

*The Network... a Publication of
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September 2018



Message from our Pastor

It has been a rather turbulent summer here at UPC. We have endured the disruption of various kinds of construction: the tower repair which has involved the fencing off of our front entrance; the repair and painting of the chancel wall in the sanctuary due to water damage; the expansion of our tenant Best Self Behavioral Health into the 2nd floor and the ensuing renovations in that section of the building. All of these forms of building changes have necessarily involved adjustments to our usual ways of conducting our church life.

Then there was the sudden and terribly sad death of our church Administrative Assistant, Denise Winiarski in June, bringing upon us the emotional grief of losing someone we very much cared about. And of course, her death has meant adjustments to the activities of our office and the need for new staff.

That's a lot of change in just a few months! I have been proud to see how UPC members have adjusted and pulled together when necessary. Some of our church leaders have and are currently still putting in a lot of effort to manage the details of all these changes. The hours these leaders have given and the service they offer enable this small part of the Body of Christ to serve God and live out the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are so grateful for these leaders and their dedication!

September is upon us, bringing a new program year to our church. Many more changes still lie in store for us in this new year—including our own building renovations downstairs which should get underway this fall. There is always a level of anxiety that comes with changes of any kind. It may help us weather these disruptions to recall why we are here, our mission to serve Christ', and the hope we find in the enduring presence of our God.

Shalom,

Tracy

Worship Column ~

September 2, 2018–15th Sunday after Pentecost
22 Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 17
Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Ps:45:1-2, 6-9;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8.,14–15, 21-23

September 9, 2018-16th Sunday after Pentecost
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 18
Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps. 125;
James 2:1-10(11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 16, 2018-17th Sunday after Pentecost
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 19
Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 19; James 3:1-12;
Marks 8:27-38

September 23, 2018-18th Sunday after Pentecost
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 20
Prov. 31:10-31;Ps.1; James3:13-4:3, 7-8a;
Mark 9:30-37

September 30, 2018-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 21
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;9:20-22;124;
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50



The Network publication was unfortunately delayed due to the recent and sudden passing of Denise Winiarski, long time Administrative Assistant to the UPC office.

This publication is being dedicated to Denise in appreciation for all of her years of dedicated service to the Church and the congregation.

Please continue to keep her family in your thoughts and prayers

**Rally Day Celebration:
Sundaes on Sunday
September 9**

Rally Day is when the church resumes its regular program year schedule, with an early informal worship service at 9 a.m., a more traditional worship service at 11 a.m., and an education hour in between the services at 10 a.m.

A festive celebration of the new program year will take place on Sunday, September 9 after the 11 a.m. service with a "make-your-own ice cream sundae" buffet downstairs in Reed Hall (the gym). We welcome all members and friends to join us for this sweet indulgence and to share in fellowship with one another.

Bible Study with Rev. Buisch

Due to scheduling issues, the weekday Bible study in August was cancelled but happily returns in September. Rev. Stuart Buisch will lead a group on Wednesday, September 5 and September 19, 2018. The location will be at Ginna Coon's home at 26 Chassin Avenue in Amherst until the renovations at the church are completed.



Adult Education Class

The Adult Education Class will resume on Sunday, September 9 at 10 a.m. All adults, students, and youth are welcome to attend this class. Throughout the year the class covers a variety of subjects for contemplation and discussion: Bible studies, spiritual topics about life and faith, occasional speakers about community and social concerns, and opportunities for personal witness.

The Class will meet downstairs in Reid Hall (the gym).

Some upcoming classes to look forward to:

September 9, 16, 23: "This I Believe"

Church members and friends share their own stories of faith.

September 30: Cindy Hickey will show a video highlighting another important house of worship

October 14 and 21: "Meet John Knox" Presbyterians are among the branch of Christianity that grew out of the teachings of this famous reformer. Tracy will lead an exploration of what Knox taught and how it has shaped our reformed understanding of the faith.

November 4, 11, 18: "Hope for the Future" Conversations about the "End Times," usually scare us. Can we find anything hope-filled in concepts like Judgment Day, Armageddon, The Second Coming, the apocalypse, or even our own individual deaths? Yes, there is hope and plenty of good news. Come find out as we dispel the myths, the misunderstandings, and the distortions that have dominated such topics and instead discover the good news God has for humanity's future.

December 2: "Flight into Egypt" Cindy Hickey will offer a review of this dark and often over-looked portion of the nativity story through the lens of great works of art.

CELEBRATE!

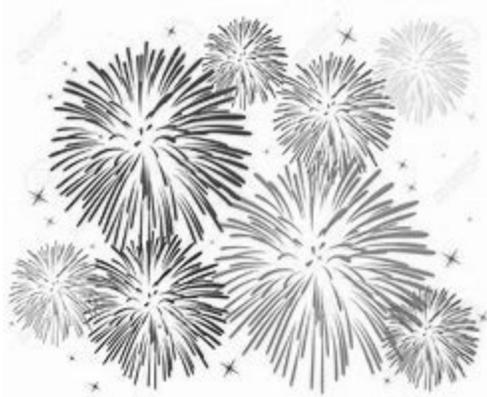


Join us on September 9th to celebrate our September birthdays.

