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Message from our Pastor

One of the blessings of our congregation is its diversity. Looking out at the congregation on Sunday mornings from my place on the chancel, I see people representing all kinds of diversity—especially cultural diversity. We are so fortunate to have people in our congregation who come from diverse nations and cultures and traditions.

The month of October offers UPC members and friends two opportunities to celebrate the beauty of God's diverse people.

On Sunday, October 6, we join with congregations around the country and globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. As we gather around the communion table that day, we will give thanks for the diverse Body of Christ all across the globe and how the Christian faith is lived out by people of multiple languages and cultures. In our own worship time at UPC, this day will include songs, anthems, and communion breads from around the globe.

Then, one week later on Sunday, October 13, members and friends of UPC are invited to our annual International Potluck meal following the 11 a.m. service. This has always been a delicious feast of foods from around the world. Those attending are invited to bring a favorite international dish to share.

We hope to see you at these two events as we give thanks to God for the diversity that enriches our faith and our lives.

Shalom,

Tracy

Worship Column

October 6, 2019

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps. 137;
2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 13, 2019

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12;
2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 20, 2019

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104;
2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 27, 2019

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65;
2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



*always leave people
better than you
found them.*

*hug the hurt.
kiss the broken.
befriend the lost.
love the lonely.*





hello october,
please be good. ♥

October 1	Tuesday	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Food Panty Open Intergenerational/Intercollegiate Bible Conversation
October 3	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
October 4	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize Service
October 5	Saturday	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
October 6	Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Education Hour Worship Service Fellowship Time-
October 7	Monday	9:00 am	Shared Youth Team Meeting
October 8	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 10	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
October 11	Friday		Duffield Youth Conference
October 13	Sunday	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:15 pm	Worship Service Deacons Meeting Education Hour Worship Service Fellowship Time-International Potluck University Students Bible Study
October 14	Monday		<i>Columbus Day ~ Office Closed</i>
October 15	Tuesday	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Intergenerational/Intercollegiate Bible Conversation
October 17	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
October 20	Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Education Hour Worship Service Fellowship Time
October 21	Monday	10:30 am	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist



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October Calendar Continued

October 22	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 13	Wednesday	5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Community Committee Session
October 24	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
October 27	Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:15 pm	Worship Service Education Hour Worship Service Fellowship Time University Student & Friends Bible Study
October 29	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 31	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir



Guess Who Is Celebrating An October Birthday ...



Happy

BIRTHDAY!

to you.

- 2 Bill Yockey
- 4 Pat Cookfair-Casseri
- 5 Zachary Wadkins-Daub
- 7 Janet Beamer
- 7 Stewart Grisante
- 13 Michael Belus
- 13 Alexander Robertson
- 13 Eileen Urquhart
- 21 Terry Collins
- 22 Emily Grisante
- 26 Heather Casseri
- 26 C.J. Harbison
- 28 Alex Casseri
- 28 Harper Morrissey

Camp Peaceprints

The letter below is thanking the Ministry to Community Committee for providing the funds for a scholarship to Camp Peaceprints. The money for this came from the Committee's portion of the Pentecost Offering. The Committee receives 40 percent of this Offering which goes to help programs for children. Thank you to all who gave to the Pentecost Offering.

Ministry To Community
University Presbyterian Church
ATTN Mr. Howard Henry
3334 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214



July 12, 2019

Dear Howard,

We are so appreciative of your gift in the amount of \$125.00 to the SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence in support of Camp Peaceprints 2019 scholarships. Your donation was received on 7/5/2019.

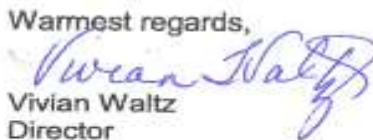
We are really looking forward to Camp Peaceprints 2019! As you know, the Camp, for youth ages 8 to 13, provides exposure to a diverse community while introducing and exploring communication, social justice issues, and peaceful conflict resolution. We learn how to listen, express ourselves, cooperate, deal with feelings, and problem-solve; as well as exploring and being inspired toward Nonviolence.

Our theme this year is "Discovering Diversity: An Intercultural Adventure." Students from St. Mary's School for the Deaf will join us in camp activities and teach us American Sign Language, sharing their universal language of peace with the entire Camp Peaceprints community. We will also be learning about other cultures around the world.

