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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church October 2013

Pastor's Column

October is turning out to be "International Month" here at UPC.

On October 6, we join Christians around the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. We may speak different languages, come from different cultures, and may never actually meet, but this day we rejoice that through Christ we are united as brothers and sisters of faith. We come to the Table to share in the love and grace of the Savior who makes us one!

Throughout the month we are also treated to a series of Adult and Intergenerational Classes entitled, "*On the Road: Journeys from Around the Globe.*" Each week features a speaker who will share about an international trip or international project.

Emily Smith will share about her trip to China with a group of other youth. (Oct. 6)

The Rev. Elena Delgado will enlighten all ages in an intergenerational program about a special water filtration project she has been a part of in Kenya. This may be of special interest to members as UPC is taking on this project as our Alternative Gift opportunity this Advent/Christmas. (Oct. 13)

Howard Henry and Lee Ann Grace will report on their annual mission trip to the Arizona/Mexico border. (Oct. 20)

Dr. Sarah Rich will share her medical mission trip to Egypt. (Oct. 27)

And **Ginna Coon** will take this international series into the next month with her presentation about a former Peace Corps volunteer's return to Ethiopia. (Nov. 3)

Our international theme continues with a mouth-watering opportunity to enjoy delicacies from around the globe. On Sunday, Oct. 20, we will have an International Pot Luck lunch following the 11 a.m. service. All UPC members and friends are warmly invited to attend and to bring their favorite international dish to share. During this meal we will also receive a short presentation by the New Beginnings Team about the progress of this congregational discernment process.

UPC is blessed with a diverse and international worshipping community. On any given Sunday, we have people from all corners of our globe worshipping in our sanctuary. This blessing is cause for rejoicing!

Shalom,
Tracy

Worship Column ~ October 2013

October 6th - World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion

10:00 AM Education Hour

Lectionary: Lamentations 1:1-6;
Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 13;
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 13th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

9:30 AM Deacon's Meeting

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7;
Psalms 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15;
Luke 17:11-19

October 20th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Sabbath

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour for Adults

10:00 AM Preparation for Children's Sabbath

11:00 AM Worship – Children's Sabbath

Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:27-34;
Psalms 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5;
Luke 18:1-8

October 27th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: Joel 2:23-32; *Psalm 65;*
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



Holzwarth Room Renovation Update

Our Holzwarth Room renovation fund drive has generated a total of **\$6,998.16**. Since this is an on-going project, we hope everyone will rally with us to help meet the total that is needed to purchase the first section of furniture.

Thank You!



“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.

August 2013	
Children	64
Adults	164
Elderly	34
Infants	1
People	263
Total Meals	2367

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?

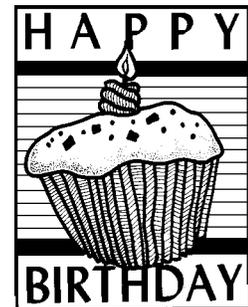
- You would work with 3 or 4 other volunteers.
- You might guide a client through our “store” to help them choose their groceries.
- You might greet and “check in” our clients.
- You might help to stock shelves.
- If you and a friend would like to work together, we can schedule that for you.
- You will feel good about the time you spend with us, helping our neighbors.

October Birthdays

2	Bill Yockey
4	Chris Siegel
4	Pat Cookfair Casseri
5	Ruth Wixson
7	Marge Arnold
7	Janet Beamer
7	Stewart Grisante
7	Ruth Ochs
12	Kevin Budziszewski
13	Michael Belus
13	Alexander Robertson
13	Eileen Urquhart
15	Norma Wagner
17	Henry Moorhouse
21	Terry Collins
22	Emily Grisante
26	Jesse Mook
26	Heather Casseri
29	John F. Ward
31	Sherry Byer

YOUNG ADULTS

5	Zachary Wadkins-Daub
18	Alex Casseri
26	C.J. Harbison



University Community Farmers Market

The University Community Farmer's Market takes place every Saturday until mid-October. This market is collaboration between the University at Buffalo, the surrounding South Campus neighborhoods and local organizations to promote wellness and community sustainability through the availability of fresh produce and locally grown food while promoting local entrepreneurs. **Stop by to check out the fresh produce.**

University Community Farmers Market 2013 Information

Dates:

Saturdays, until October 12, held rain or shine

Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: UB South Campus on Main Street at Kenmore Avenue in Buffalo, NY

Parking is available right behind the market by entering campus across from the University Plaza on Main Street.

