking those who have not kept current with their pledges to do their best to bring their pledges up to date.



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Church. If you wish to
submit an article, please
contact the church office.

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**THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
2010 COOKBOOK
IS NOW ON SALE!**

**YOU MAY PURCHASE THESE BOOKS ON SUNDAYS
FOLLOWING WORSHIP, OR STOP BY THE CHURCH OFFICE
- MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
FROM 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.
BOOKS ARE \$10.00 EACH,
PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE.**

**THERE ARE 190 RECIPES:
28 Appetizers, Dips, Salads, Soups;
43 Main Dishes; 12 Sides; 74 Desserts;
11 Healthy Living; 22 "Something Else."
The proceeds from the cookbook sale
will go directly to mission,
of which our PW pledges \$300 annually.**

Alternative Christmas Giving

Celebrate those you love with a gift of meaning by choosing an Alternative Gift through Church World Service or Heifer, a not-for-profit organization which has been helping more than 7 million people improve their quality of life by becoming self-reliant. There will be available, in the Holzwarth Room, on November 28, December 4 and 12 gifts to choose and with your purchase you will receive a Christmas card with a picture and explanation of their gift. Children's books, stuffed animals and Cambodian bells will also be available.

It's A Wow!

WOW! Our church raised **\$1,806.80** at the Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra benefit concert. Our offering was equally divided between Haiti (Hope Village) and Buffalo (Family Promise).

Many thanks to our youth, cookie bakers, servers, greeters, furniture movers, Barb Lyons for extra counting, Connie Michael for a great bulletin board and staff and all who supported our fund raising concert. We had a great time and went home with happy hearts!

The Ministry to Community Committee

MAKE A TINY CLAY CRECHE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
DROP IN AT THE RESOURCE CENTER
BETWEEN 4 - 7:30 PM

North Presbyterian Church
300 North Forest Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

- Children and adults are welcome to hand-build, in a few minutes, very simple figures and animals from self-hardening clay. A handout will feature prayers for each of the pieces to use at home. Assistance and encouragement for each figure will be given by Mary Mohlke.
- Enjoy some refreshments
- Preview new DVDs and books
- Ask questions and borrow some resources.

A free will offering will benefit the Resource Center for the purchase of new resources.

Sponsored by the Education Committee of WNY

Questions or reservations call: Mary Mohlke at 631-0979 or,

email:

mmohlke@gmail.com

Christmas Cookie Sale

December 11th

If you recall, our annual cookie sale raises about **\$1500** for the general operating budget. Plan now, UPC cookie bakers, what cookies you will make and as always we would like to have each person bake **12 dozen, if at all possible.**

Now that we are into fall, baking cookies is a perfect way to take the chill off your house - instead of turning the oven on! The more cookies we have the more we can sell. Please call

Janet Mazzaroppi to let her know if you will bake, how many and what kind (**639-7526**).



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 Gerry Grisante at 835-0433.

SEPTEMBER 2010

Infants	3
Children	57
Adults	142
Elderly	26
	228

Households: 119
Equivalent meals: 2,052



November Birthdays

1	Karen Stucker
3	Jennifer Cotto-Ecklund
4	Al Walter
5	Lauren Mook
7	Mary Jean Conibear
7	Wayne Appleton
11	Sarah Smith
11	Elizabeth Harbison
11	Brian Belus
16	Jim Whitefield
18	Gary Melius
23	Doug Harbison
24	Pat Cooke
28	Alma Kelly
29	William Harbison

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

22	Grace Burker
26	Nicholas Harbison

INTERCOLLEGIATE - INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS: NOVEMBER 2ND, 16TH AND 30TH
Light Meal: 5:00 PM
Study until 6:30 PM
Holzwarth Room
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



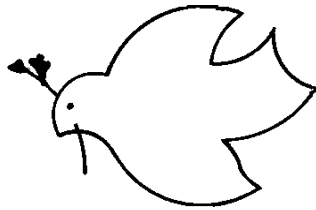
Remember In Your Prayers

The family of Marjorie MacLeod Dewitz.

Marjorie died on October 7th after suffering a massive stroke. Marjorie was confirmed in 1945 at UPC. In 1953 she and Bob were married. She was an ordained Deacon and served on the Personnel Committee for many years. Marge and Bob were directors of our food pantry for 10 years. She is survived by her husband, four children and numerous grandchildren. Her presence will be missed.

The Walker family

Please remember also in your prayers David and Diane Walker, whose daughter Lisa died after a long battle with cancer. Grieving Lisa's death are also her husband and three children.



