

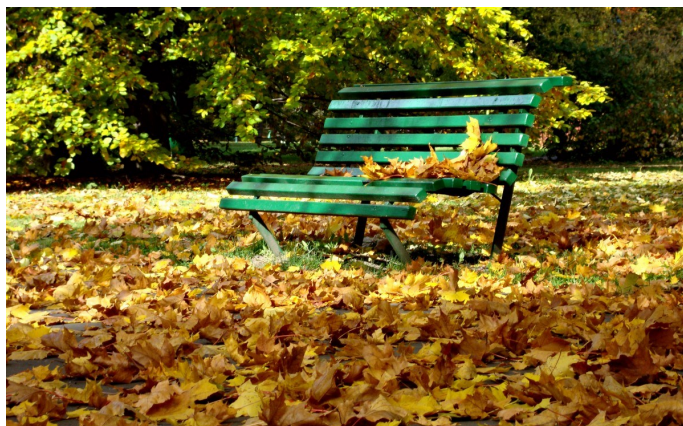
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Members and Friends of University Presbyterian Church:

Humbled. Overwhelmed. Grateful. Emotional. These were my emotions on my last Sunday as your pastor. I will always remember that day and the extraordinary acts of kindness, generosity, and love you extended to me. Thank you to those who made a special effort to be there that day and to those who planned the music, those who sang in the service, and those who composed extraordinary music for the service! Thank you for the lunch and all who coordinated the event. Thank you for the cards, the hugs, and all the best wishes I received. Thank you for your generous gifts: the computer, the prayer shawl, the framed copy of John Schimminger's hymn, the print of the church--and of course, the bag of Buffalo snow! I treasure every moment of that day. Most especially, I treasure the 21 years of sharing ministry with you. I will deeply miss you all.

With love,

Tracy



## Worship Column

### **Sunday, October 1**

*18th Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9;  
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

### **Sunday, October 8**

*19th Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus; 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;  
Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

### **Sunday, October 15**

*20th Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;  
Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23;  
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

### **Sunday, October 22**

*21st Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;  
Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13);  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

### **Sunday, October 29**

*22nd Sunday after Pentecost*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1;  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46



## ***What's Happening in October....***

Sunday, October 1	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Potluck
Monday, October 2	7:00 pm	Zoom Deacons Meeting
Tuesday, October 3	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, October 4	2:00 pm	Ukulele Lessons
Thursday, October 5	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	12:00 pm	Calligraphy
	7:30 pm	Choir-Fellowship Room
Saturday, October 7	10:00 am	Breakfast With Friends
Sunday, October 8	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time
	11:30 am	Hand Bell Workshop
Monday, October 9	<i>Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday</i>	
	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, October 10	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 12	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	12:00 pm	Calligraphy
	7:30 pm	Choir-Fellowship Room
Sunday, October 15	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time
	11:45 am	University Students Bible Study
Tuesday, October 17	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, October 18	2:00 pm	Ukulele Lessons
	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, October 19	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	12:00 pm	Calligraphy
	7:30 pm	Choir-Fellowship Room
Friday, October 20	8:00 pm	Vocalis Chamber Choir Concert
Sunday, October 22	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time



***October calendar continued....***

Monday, October 23	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
Tuesday, October 24	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
Thursday, October 26	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
	12:00 pm	Calligraphy
	7:30 pm	Choir-Fellowship Room
Sunday, October 29	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time
Tuesday, October 31	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat



***October birthday wishes go out to...***



- 4 Pat Cookfair-Casseri
- 5 Zachary Wadkins-Daub
- 7 Janet Beamer
- 7 Stewart Grisante
- 9 Stephanie Mascetta
- 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

## For Pastoral Care

**if you are in need of pastoral care While UPC is searching for an Interim Pastor please contact Elena Delgado at 716-860-2881 or edelgado47@gmail.com. Thank you.**

### **Ministry to Community Committee Gun Safety Awareness**

In June 2022 the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA launched the Presbyterian Decade to End Gun Violence. One of the direct activities "The Decade" has supported is the symbolic and literal Guns to Gardens Movement which upcycles guns into art and garden tools. Faith communities in the Buffalo area have participated in these events.

In addition, PCUSA is continuing to develop resources and education materials for our churches. An excellent resource available in our church office is the June 2023 issue of The Presbyterian Outlook, focusing on understanding and ending gun violence in the United States. Please pick up a copy to read, discuss, and share. Janet Mazzaroppi and Marietta Bratton have attended several meetings of the Gun Violence Awareness Committee at St. Joseph's University church. This past May our Session approved the Ministry to Community Committee's recommendation to support a focus on gun violence awareness for the next year. Please stay tuned and join us as we plan events for education, training, and direct action.

**NEW**

**Pastor Tracy's new address:** 7790 E. Calle Del Minique, Tucson, AZ 85750. Her phone and email address remains the same.

### **MUSIC NOTES**

University Presbyterian Church is very excited to welcome the Vocalis Chamber Choir and their Artistic Director, James Burritt, in a concert at UPC on Friday evening, October 20, at 8:00 pm in our sanctuary. The title of the concert series is "Phenomenal Women". In honor of their 22<sup>nd</sup> season, local composer Caroline Mallonee has composed a new piece for the concert. The combination of this very fine chamber choir and the wonderful acoustics in our sanctuary will provide an exciting evening of choral music!



## INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

The ever-popular International Potluck returns on **World Communion Sunday, October 1** in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Bring a dish from your heritage, an international cuisine you enjoy cooking, or something from your American recipe collection. If you don't cook, plan to come anyway and sample the tasty dishes prepared by others, while enjoying great fellowship!

