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Message from our Pastor

Lent is a season that invites us to reflect upon our walk with Christ. It is a penitential season—where we consider how we have failed to walk faithfully with God, and how we need God’s love and grace to “raise us” to new life.

One of the most significant ways we humans have failed to walk with Christ is our mistreatment of one another. And racial injustice stands as one of the most profound forms of mistreatment embedded in the history of our nation.

So it seems appropriate that during Lent we should have the opportunity to honestly reflect and discuss matters related to race.

The members of University Presbyterian Church are invited to join the congregations of North Presbyterian Church and Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church in **An Evening for Racial Healing** on Wednesday, March 18. This occasion will involve worshipping together, sharing a meal, and table conversations around issues of race and equity in our community.

How can one evening of worship, eating, and talking change the deep wounds of racism or the systems of inequality? It cannot. But it is an important place to begin. We each begin with ourselves, by bridging social and personal barriers, and by letting the Spirit “have at us.”

More details about this event will follow. I hope you will mark your calendars to join us for this evening.

Shalom,

Tracy

## Worship Column

March 1, 2020

*1st Sunday in Lent*

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Ps. 32;  
Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

March 8, 2020

*2nd Sunday in Lent*

Gen. 12:1-4a; Ps. 121;  
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 15, 2020

*3rd Sunday in Lent*

Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

March 22, 2020

*4th Sunday in Lent*

1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14;  
John 9:1-41

March 29, 2020

*5th Sunday in Lent*

Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6-11;  
John 11:1-45



**Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th....or you'll be late for church on Sunday!**

## Happenings in March



March 1	Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Fellowship Time
March 3	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 5	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
		7:30 pm	Choir
March 6	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize
March 7	Saturday	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
			Turn clocks ahead before bed
March 8	Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
		9:30 am	Deacons' Meeting
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Fellowship Time & Birthday Celebration Youth Group
March 10	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 12	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
		7:30 pm	Choir
March 15	Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
		10:00 am	Education Hour
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Fellowship Time
March 16	Monday	10:30 am	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
March 17	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 18	Wednesday	5:45 pm	Community Committee
		7:00 pm	Session



## March Events Continued....

March 19	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
March 22	Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Education Hour Worship Service Fellowship Time
March 24	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 26	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
March 29	Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Education Hour Worship Service Fellowship Time Youth Group



## ***You can wish a Happy March Birthday to....***



- 1 Lori Lopinski
- 5 David Bartley
- 5 Patricia Grisante
- 8 Arthur Cookfair
- 11 Cindy Hickey
- 12 Elaine Swaine
- 13 Kathy Hallborg
- 13 Timothy Moorhouse
- 16 Karen Guggemos
- 17 Jim Grisante
- 17 Maxine Green
- 22 William Guggemos
- 23 Claudia Weiss
- 28 Kyle Townsend
- 30 Tracy Daub

## An Evening For Racial Healing

The North and University Presbyterian churches are invited to participate in **An Evening for Racial Healing** at Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church (641 Masten Ave, Buffalo) on Wednesday, March 18th, from 6 to 8. Our time together will begin with worship followed by a meal, and then some meaningful conversation around issues of race and equity in our community.

### A Thank You from VOICE Buffalo

Dear University Presbyterian church,  
On behalf of VOICE Buffalo, thank you for your sustaining contribution. With your generous gift you have enabled us to continue to powerfully influence issues of justice & equity on local and regional levels. VOICE could not continue its efforts without the generous support of an engaged community leaders like you.  
Thank you again for your thoughtful gift.  
In Solidarity,  
Your VOICE Buffalo Family



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Be kind... your presence may be exactly what someone else needs at that moment.