As in previous years, we have received many requests for scholarships for Camp Peaceprints 2019. To me, this means that we are serving the right people. Howard, your support is integral to our outreach to those who so desperately need to find peace in their lives.

The spreading of Peaceprints continues! Thank you again for your generous gift.

Warmest regards,


Vivian Waltz
Director

We so appreciate your ongoing support!

Federal income tax law requires us to inform you that no goods or services were provided to you in return for your gift. Therefore, within the limits prescribed by law, the full amount of your gift is deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Please retain this receipt for your records. SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence's tax ID number is 16-1007842.

School Supply Drive

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the School Supply Drive for Jericho Road Community Health Center. Thank you for helping children in need. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated!



VIVE

Many thanks to all who donated to the special July offering for Vive to help with the influx of Congolese refugees there. We raised \$995.00 to help Vive in this time of crisis. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

University Students and Friends Bible Study

Join with UPC students and friends, as we continue our bible studies October 13 and 27. Led by Gladys Gifford, we meet in the choir room upstairs after church, 12:15-12:45 pm.

Youth Group Events

October 11-13: Duffield Youth Conference. The theme is "Let Love Lead". The cost is \$20 for the weekend, let Mack Know if you plan to attend the event.

October 20: Youth Event— plans are being made to have some fun in the afternoon or evening.

November 3: Youth Group at North, 5-7 pm.

November 15: Lock-in! 8 pm—8 am

December 1: Lasertron outing in the evening

December 13: Presbytery Youth Christmas Party at First Presbyterian in Youngstown.



Family Promise Fundraiser: Family Promise of WNY's 4th annual Choctoberfest Fundraiser Saturday, October 5th, 6:00-9:00pm

World of Beer—Galleria Mall, next to Macys

Early bird tickets are \$25 or 2 for \$45 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance at: <https://familypromisewny.eventsmart.com/events/choctoberfest-2019-family-promise-of-wny/> Family Promise is an organization helping homeless children and their families find stability. UPC supports this organization with volunteers and financial donations.

Adult Education Class

All are welcome to join the Adult Class which meets downstairs every Sunday at 10 a.m. Below are some of our upcoming classes:

Sunday, October 6: Carra Stratton from Justice for Migrant Families WNY will be our guest speaker. She will share the work her organization conducts related to migrants in our region as well as the situation of those detained at the Batavia Holding Center.

Sunday, October 13: UPC member Emily Smith will share about her work with immigrants in WNY as part of her job with Jewish Family Services.

Sunday, October 20: TBA

Sunday, October 27 –November 17: Gladys Gifford will lead a four week class entitled, *Carved in Stone*, about the Ten Commandments.

The Annual International Potluck Sunday, October 13 @ 12 noon

Join us for good food and great table fellowship at our annual International Potluck meal. Bring a favorite international dish to share: perhaps one from your family's cultural heritage, or maybe one you've enjoyed from your travels, or even a dish Americans *think* is international but has been so changed that those from the home country wouldn't recognize it! It doesn't matter! We just hope to see you there!

Joy Jar

Are you wondering about the Joy Jar located in the Narthex? UPC is collecting money to help the environment. The WNY Land Conservancy would like to purchase a tract of land in Wales, NY, called Mossy Point. It's adjacent to land they already own called Kenneglenn Nature Preserve. If they are able to buy Mossy Point it will be the largest patch of protected forests in the entire Niagara River watershed. As an intact headwater forest, this land will provide clean water for the Niagara River and prevent flooding in the communities living downstream. This action will benefit everyone in the Great Lakes area.

The WNY Land Conservancy already has raised \$1 million towards the purchase price of \$1.6 million. They are trying to keep the land in its natural state and prevent a private company from purchasing and developing it. We must stop taking our environment for granted, and treating land as a commodity worth only what monetary value we affix to it.

Each of us can demonstrate our gratitude for God's world by contributing towards the Joy Jar weekly with a free will offering of any amount. If you feel grateful for something in your life or just want to contribute to this cause, I ask you to donate any amount whether it's a quarter or a dollar. The amount doesn't matter; looking for and appreciating our blessings is what matters. Respectfully, Amy Erickson





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.

Please join us on **Friday, October 4th from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.**

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

www.upcbuffalo.org

(The Taizé' Service in November is scheduled for Friday November 1, 2019)