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Message from our Pastor

Five years ago I created a sermon series based on the Gospel of Mark which I preached during the season of Advent and on Christmas Eve. The series emerged because I wanted to find a fresh approach to the season and was intrigued whether Mark's gospel, which contains no account of Jesus' birth or childhood, could nevertheless offer us a meaningful message. The response from you at UPC was favorable and I decided to expand upon these sermons to create a book—an Advent resource for individuals and congregations. That process took another three years of on and off writing, as time permitted.

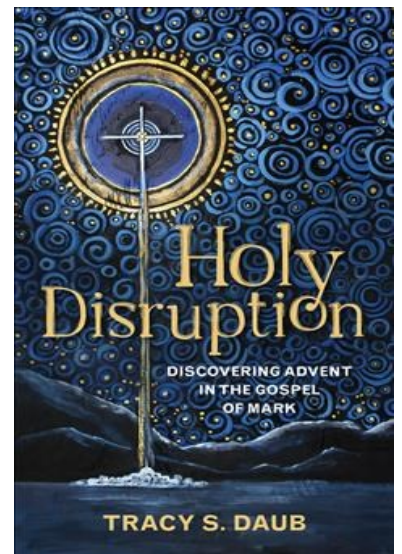
When I was finished writing, I was thrilled to have the book accepted for publication by Westminster John Knox Press, the publishing arm of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Then came another two years of waiting until WJK could add it into its publication schedule. But finally this fall the book, *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark*, has been released in time for the season of Advent.

I have you at UPC to thank for creating an accepting environment for me to try out such an unconventional Advent topic! Unlike the conventional cozy Christmastime messages we have come to expect from society's celebration of the season, this book explores the Gospel of Mark's rather unsettling message about the coming of Christ into our lives and world.

Copies of the book can be acquired on the websites of WJK, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble. You could also consider joining the adult class during Advent where we will be using the book for discussion.

Shalom,

Tracy



Breakfast with Friends is back!

Back by popular demand, we plan on resuming the Saturday morning breakfast on October 1st, at the Family Tree Restaurant on Bailey Ave. Get your taste buds ready for some eggs, bacon and maybe a side of pancakes??? So, come out for some conversation and good comfort food the first Saturday of October at 10:00 am. Hope to see you there and every first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.



International Potluck Sunday, October 2 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Blessing of the Pets Saturday, October 8 at 1 p.m.

**UPC Parking Lot
(in case of inclement weather,
the Blessing will be held in Reed Hall)**



Pets can provide us with some of the most important and meaningful relationships of our lives. Bring your special animal companion to the Blessing of the Pets to give thanks for the blessings they offer to us. If your pet does not travel easily or well, feel free to bring a photo of them! Please bring your pet properly protected on a leash, in a cage, or in a kennel.

Worship Column

Sunday, October 2

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentation 3:19-26;
Psalm 137; Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4;
Psalm 37:2-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10



Sunday, October 9

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c;
Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:9-14; Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 16

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31;
Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1—8

Sunday, October 23

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; Jeremiah 14:7-10, 21-22;
Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday October 30

21st Sunday after Pentecost

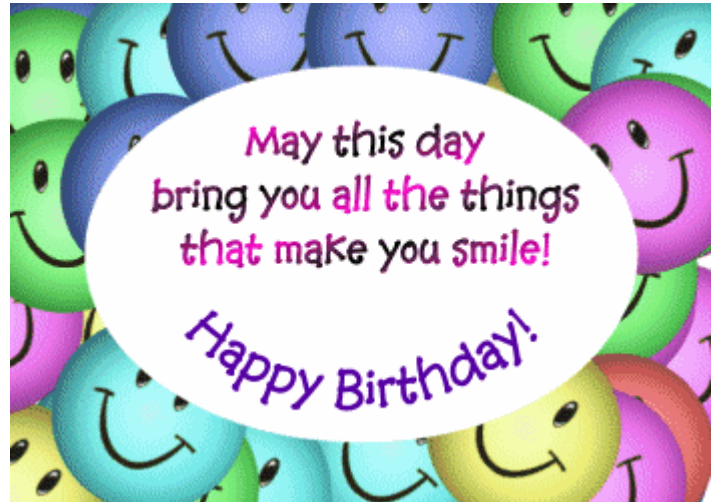
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; Isaiah 1:10-18;
Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

**It's a new day, count your blessings, think twice before you complain,
give more than you ask for, do what makes you happy and enjoy life!**

-Ariana Grande quotes

Sending October Birthday Wishes to...

- 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
- 27 C.J. Harbison
- 28 Alex Casseri
- 28 Harper Morrissey



What's Happening in

October

Saturday, October 1	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, October 2	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
Tuesday, October 4	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, October 5	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday, October 6	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, October 8	1:00 pm	Pet Blessing
Sunday, October 9	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Monday, October 10	<i>Columbus Day</i>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, October 11	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 13	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, October 16	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
Tuesday, October 18	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, October 19	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, October 20	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, October 21	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, October 24	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church



**Feeding the
Community**

What's Happening in October continued

Tuesday, October 25	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 27	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, October 30	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, October 31	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat



Prayer Chain

Do you believe in the power of prayer? I can say I'm a strong believer in the power and support of having a congregation behind your prayers of petition. Are you interested in being part of the miracle of prayer with the members of UPC?