Be kind... God loves you, God loves the people you encounter

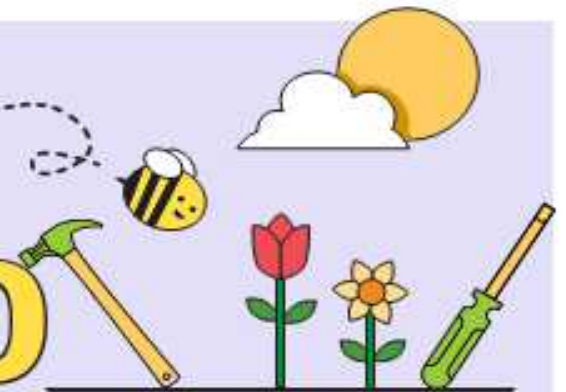
On this journey through life.

Be kind... we are all children of God!,

Peace, Love, Hope, Unity

## University Districts' Spring Service Days

# Spring SERVICE DAYS 2020



APR  
**04**  
- 10AM -

Main Street  
Stewardship & Cleanup  
The Tool Library  
📍 5 W. Northrup Place

MAY  
**16**  
- 10AM -

Linear Park / Rail Trail  
Stewardship & Cleanup  
The Tool Library  
📍 5. W. Northrup Place

APR  
**11**  
- 10AM -

Bailey Avenue  
Stewardship & Cleanup  
The Varsity Theatre  
📍 3165 Bailey Avenue

MAY  
**18**  
- 5PM -

Bailey-Dartmouth  
Garden Work Day  
Bailey-Dartmouth Garden  
📍 3259 Bailey Avenue

APR  
**18**  
- 9AM -

ReTree Spring Planting  
Kensington-Bailey NHS  
📍 995 Kensington Avenue

MAY  
**30**  
- 10AM -

Winspear Pocket  
Park Stewardship  
The Tool Library  
📍 5 W. Northrup Place

APR  
**27**  
- 5PM -

Tyler Street Community  
Garden Work Day  
Tyler Street Garden  
📍 73 Tyler Street

JUN  
**07**  
- 10AM -

Westminster Pocket  
Park Stewardship  
The Varsity Theatre  
📍 3165 Bailey Avenue

MAY  
**02**  
- 10AM -

Main Street Mulchmania  
The Tool Library  
📍 5 W. Northrup Place

JUN  
**13**  
- 10AM -

Roosevelt Park  
Stewardship & Cleanup  
Roosevelt Park  
📍 End of Roosevelt Avenue

MAY  
**09**  
- 10AM -

Bailey Ave Mulchmania  
The Varsity Theatre  
📍 3165 Bailey Avenue

JUN  
**20**  
- 10AM -

ReTree Pruning &  
Stewardship Workshop  
The Tool Library  
📍 5 W. Northrup Place

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**Family Promise**  
of Western New York

February 13, 2020

University Presbyterian Church  
3330 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14214

God bless you  
for your support!  
😊

Dear University Presbyterian Church,

**On behalf of Family Promise of WNY and the families we serve, thank you for your generous donations in 2019 amounting to \$585.65 in support of our mission! We are so grateful for your support!**

**Homelessness can be scary – especially for kids. At Family Promise, we work hard on:**

- **Being as kind as possible to everyone.** In a time of stress, we know kindness can heal. We like to think being kind is just as important as finding a home.
- **Keeping our building feeling warm and safe.** After all, this is home for now. We are in the middle of a lot of upgrades to our building that will make our shelter more dignified for the families living here. Stop by for a tour to see for yourself if you have time!
- **Working together.** Our families have a lot of hurdles to cross in order to find stability and our team is here day and night to support them through each one.
- **Going the extra mile.** From birthday cakes to donated furniture to security deposits, we have lots of friends in our community who do special things for our families and all that love wraps them in hope. Thanks for being a part of our incredible hospitality network!

**We cannot do what we do without you.** We will steward your donation wisely. Your support means a lot to all of us – most especially the families we serve.

Sincerely,

Luanne Firestone  
*Executive Director*



*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, March 6th from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.**

***A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation***

[www.upcbuffalo.org](http://www.upcbuffalo.org)

(The Taize' Service in April is scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2020)