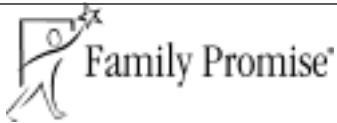
Adult Christian Education Class

We have just finished the month of October - and what a month we had. We learned about places most of us have never been to: Australia, New Zealand, Uganda, El Salvador and someplace called "Triennium." We certainly learned about people that live on this earth with us and how they live, love and laugh.

November will start with 2 weeks of Bible Study, "Seasons of the Spirit," so that we can be grounded for the arrival of Advent. Even though Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we are going to begin on **Sunday, November 21st**. We will learn about four of our favorite Christmas carols, that we sing every year: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Come, join us and learn the history of these beloved Christmas carols and how they are still relevant in our lives today.

We meet on Sunday mornings, at 10:00 am in Room 101. Don't miss a week! There is always coffee!



UPC Becomes a Family Promise Support Church to Help Homeless Families in WNY. Could you lend a hand?

The mission of **Family Promise of Western New York** (Interfaith Hospitality Network) is to unite faith based and other organizations in a collaborative response to the needs of homeless families in our community. Family Promise provides temporary shelter, meals, and assistance for homeless families with children while they seek stability and independence. Family Promise is unique in providing shelter to families, keeping even two parent families intact

The Family Promise host and support congregations provide lodging, meals and hospitality for these families in need. **University Presbyterian Church has committed to be a support congregation to Crossroads Lutheran Church, Main Street in Snyder, during the week when they act as hosts to the homeless families in the Family Promise Program.**

As a support church, UPC is responsible, four times a year, to provide an evening meal for the families (4:30 to 7:30), to provide companionship during the evening hours (7:00 to 10:00), and if possible, to provide a couple to stay overnight at the church (9:30pm to 7:30 am).

Our first date as support church was to be Tuesday, October 19th, but the scheduled family found housing before we had a chance!

**The next dates for our support service will be:
Tuesday, January 11th, 2011
Tuesday, April 12th, 2011
Tuesday, July 5th, 2011**

John Swaine (877-4868) has agreed to be our contact to help recruit volunteers and coordinate our activities with Crossroads Lutheran Church. Please consider volunteering to help out on one of the upcoming dates. We will be telling you more about this opportunity as the dates get closer.

In our country, 1 in every 50 children has experienced homelessness. In Family Promise of WNY, the face of homelessness becomes personal and the call to hospitality to “the least of these” is real.

November 2010 CALENDAR

MONDAY	1st	1:00 pm	Bridge	Holzwarth Room
TUESDAY	2nd	5:00 pm	Bible Study	Holzwarth Room
WEDNES	3rd	7:00 pm	Committee Meetings	
THURSDAY	4th	12:00 noon 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Choir	Reid Hall
FRIDAY	5th	5:30-6:00 pm	Taize Service	Sanctuary
SATURDAY	6th	9:00 am	Grief Support Breakfast	Family Tree
SUNDAY	7th	9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
<u>DAYLIGHT</u>		10:00 am	Education Hour/Children's Choir	Various Rooms
<u>SAVINGS BEGINS</u>		11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
MONDAY	8th	12:00 pm	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	
TUESDAY	9th	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
THURSDAY	11th	12:00 noon 7:30 am	Food Pantry Choir	Reid Hall
SUNDAY	14th	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Deacon's Meeting Education Hour/Children's Choir Worship	Sanctuary Various Rooms Sanctuary
MONDAY	15th	1:00 pm	Bridge	Holzwarth Room
TUESDAY	16th	12:00 noon 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Bible Study	Reid Hall Holzwarth Room
WEDNES	17th	6:00 pm	SESSION/DEACON RETREAT	
THURSDAY	18th	12:00 noon 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir	Reid Hall
SATUR	20th	1:00 pm	Knitting Group	Holzwarth Room
SUNDAY	21st	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Education Hour/Children's Choir Worship	Sanctuary Various Rooms Sanctuary
MONDAY	22nd	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
TUESDAY	23rd	12:00 noon	Food Pantry	Reid Hall
THURS - FRIDAY				
25th and 26th OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY				
SUNDAY	28th	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Education Hour/Children's Choir Worship	Sanctuary Various Rooms Sanctuary
TUESDAY	30th	12:00 noon 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Bible Study	Reid Hall



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 Taizé 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, November 5 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 Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

www.upcbuffalo.org/firstfriday