



*The Network ...
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Message from our Pastor

This month, Buffalo will commemorate the anniversary of the 5/14 Tops shooting at a neighborhood grocery store not far from our church. There will be a variety of community events to commemorate this tragic anniversary and we will attempt to share those with the congregation as we learn about them. But we encourage you to stay tuned to local news where such opportunities for commemorating this event and honoring those personally affected will be publicized.

We at UPC will commemorate this anniversary in a number of ways including:

1. We will offer an Adult Education Class to explore the history behind Buffalo's segregation—a contributing factor in it being a target for this atrocity. See the article in this newsletter for more details.
2. Our worship on Sunday, May 14 will address the anniversary and the ongoing wound of racism upon our city and nation.
3. The Session has approved a financial gift of \$2,000 toward the Buffalo 5/14 Survivors' Fund. This gift will be joined with the contributions from our Maundy Thursday service (\$473) and a gift from Calvary Baptist Church (\$2,000) to assist survivors of this tragedy.

Worship Column

Sunday, May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 or
Proverbs 4:10-18, Psalm 119:9-32;
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20 or
Ezekiel 34:1-7a, Psalm 115;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Thursday, May 18

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 or
Daniel 7:9-14; Psalm 113;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, May 21

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14 ; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 or
Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 21:1-7; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 ; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39



What's Happening in May

Tuesday, May 2	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 4	12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Calligraphy Class Choir
Saturday, May 6	10:00 am 10:00 am	Barbara Bell Memorial Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, May 7	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time
Monday, May 8	9:30 am	Zoom Adult Ed Class
Tuesday May 9	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 11	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Saturday, May 13	9:00 am	Spring Clean up
Sunday, May 14	<i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time
Tuesday, May 16	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, May 17	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, May 18	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Saturday, May 20	10:00 am	Capen Annual Plant & Seed Exchange
Sunday, May 21	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time
Monday, May 22	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry at Trinity Methodist Church
Tuesday, May 23	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open



What's Happening in May continued.....

Sunday, May 28 10:30 am Worship Service
 11:30 am Fellowship Time

Monday, May 29 *Memorial Day Holiday* *Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, May 30 12:00 pm Food Pantry Open



Spring Clean Up

All are welcome to UPC's annual Spring Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (rain or shine). We will be working mostly outside so bring gloves and your favorite tools! Contact John Swaine 716-367-4218 with questions.



Plant & Seed Exchange

The Capen Garden Walk will be holding its semi-annual Plant & Seed Exchange on Saturday, May 20, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, in the parking lot of University Presbyterian Church on Niagara Falls Blvd. at Main St. This is an opportunity to share perennials and seeds at no cost. Details are at <http://ourheights.org/gardenwalk/>.



Thank You!

I would like to thank the people who helped with the luncheon for the museum outing on April 2. The lunch was made possible with the efforts of Barb Lyons, Eric Maundrell, Sandy Boag, Pat Cookfair-Casseri, and Dennis Erickson assembling sub sandwiches. Also gratitude to Jo Anne Bartlett, for making delicious cookies, and to Janet Mazzaroppi for contributing lemonade and cookies to the spread. It was a lovely day, with many members joining in the event. Thanks to everyone for making it such a successful day! Amy Erickson

Pride Parade 2023, Sunday, June 4

University Presbyterian Church will have a float in this year's parade, worshipping on a Sunday by walking, just as Jesus walked and welcomed all of God's beloved. The parade begins at 11 a.m. on the SUNY Buffalo State campus. We invite UPC members and friends to join us in the parade. Please contact Howard Henry for details: hwhjr98@gmail.com



Introduction to Calligraphy

Explore the basics of elegant handwriting. Class starts May 4 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Room next to the kitchen.

- One hour sessions
- No cost for starter equipment
- Everyone is welcome
- Come try it out, learn how to handle a calligraphy pen and the proportion of letter forms.
- Left handers welcome

Please call the church office to express your interest so Cindy will have enough equipment.

The Food Pantry will be open at that time so enter through the kitchen or gym.

New Library Comes to UPC

The Ministry to Community Committee announces the
Grand Opening of

The UPC Racial Justice Lending Library.

On two special shelves of a bookcase in the Fellowship Room of the church, you will find a growing assortment of fiction and non-fiction books with a connection to the theme of racial justice.