When a member has a prayer request, the word will get out to all the people in the prayer chain, and your UPC friends will hold your concerns and worries in their personal daily prayers.

If you're interested in being part of this service for members and their loved ones, contact Amy Erickson at 716-480-4591 or email at amyhoechst@yahoo.com.

UPC Hosts a Halloween Event for Kids! Trunk or Treat!

UPC is sponsoring a Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event for the children in our neighborhood on Halloween evening, Monday October 31st. The event will take place in our church parking lot from 6:00-8:00 p.m. City of Buffalo firefighters and a fire truck are expected to join the event as well!

Church members are needed to decorate their vehicles, wear a costume, and hand out candy from their car trunks. If you don't have a car-join the fun anyway!! Let us know if you need help decorating your car. Please contact Amy Erickson if you'd like to join us. Let's have some Halloween fun!!



"Open Door" Time of Prayer Suspended During Tower Repair

The "Open Door" time of prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays, when our sanctuary is open to those in the community seeking a place for quiet prayer, is temporarily suspended for the duration of the tower repair. Access to the front of UPC's building is closed during the repairs for safety reasons. Repairs are expected to take approximately 10 weeks.

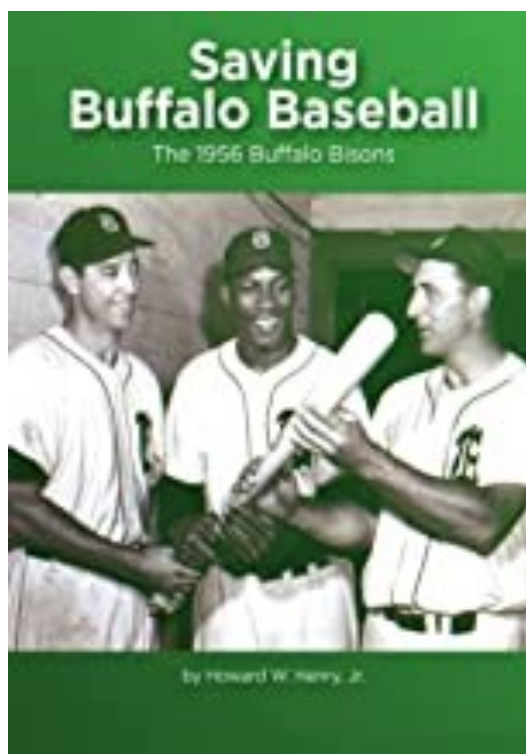
Another UPC Author

Any of you who know Howard Henry will know his love for baseball, and especially for the local Buffalo Bisons. Howard has recently written and published a book about our local team: *Saving Buffalo Baseball: the 1956 Buffalo Bisons*. Below is a description of the book:

“Saving Buffalo Baseball: The 1956 Season” takes the reader into the on-field and off-field struggles of a new phenomenon in the Queen City—community owned professional baseball, following the team on a month by month, game by game saga from September 1955 to the hard-scrabble conclusion of the 1956 baseball year. Experience the doubts and disappointments and day to day heroics of what dedicated men (and some women) could achieve if only they stayed true to the cause. Starting from nothing, within three years’ time the Buffalo Bisons became the top drawing ball club in all of minor league baseball and with a valuation of more than half a million dollars!

Copies of this book can be found locally at Talking Leaves Bookstore, on Amazon, or by contacting Howard.

Congratulations, Howard!



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8TH

Important issues face our country and our world. Let your voice be heard through your vote.

Get all the information you need to be ready by going to the League of Women Voters' Voting Website.

<https://www.vote411.org/>

This is where you find everything you need to know, including:

Personalized Voting Information

- See What's On Your Ballot
- Check Your Voter Registration
- Find Your Polling Place
- Discover Upcoming Debates In Your Area

And Much More!



The National Council of Churches Vote Empowerment Campaign encourages all persons to “register or check their registration, so they are ‘vote ready’ come election day,” Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

New York offers [online voter registration](#). You can register by mail to vote in New York by printing a voter registration form, filling it out, and mailing it to your local election office. You can also register to vote in person if you prefer. The deadline to register to vote in New York State is October 14, 2022.

[Check registration status](#) · [Register to vote](#)

Who can register to vote? To register in New York you must:

be a citizen of the United States

be a resident of this state and the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election

be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until you are 18)

not be in prison for a felony conviction

not currently be judged mentally incompetent by order of a court of competent judicial authority

not claim the right to vote elsewhere

Erie County Board of Elections

134 West Eagle Street

Buffalo, NY 14202

Hours: Mon – Fri 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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