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A monthly newsletter for members and friends of University Presbyterian Church September 2011

Dear Saints,

“To everything there is a season” It is difficult to believe that the lazy days of summer will quickly give way to the swifter pace of September. Soon, school buses will be rolling down the street; fall will begin to nip the air; and our new Church Year will begin with Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th.

Our worship schedule for September reflects the different stages of life. During the month we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper together; welcome in a new member; resume our Christian education for all ages; welcome the manse students; remember the events of 9/11; celebrate rally day; honor the gifts and contributions of a faithful member; sing our praises with the choir; renew our baptismal vows with the creative use of stain glass; and conduct a healing service within our Sunday worship. In short, we will be a family of faith in the good times as well as the times when we need a friend in Christ.

We will welcome – remember – celebrate – educate – praise – break bread – honor – renew – and offer prayers of healing and hope. It sounds like a church for all seasons. My prayer for you this month is that you will embrace your family of faith with passion. That you celebrate with these committed saints who seek together to love God; one another and self. Remember, saints, that wherever you find yourself in this season of the year, God is always with you. God will not abandon you. “In life and in death, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.”

Come and let’s kick off the Congregation’s New Year with a joyful noise!

With Prayers and Blessings,

The Rev. Geri Lyon, D.D.



**THIS WEEK'S
MESSAGE**

Worship Column

September 4th - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Worship - Communion

Lectionary: *Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20*

September 11th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RALLY DAY!!

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: *Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114
or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12;
Matthew 18:21-35*

September 18th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: *Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-
45; Phil. 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-6*

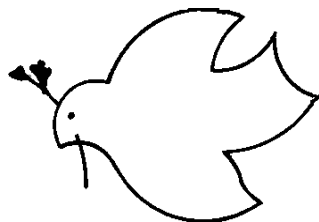
September 25th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Education Hour

11:00 AM Worship

Lectionary: *Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Phil. 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32*



**Fall Lectio Bible
Study With Geri**

Thursdays – 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Room 104

September 8, 15, 22, 29

We will read and discuss one of the
lectionary scriptures for the following
Sunday.

All are welcome to attend.

Sabbatical Activity

Artist in Residence ~ Stained Glass

Sunday, September 18, 2011

12:30 PM

University Presbyterian Church

3330 Main Street, Buffalo, 14214

Rev. Louise Josephson will lead participants
in making their own personal stained-glass
window. Please sign-up at church and we'll
see you in the Auditorium at UPC.

Lunch will be provided!



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Adult Christian Education

As we begin our new year of study, we will be looking at the Season of Creation.

The readings for the Season of Creation invite us to join with all members of the Earth's community to "Celebrate Earth as a sacred planet filled with God's vibrant presence." We are also invited to engage with a story of God's awesome, creative power. God gives us a vision of our place in a whole world transformed, healed and restored.

September 11th – Forest Sunday

September 18th – Land Sunday

September 25th – Wilderness/Outback Sunday

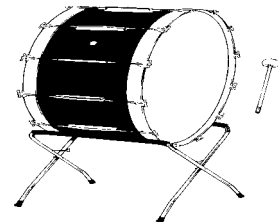
October 2nd – River Sunday

In the fullness of time, each person, river, tree and leaf will live in harmonious relationship with God and each other.

Our time together every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. is informative, but informal. We invite all who attend worship at UPC to join us in Room 101. Involvement is as much as each person feels comfortable with. I am sure that during the summer of 2011, many of us have had time of close encounters with nature. Come join us in September, as we share these encounters and see how they relate to God's vision of his Creation.

Back By Popular Demand!!

CARNIVAL KIDS STEEL DRUM ORCHESTRA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 - 7:30 PM



The Carnival Kids Steel Drum Orchestra will perform a benefit concert, with the proceeds being equally shared between "Free the Children" in Haiti and Jericho Road Ministries in Buffalo.

If you have never heard this group of fine young students, this is your opportunity! In April 2011, in a competition that began with 55 groups, at Buffalo State College, Lancaster High School's Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra was named the first place winner of Buffalo's Most Entertaining High School Groups.

Please come and enjoy an evening of fun. There is no charge for the concert, but there will be a free will offering for our two benefactors. Come and bring a friend...or two or three!

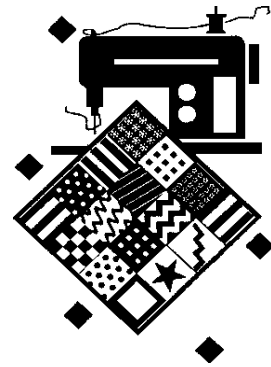
Stitchery Class

Our Fall Stitchery Class will begin in September, on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

We will work on a counted cross stitch that you may frame and hang in your home, give as a house warming gift, or just as a gift "for no particular reason." It will be a say "Welcome" with two houses and trees, with several different quilting designs at the top of the pattern. (The quilting designs are cross stitched, NOT quilted.)