<http://www.ourheights.org/farmersmarket/>

Opportunities to Become a Blessing



Volunteer in the Food Pantry



Serve as a Liturgist



Prepare a meal for the University Student Program



Help with the Children's education hour



Call someone you haven't seen at church in a while



Join the choir

Sunday School Sleepover

The new date for our sleepover is Friday, November 8th. Bring your sleeping bag, favorite games and snacks for a fun night with a Halloween theme. Maybe we'll dunk for apples, have a contest for best costume, and tell scary ghost stories! We'll be open to suggestions for ideas of activities if anyone has something special they would like to do. Arrival time will be **7 pm** on Friday, and pick up time will be **8:30 am** on Saturday. Hope everyone can make it! Contact Vicki Moorhouse 838-1996 or Amy Erickson 876-6874 to RSVP. We'd like a head count of attendees. Please check the bulletin/deedee for follow up information regarding any possible date change.

Choir News

Choir practice has begun. If there are any singers who would like to participate in the choir we would gladly welcome you and your talents. It's not necessary to be a trained vocalist, just enthusiasm to sing and join in the fellowship of praising God. We have a lot of fun, and a deep satisfaction of performing to the best of our abilities. If you are unable to commit to every week then just attend when you're able to even if it's only during special times during the year like Christmas or Easter. Rehearsal is every **Wednesday** at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Sunday School Assistants

We still **need volunteers to be assistants in the Sunday school classes.** If you are able to dedicate one or multiple Sundays this school year, it would be greatly appreciated. No preparation is necessary, only your attendance and support. If you've never been a leader in Sunday school I'm sure you would find it very rewarding sharing your gifts with the youth of the church. Contact: Sandy Robertson if you can help out with any of the Sundays.

The old adage is very true "It takes a village to raise a child".

INTERCOLLEGIATE – INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

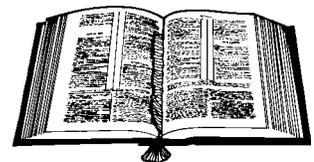
Wednesdays, October 9th and 23rd
November 6th and 20th

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

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



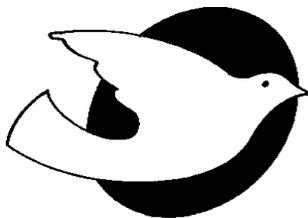
Worshipping and Giving Thanks with MacAlpine Presbyterian Church

UPC has received a generous invitation to join the congregation of MacAlpine Presbyterian Church for worship and a special Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 24. The UPC Session has accepted this invitation and we look forward to worshipping and breaking bread with our brothers and sisters down the street on Bailey Ave. Because this will affect our worship life here at UPC on that day, here are some details for you to know.

On Sunday, November 24:

- ❖ **the 9 a.m. service will take place as usual at UPC**
- ❖ There will be **NO Church school and NO 11 a.m. service here at UPC.**
- ❖ We will join MacAlpine in worship at 10:30 a.m. at their church at 2700 Bailey Ave.
- ❖ Carpooling will be arranged from the UPC parking lot. Arrive by 10 a.m. if you want to share a ride.
- ❖ Following the service at MacAlpine, we are invited to join in a Thanksgiving meal.

We hope you will join us in the spirit and tradition of Thanksgiving as we forge new friendships and give thanks to God for our abundant blessings.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

How healthy is your relationship?

October is domestic violence awareness month and many victims of abuse are unaware how dangerous and devastating these relationships can be to them and to their children. But every day, thanks to the Family Justice Center and its 13 outstanding partner agencies, clients secure everything they need to escape and live lives free of abuse.

A coalition of churches and community groups here in the north towns have been busy this year creating a Family Justice Center satellite office in Williamsville next to North Presbyterian Church on North Forest Rd. *The grand opening ceremony is scheduled for November 9th and the community is invited.*

Meantime, volunteers and funding are still needed to make this effort shine! Please think about ways your time, talent and treasure might assist our small but spirited staff and our skilled, passionate partners who cater to the hundreds and hundreds of victims banking on us to hold their abusers accountable, guide them through the courts, secure housing, safety and counsel, and provide medical assistance and protection from future violence.

There is absolutely no way we can keep up this life saving work without you. If you haven't been in for a tour, please check tour dates on our website (www.fjcsafe.org) and bring as many friends as you can round up. We love to show off our agency and we promise you'll be dazzled in the less than one hour it takes to see and hear what goes on behind our doors. For more information call Family Justice Center Executive Director Mary Travers Murphy at 558-5270.

Special All Saints Taize Service, November 1:

Our usual First Friday Taize service will take on a special focus to commemorate All Saints Day on Friday, November 1. Joining us in this special service will be the members of Deerhurst Presbyterian Church. The service will be extended slightly by about 10 minutes (from 5:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.) and will include the lighting of candles in remembrance of loved ones.

News From Camp Duffield

Duffield was hopping this summer! There were two weeks of children camps, A week for developmentally disabled adults (Challenge Camp), and a week for single parent/ blended families (Camp Hope). UPC had 8 volunteer staff and 5 campers. We provided those 4 children with partial camperships. The weather was great, the program was wonderful, and everyone had a great time.