### ARE YOU A RINGER?

When the handbell choir plays have you ever wondered, "**How do they do that?**" Or maybe you've thought, "**That looks like fun. Could I do that?**"

Whether you are a former ringer feeling a little rusty or a newcomer, join Lee Ann Grace on **Sunday, October 8** following worship for a brief workshop to try your hand at UPC's newly refurbished three-octave set of handbells.



**You do not need to read music to play bells.** Ability to count is the only requirement.

We will soon be organizing to play for Advent or Christmas Eve – four or five rehearsals, time to be determined by those who wish to play.

For more information, e-mail Lee Ann at [laghh4@gmail.com](mailto:laghh4@gmail.com) or call (716) 836-0413.



**UKULELE CLASSES:** Free ukulele classes. We are meeting in the community room every other Wednesday from 2-3:30 pm. Beginners welcome - no musical training or experience necessary. If you have a ukulele, bring it along. If not, or you're not sure this is for you and want to try it out before buying one, there will be ukuleles available for people to use during class. This is a chance to have fun, do some group singing and learn to play the ukulele. Questions, call Diane Cookfair at (716) 882-2933. Our next class is October 2nd.



Trunk or Treat! UPC is sponsoring a Halloween Trunk or Treat event for the community on October 31 st in our church parking lot from 6:00-8:00. Church folks (and friends) are invited to decorate your car, wear a costume, and give out candy. If you don't have a car-join the fun anyway!! We'll help you decorate a table! This activity is loads of fun and gives us an opportunity for families to go trick or treating safely. Let us know if you need help decorating your car. Please contact Amy Erickson if you'd like to join us. 716-480-4591.

### **Attention Soup and Pie lovers- The Deacons Soup and Pie sale is BACK!!!!**

The sale will be Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service.

So what can you do to help?

- Donate a tasty soup
- Donate a yummy pie
- Come and buy some delicious samples of soup and pie on the 12<sup>th</sup>



There is even a take-home option if you can't stay!

All proceeds go to the Deacon's Fund which is used to help members of the congregation when they are in need.

Hope to see you there!

### **UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY**



University Students and Friends is UPC's young adult group, comprised of not only college and university students but also other young adults. The group will meet for Bible study at 11:45 a.m. on the following Sundays: **October 15 & November 19**

Grab a beverage in the Fellowship Hall downstairs and then meet John McClester in the sanctuary.

## A New Opportunity

- Along with a recap of what the UPC / Calvary Baptist Church relationship has brought forth to date.

### Thanksgiving Outreach- New Opportunity

For this year's Thanksgiving Outreach, in coordination with Calvary Baptist Church and assisted by Temple Beth Zion, UPC members are offered the opportunity to volunteer in the following ways:

**FINANCIAL DONATIONS** toward food purchases by Calvary for the 1,000 turkey dinners (in lieu of buying storing and delivering frozen turkeys to Calvary). Donations can be made using our Joy Jars on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. And by check or on line during that time period, made out to *University Presbyterian Church* with a memo line reading *Thanksgiving Outreach*.

### **VOLUNTEER to help**

(a) for food preparation at Calvary Baptist from Monday, November 13 through Friday, November 17 from 10 am to 5 pm (or partial days as able) and

(b) for plating, packaging and delivery meals on Saturday, November 18 from 8 am until ????. More details and signup sheets will be available soon to help with carpooling. Please contact Howard Henry [hwhjr98@gmail.com](mailto:hwhjr98@gmail.com) or Val Macer [13vmacer@gmail.com](mailto:13vmacer@gmail.com) with volunteering questions

### The UPC Calvary Partnership – Recap to Date

Our two congregations continue ongoing conversations around shared opportunities for worship and service and fellowship. The UPC members representing us in this effort are Marietta Bratton, Derek Fisher, Howard Henry and Val Macer.

**2022** – Thanksgiving Outreach - UPC provided 18 (or so) turkeys and help with hands on food preparation and delivery of 1000 dinners, produced from Calvary's kitchen, to the homebound and needy within our two church families and community.



**2022 – Thanksgiving Outreach - UPC and Calvary members doing meal preparation and packaging the finished meals. Recognize anyone??**





## Recap- continued

**2023** – UPC and Calvary Baptist shared a soup supper and a beautiful and moving Maundy Thursday joint worship service at UPC.

The offering from that worship service, plus additional financial donations from both congregations provided \$4,473 to the local non-profit program *Agents for Advocacy* (<https://agentsforadvocacy.org>) serving Buffalo and the east side in response to the May 14, 2022 Mass Shooting. This organization was begun by Mark Talley, whose mother, Geraldine Talley, was a victim of that massacre.



### Support for Dr. Charles R. Drew Magnet School

During Teacher Appreciation Week, UPC shared half the cost of a thank you lunch for the teachers at Dr. Charles R. Drew Magnet School.

This fall, our congregation's donations provided 30 school uniforms for students at Drew Magnet School, along with a generous donation of hygiene products.



And UPC members participated in welcoming students to the first day of classes in September.

The summer has slipped by so quickly, and as we reminisce about the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, here's a few photos from UPC's day trip to Chautauqua Institution on July 23.



The weather was perfect to walk leisurely around the grounds and take in all the vintage architecture of the buildings and summer foliage. Grace Agbemenu commented on how the relaxed atmosphere made her blood pressure decrease! The individuals who attended were Bilquis Dass, Grace Agbemenu, Kathy Hallborg, Val Macer, Jude Hammer, Dennis and Amy Erickson. Marietta and Stan Bratton graciously opened up their condominium to us and we enjoyed lunch at their residence. The morning worship was inspiring at the Amphitheater, and the concert later in the day was very entertaining. Perhaps we could do it again next year?