All are welcome. No previous experience necessary. If you have small embroidery scissors please bring them. All other materials will be provided.

There will be 8 classes on the following Tuesdays:
September 13, 20,
September
27 (NO CLASS, but you are guaranteed homework),
October 4, 11,
18 (NO CLASS, but again you will have homework),
resume October 25
November 1, 8,
15 (NO class), resume November 22.



At the end of the class you will have a completed and framed counted cross stitch. There is a picture of the design on the bulletin board across from the nursery.

Imprint Buffalo

Thursday, October 13th – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Jericho Road Ministries will be one of the beneficiaries of the Steel Drum Concert, hosted by UPC, on Saturday, September 17th. If you would like to learn more about the amazing work of Dr. Myron Glick, medical missionary to the poor of Buffalo, please plan on joining us at Imprint Buffalo. Learn more about the many ways which God has allowed Dr. Glick and Jericho Road to tend to the medical and social needs of the most marginalized among us. You will learn about the programs; the refugees coming into our city; the hopes and the dreams of this ministry. Tickets are \$25, and the event will take place at the Mary Seton Room, at the Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo. For more information or to buy a ticket, please see Rev. Lyon.

Music And Worship

A big “Thank You” to everyone who provided special music for our summer worship services! It was a wonderful addition to each Sunday!

If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument for special music throughout the year please contact John Novak or the church office. We would love to have you be a part of our services. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your musical talents in worship.

Children and students – Do you play an instrument or sing? Share your talent with the church by providing special music. We would be happy to help you select music appropriate for worship, if you are not sure what to do. Contact John Novak to set up a date.

The Chancel Choir is looking for new members! Do you sing? Are you interested in learning more about music? The choir would love to have you come to our first rehearsal on **Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 PM.** Contact John Novak, or any choir member for more information.



Come And Celebrate Joe Malwald

After many years of faithful service, to UPC, Joe is preparing to retire. We will celebrate Joe’s gifts and ministry with us during our worship service **on September 11th.** The party will continue with our Rally Day Bar-B-Q. Come and share your memories and your gratitude to Joe. The party just won’t be the same without you!!

Church Photography

“Any young people interested in photography in the church? If so maybe you would be interested in taking pictures at church functions and gatherings. It would be done on a digital camera, and then published on UPC website. Any interested candidates can contact:

Amy Erickson—email address (amyhoechst@yahoo.com) home phone 876-6874.”

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.

	JUNE 2011	JULY 2011
Infants	3	2
Children	60	48
Adults	195	146
Elderly	<u>36</u>	<u>29</u>
	294	225
Households:	178	130
Equivalent meals:	2,646	2,025



September Birthdays

11	Laura MacDonald
12	Margaret Twisdale
19	Juanita Mattison
19	Richard Strub
19	Josef Beamer
20	Russell Williams
22	Mackenzie Maddock
25	Barbara Moran
26	Marietta Bratton
28	Barbara Vossler
29	Joseph Beamer

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

22	J. Aiden Ward
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INTERCOLLEGIATE - INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS: SEPTEMBER 14, 28

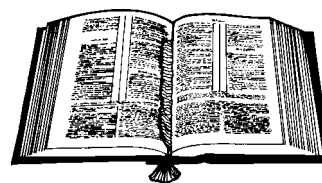
Please note: The day has changed to
Wednesday

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

Holzwarth Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Led by Rev. Stuart Buisch



PLEASE BE A PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY PHOTO DIRECTORY!

Photographs will be taken on the following dates:

Thursday, September 15th 2:30 – 9:00 PM

Friday, September 16th 1:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 17th 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sign-up on the bulletin board in the corridor between the Holzwarth Room and the sanctuary, call the Church Office at 836-7660 or, **YOU MAY ALSO SIGN UP ON-LINE.**

IF YOU BRING A CANNED GOOD(S) AT THE TIME OF PHOTO, YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$5.00 COUPON TOWARD ANY PHOTO PURCHASE!!!

IF YOU NEED A RIDE PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO PICK YOU UP AND DRIVE YOU HOME. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO HAVE PHOTOS OF THOSE IN ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING HOME, OR REHAB FACILITIES.

Where will the directory photos be taken? Directory Photos will be taken at the church in the **HOLZWARTH ROOM.** Please arrive on time at your check in time.

Please allow up to 60 minutes for checking in, your portrait session and the selection process.