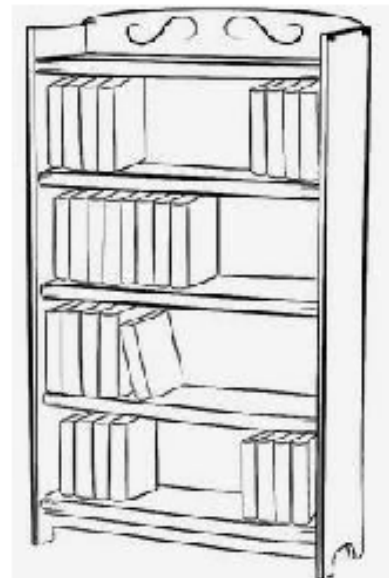


Look for the posters that designate this "Library" to find a book that interests you.

You can borrow, read and return – or if you bond with the book, you may keep it.

If you happen to own a book you think would fit in nicely with this collection, please feel free to donate it to these shelves.

On occasion we will include a short book review in the Network that may help you decide which work to read next. Hope you enjoy!



Adult Education Class

Monday, May 8

9:30 a.m. via Zoom

In Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Tops 5/14 Shooting,

The Adult Class will discuss:

A City Divided: A Brief History of Segregation in Buffalo

The Tops shooting was tragic and an all too powerful reminder of the reality and evil of racism in America. As this anniversary approaches, it is important that it not be ignored. The racism that led to this event continues to destroy lives.

The shooter knew that he could more easily murder people of color by driving to Buffalo for his attack, since it is one of the most segregated cities in America. This segregation is the result of racist policies and leadership decisions over many decades. So, what better way to honor those who died that day than to learn the details about what created that reality.

Join the UPC Adult Education Class for an important discussion about the underlying injustices that made Buffalo a target for the mass shooting and which still afflict our city today.

Those joining the class are strongly encouraged to read the important policy report: "A City Divided: A Brief History of Segregation in Buffalo." This policy report will serve as the basis for our conversation and will be emailed with the link in advance of the class. Rev. Daub will facilitate the conversation.

Day Trip to Chautauqua Institution

If you are familiar with Chautauqua, I don't have to sell you on the pleasures and picturesque scenes of that destination. The Membership Committee is hoping to get a group together from the church to take in the offerings of Chautauqua on Sunday, July 23.

The plan for the day, is to meet in Chautauqua in the morning and attend the 10:45 Amphitheater church service. Afterwards, we'll have lunch, and then at 2:30 meet again at the Amphitheater for a concert. It features a local Jamestown band named The Probables. Their music contains influences of Americana, Folk, Contemporary, Bluegrass and Rock for a fusion of a unique blend.

Chautauqua is only an hour and a half away and is a jewel of our area that should be experienced by everyone. Even if you've been there, it never loses its appeal for a day long adventure or a long term stay.

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex of the church if you're interested in participating. If you'd like more information about it, please contact Amy Erickson at 716-480-4591. There's no gate fee on Sundays and everything is free.

May birthday wishes go out to...

- 6 Jeffrey Grisante
- 6 Judy Betz
- 7 Asia Knight
- 11 Shahnaz Morris
- 15 Geoffrey Burker
- 16 Lisa Patel
- 22 Sarah Omicioli
- 24 Robert Hallborg
- 24 Allan Andrews





Network of Religious Communities

40th Annual Appreciation Dinner

Thursday June 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm

M Hotel 2040 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14225

The Ministry to Community Committee is happy to announce:

Thomas Somerville

as the University Presbyterian Church honoree for the 2023 Network of Religious Communities Appreciation Dinner. We invite you to join us in honoring Tom at this special event.

The Keynote Speaker will be Maureen Rovegno, M. Div Harvard, Director for Religion at Chautauqua Institution, Retired February 2023.

Contact Marietta Bratton, Janet Mazzaroppi, or Elaine Swaine with questions.

NRC Appreciation Dinner Reservation

Please return this form and your payment to the church office by Monday May 15. Make checks payable to University Presbyterian Church with “NRC Dinner” on the memo line. Thank you.

Name(s): _____

of tickets (\$60 per person): _____

Please indicate dietary needs, including number of meals.

_____ Regular

_____ Vegetarian

_____ Gluten free

_____ Other (Please identify request) _____