Men's Retreat will take place **Sept. 20-22** where St. Paul's Lutheran Church will provide a manly weekend of fellowship and worship.

Women's Retreat will follow on **Oct.11-13**.

A Bowling Bash party will take place on **Oct. 20th from 2-4** at the Tonawanda Bowling Center. \$15 will give you 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. All proceeds will go toward camperships.

Wish list items:

Box fans, towels, sheets, microwaves, dorm sized refrigerators, art supplies, white plastic outdoor chairs

For more information or to donate items, contact Pat Cookfair-Casseri at 716-834-6468 or visit campduffield.org.

International Pot Luck Luncheon and New Beginnings Update

On Sunday, October 20th, at Noon we are inviting members to bring their favorite international food to share with the congregation at this luncheon.

Please add your name and dish to the signup sheet in the Holzwarth Room. Hope to see everyone there!

Also, during the pot luck members of the New Beginnings Team will make a short presentation to update the congregation about what has been taking place in this discernment process.

Member Profile

Our October interview is with a long time choir member, Lee Ann Grace. Her singing career with the choir began during her freshman year of college at UB, and she officially became a member of UPC in 1979. Lee Ann was born in Meadville, PA and grew up on a farm outside of Greenville, PA. She is the oldest of 4, with only the youngest sibling still living. Lee Ann is married to Howard Henry, another faithful choir member. She has one son Michael, who lives in the Raleigh North Carolina area with his wife Nancy and their two children, Andrew (13) and Abigail (10).

Lee Ann retired from her full-time position at Buffalo State at the end of June 2012. She was an assistant dean for international and exchange programs, as well as associate professor of modern and classical languages. She plans on continuing to teach one course each fall semester. This fall she will be doing her favorite course, Spanish Phonetics.

Now that she is partially retired, Lee Ann can focus on her hobbies more, and her main passion is music, especially opera. She studied voice for more than 20 years and specialized in the works of Puccini, though she enjoys performing a wide range of repertoire. She is currently working on a cycle of Spanish songs and has started playing the flute again after many years. During her leisure time she also enjoys sewing (applique baby quilts are a specialty), cooking (loves to do international cuisines) and canning (this year she will be going beyond the usual 14-day pickles and pear butter to ginger peach jam, zucchini pickles, and whatever else the produce at the farmer's market inspires or the crop in her own garden allows—yummy!)

Lee Ann was first attracted to UPC by their strong music program; the variety in worship and the opportunities for mission has kept her a faithful member. Through the years she has served on the Session, two Pastor Nominating Committees, and the Ministry to Community Committee and has been consistently involved in UPC's ministry with university students. Besides her singing in the choir, she was also a member of the handbell choir (which we hope to begin again). She has also been involved in clown and puppet ministries and worked with university students to present religious-themed musicals in worship.

Lee Ann attributes her faith to help her maintain an attitude of gratitude and has provided great solace in difficult times. Thanks to active and continued efforts from members like Lee Ann, our congregation can look forward to many thriving years ahead.



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, October 4th 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 OCTOBER 2013 CALENDAR

Tuesday	1st	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	2nd	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3rd	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Friday	4th	5:30 – 6 pm	Taize Service
		6:00 pm	University Students – light meal & evening at Albright-Knox
			RSVP to Lee Ann Grace
Saturday	5th	10:00 am	Grief Support Meeting at Family Tree Restaurant
Sunday	6th		World Communion Day, Peacemaking Offering
		9:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
	10:00 am		Education Hour for Adults: “China” –presentation by Emily Smith
		11:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
		12:00 pm	Coffee Hour w/breads from around the world along with special jams and butter.
Tuesday	8th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	9th	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	10th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	13th	9:00 am	Worship Service
		9:30 am	Deacon’s Meeting
	10:00 am		Education Hour for Adults & Youth –“Kenya” – presented by Elena Delgado
		11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	14th		Church Office Closed >> for Columbus Day Holiday
Tuesday	15th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	16th	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	17th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	20th	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour- Adults – “Mexico” – presented by Howard Henry and Lee Ann Grace
		10:00 am	Youth Preparation for Children’s Sabbath
		11:00 am	Worship Service with Youth for Children’s Sabbath
		12:00 pm	International Pot Luck luncheon & New Beginnings Presentation
Tuesday	22nd	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	23rd	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	24th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	27th	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour -Adults – “Egypt” – presented by Dr. Sarah Rich
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:15 pm	New Beginnings Meeting
Tuesday	29th	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	30th	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	31st	12 – 4 pm	Food Pantry
Friday, November 1st		5:30 – 6:10 pm	Taize Service