What do I receive for having my portrait taken? Each family that is photographed receives a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a copy of the Church Family Photo Directory- **FREE!**

Is there a charge to be photographed? *There is no cost to the Church or to you* for participating. Each family will be given the opportunity, in a pleasant sales environment, to purchase additional portraits for families and friends. In addition to personal checks, Lifetouch accepts Visa, American Express, Master Card and Discover. **There is no obligation to purchase!** However, this is a great opportunity to get beautiful professional portraits. **You will be able to design your own packages with a discount of up to 30%.**

What can I bring to create a great portrait? Props such as musical instruments, hobby items or sports equipment can enhance your additional portraits that will be taken. Well behaved pets are welcome.

When will I view my poses? Immediately following the portrait session, you will be given the opportunity to view your images digitally and make your selection for the directory.

When will I receive the finished portraits? Purchased portraits will be delivered to your home in approximately 3 weeks from the time of your portrait. If you do not order portraits, your complimentary portrait will be available at the church in early October.

Can I invite a friend or family member to have their portrait taken? Yes! They will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 and can purchase portraits with our group discount. At the time of photography, they will simply indicate they are not to be included in the directory. Also, multi-family portraits can be taken which include 15 – 16 people. **Please note that a complimentary photography is not provided for these portraits.**

The Session of University Presbyterian Church met at the church, 3330 Main St, Buffalo, NY on August 17, 2011. The Session would like to keep the congregation informed of our activities and we welcome your input.

Session was moderated by our interim pastor, Rev. Geri Lyon who has been very busy with pastoral affairs, running a bible study class and managing church affairs.

As part of the Pastor's report, Session members watched the DVD 'Who are we Presbyterians?' The video examines what it means to be Presbyterian and examines our history, form of government, and set of beliefs. This was an excellent video which is available through the PCUSA website or can be borrowed from the Church Office.

Each committee or group within the church has a job description and Session members were provided with copies and asked to review, and if necessary update, these job descriptions.

UPC will participate in the University of Buffalo (UB) Day on Sept 4 between 3 and 7 pm. Several Session members volunteered for 'table duty' where they will hand out brochures about the church and encourage students to worship with us. Incidentally, John Novak (who joined in the meeting) reminded us that one of the ways to increase participation, and membership, is to keep inviting people to join in on a Sunday morning: invite, invite, invite!

The Manse is full! We have four students and will be holding a retreat for house members on September 10.

Session voted on, and approved, a number of actions including:

- a request for membership
- providing a healing service within worship
- installing emergency lights in the stairwell. These lights would provide short term lighting to an otherwise very dark stairwell in the event of a power failure.

Rev. Lyon informed Session members of an event to be held in Kleinhans Music Hall on October 13: 'Imprint Buffalo' – untold stories of our city. The event is being organized by Jericho Road Ministries which is a faith-based organization dedicated to facilitating wellness and self-sufficiency in the lives of refugee and low-income community members in Buffalo. If you haven't heard of the organization then Rev. Lyon, who is on the board, can explain their good work. Rev. Lyon also has tickets to the event.

Gladys Gifford reported on a number of forthcoming Voice Buffalo events including the UPC core team meeting on August 24, a public meeting on August 29 to discuss traffic on Main St. and a general meeting on October 23. Gladys encouraged all of us to participate in these meetings.

Our next Session meeting will be September 21, 2011.

SEPTEMBER 2011

Thursday	September 1	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Friday	September 2	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Saturday	September 3	10:00 am	Grief Support Breakfast
Sunday	September 4	10:00 am	Worship - Communion
Monday	September 5	OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	
Tuesday	September 6	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	September 7	7:00 pm	Committee Meetings
Thursday	September 8	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		1:00 pm	Bible Study with "Geri"
Sunday	September 11	9:00 am	Worship
		9:30 am	Deacons Meeting
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:00 noon	Picnic
Monday	September 12	12:00 noon	Presbyterian Women
		6:30 pm	Diabetes Workshop
Tuesday	September 13	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	September 14	5:00 pm	Bible Study with "Stu"
Thursday	September 15	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		1:00 pm	Bible Study with "Geri"
		2:00 - 8:30 pm	LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHERS
		7:30 pm	Choir
Friday	September 16	1:00-7:30 pm	LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHERS
Saturday	September 17	9:00 am-2:00 pm	LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHERS
		7:30 pm	LANCASTER STEEL DRUM ORCHESTRA
Sunday	September 18	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:00 noon	LUNCH FOLLOWED BY STAIN GLASS WORKSHOP
Monday	September 19	6:30 pm	Diabetes Workshop
Tuesday	September 20	11:00 am	Adult Christian Educ. Meeting
Wednesday	September 21	7:00 pm	SESSION
Thursday	September 22	7:30 pm	Choir
		1:00 pm	Bible Study with "Geri"
Sunday	September 25	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship
Monday	September 26	6:30 am	Diabetes Workshop
Tuesday	September 27	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	September 28	5:00 pm	Bible Study with "Stu"
Thursday	September 29	12:00 noon	Food Pantry
		1:00 pm	Bible Study with "Geri"