Belated wishes to those whose special day occurred over the summer.

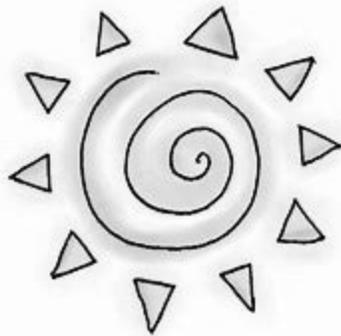
JULY

- 2 Emily Smith
- 5 Tiffany Whitefield
- 9 Tim Wadkins
- 10 Nancy Chia
- 13 Barbara Alderdice
- 16 Hilde Smith
- 22 Gladys Spielberger
- 24 Art Cookfair
- 29 William (Bill) Rugg



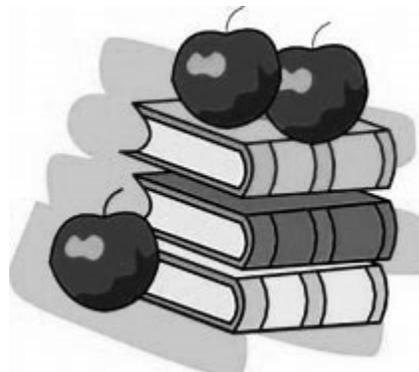
AUGUST

- 1 Tina Burker
- 3 John Swaine
- 4 Matt Smith
- 7 Ida Caster
- 10 Nadeem Patel
- 12 Vicki Moorhouse
- 13 Val Macer
- 14 Amy Erickson
- 14 Sharon Melius
- 18 Barbara Kraemer
- 19 Priscilla Maddock
- 30 Bina Patel



SEPTEMBER

- 6 Carl Shepard
- 19 Josef Beamer
- 25 Barbara Moran
- 26 Marietta Bratton
- 29 Joseph Beamer



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS & FRIENDS ACTIVITIES
Fall 2018

Wednesday, September 5 5:00 p.m.

Intercollegiate/Intergenerational Bible Study with the Rev. Stu Buisch begins -- held at the home of Ginna Coon (26 Chassin) a complimentary light meal will be served at 5:00, study at 5:30 -- future dates September 19, October 10 and 24, November 7 and 28, December 5 and 12

Friday, September 7 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Taizé Service (meditative songs, prayers, candles, and scripture readings provide a quiet setting for spiritual centering) -- future services October 5, November 2, December 7

Sunday, September 9

Church schedule returns to the 9:00 a.m. informal service, 10:00 a.m. adult education (on the lower level -- the first few weeks will focus on "This I Believe," where church members and friends share their own stories of faith) and the 11:00 a.m. more traditional worship service with choir

Sunday, September 9 12:15 p.m.

Complimentary ice cream sundaes after church

Sunday, September 30 12:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Complimentary light lunch at church followed by apple picking at an orchard in Niagara County

Sunday, October 7 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Bible study series with Gladys Gifford starts -- theme "God's Promise: I will be with you" -- additional dates October 14 and 21, November 4 and 18

Saturday, October 20 1:00 p.m.

Movie and discussion at the Rev. Tracy Daub's home

Saturday, November 3 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Games and snacks at the Rev. Tracy Daub's home

Sunday, October 28 12:15 p.m.

Complimentary soup and pie luncheon

Sunday, November 11 12:15 p.m.

Complimentary international pot luck -- No need to bring a dish

Thursday, November 22 1:00 p.m.

Complimentary Thanksgiving dinner at Lee Ann Grace's home

Sunday, December 16 12:15 p.m.

Complimentary Christmas dinner at church

September 2018 Calendar

September 2	Sunday (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	10:00 AM	Worship Service
		11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
September 3	Monday	LABOR DAY Holiday	
September 5	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch at Ginna Coon's house
September 6	Thursday	7:30 PM	Choir Practice resumes
September 7	Friday	5:30 PM	Taize'
September 9	Sunday (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	RALLY DAY	
		9:00 AM	Worship
		10:00 AM	Education Hour
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and "Make your own Sunday Sundae"
		1:00 PM	Manse Retreat
September 16	Sunday (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:00 AM	Education Hour
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Coffee Hour
September 19	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Bible Study with Rev. Stuart Buisch at Ginna Coon's house
		7:00 PM	Session Meeting
September 23	Sunday (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:00 AM	Education Hour
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Coffee Hour
September 30	Sunday (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:00 AM	Education Hour
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Coffee Hour

Please contact the Church office with any updates to share with the congregation. Your thoughtful comments are always appreciated as we continue to update our members on current activities.



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, September 7, 2018, from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.**

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

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(The Taizé' Service in October is scheduled on Friday, October 5, 2018)