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Message from our Pastor

This is the last column I write for the newsletter as your pastor. As most of you know by now, I will be leaving UPC to serve a congregation in Tucson, Arizona—my hometown and where my elderly parents still reside. My last Sunday at UPC will be September 10.

When I first began serving as your pastor, I had no idea that our shared journey in ministry would last more than 21 years. But I am so grateful it has! This longevity has been a blessing. It has been a privilege to journey with you, both individually and collectively as a congregation, through the many seasons of your lives.

I imagine our relationship as something like a tapestry—with God weaving our lives together from the trials and triumphs, sorrows and celebrations we have shared, and from our joint efforts to live as Jesus' disciples in this world. The product of the Weaver's work over these many years is something of beauty and meaning.

Now we will go in different directions and allow the Weaver to create new tapestries out of you and me respectively. The change comes with challenges for sure. But we trust ourselves to the Weaver of Beauty, the Weaver of Love, the Weaver of Life. Thank God that the Weaver keeps creating things of great value from each of us and from all of us!

And that tapestry God created from our 21 years together? I like to think that it can be found hanging in the household of God where, like a proud parent, God shows off the love and grace that was created by the ordinary and extraordinary people of University Presbyterian Church and their pastor!

Blessings!

Tracy

NOTE FROM SESSION TO THE CONGREGATION

Tracy has announced that she has accepted a call as Interim Minister at St. Mark's Church (de Cristo Presbytery) in Tucson, Arizona effective September 2023. Her desire is to be closer to her aging parents and other family members. Her final Sunday with UPC will be September 10, 2023 (Rally Day) after 21 years of communion with the congregation.

While Tracy will be gone soon on a previously planned vacation, she will definitely be back on Sunday, August 27th.

What follows are the steps our congregation must follow to "Call A Pastor", in other words, find a new pastor:

- Step 1. The Session engages what is called a Bridge Pastor or Pulpit Supply Pastor for a limited number of months while we look for an Interim Pastor (Step 2). The Bridge Pastor's job is basically just to preach on Sundays.

- Step 2. This next step is to select an Interim Pastor who will serve as a full-time pastor until we complete the search for a permanent "Installed Pastor". Selecting the Interim Pastor is more detailed and involves paperwork and the approval of the Western New York Presbytery's Committee on Ministry as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Louisville. In this instance, our Session will appoint a committee of Congregation members to take on this task.

- Step 3. The final step is the selection and appointment of an "Installed Pastor" (our permanent pastor). Multiple stages are involved in this final stage. Our Church's nominating committee will first nominate persons to sit on a Pastoral Nomination Committee (the "PNC") to conduct the search for our new permanent pastor. The names nominated by our nominating committee will be voted on by the Congregation. This Committee will be working until we find our Installed Pastor. More details will be given once we reach this third stage.

We have been advised that this final step may take as long as a year which has been the experience of other Churches in our WNY Presbytery.

Please keep Tracy and her family and the endeavor that our Congregation will now embark on in your prayers. -Jim Smyton

Worship Column

Sunday, August 6

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 55:1-5;
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans:9:1-5;
Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 13

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-41, 12-28;
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; 1 Kings. 19:9-18;
Psalms 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15;
Mathew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20

12 Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8;
Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15 (10-20) 21-28



Sunday, August 27

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, September 3

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, September 10

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 17

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103: (1-7) 8-13;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 21

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philemon 1:21-30;
Matthew 10:1-16

August & September birthday wishes go out to...

AUGUST

- 1 Tina Burkner
- 2 Addie Fisher
- 3 John Swaine
- 3 Gregory White
- 4 Matt Smith
- 10 Nadeem Patel
- 12 Vicki Moorhouse
- 13 Val Macer
- 14 Amy Erickson
- 14 Sharon Melius
- 16 Emery Morrissey
- 18 Barbara Kraemer
- 19 Priscilla Maddock
- 27 Brendan Omicioli
- 30 Bina Patel

SEPTEMBER

- 17 Jeremy Hoechst
- 19 Josef Beamer
- 24 Allan Andrews
- 25 Barbara Moran
- 26 Marietta Bratton
- 26 Howard Henry
- 29 Joseph Beamer



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

What's Happening in August...



Tuesday, August 1	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 3	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, August 5	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, August 6	10:30 am	Worship Service
Monday, August 7	7:00 pm	Zoom Deacons Meeting
Tuesday, August 8	12:00 pm 2:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Zoom Ministry to Community Meeting
Wednesday, August 9	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, August 10	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, August 13	10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Service August Birthdays Celebration
Tuesday, August 15	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, August 16		School Uniform Collection Closes
Thursday, August 17	12:00 pm 12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Calligraphy
Sunday, August 20	10:30 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, August 22	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 24	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, August 26	6:00 pm	Concert
Sunday, August 27	10:30 am	Worship Service
Monday, August 28	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
Tuesday, August 20	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 31	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open



What's Happening in September....



Saturday, September 2	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, September 3	10:30 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, September 5	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 7	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Sunday, September 10	10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Service ~ <i>Rally Day</i> Fellowship Time
Tuesday, September 12	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 14	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Sunday, September 17	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time
Tuesday, September 19	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, September 20	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, September 21	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Saturday, September 23	9:30 am	Capen Garden Walk Seed & Plant Exchange
Sunday, September 24	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time
Monday, September 25	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
Tuesday, September 26	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 28	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir





School Uniform and Hygiene Products Campaign

University Presbyterian Church and Calvary Baptist Church are continuing our partnership by holding a campaign to supply school uniforms and personal hygiene products for students at the Dr. Charles R. Drew Magnet School in Buffalo. The campaign will run until August 16. Details are below:

Uniforms:

A single uniform (shirt and pants/skirt) typically costs \$25-\$30 and each student needs more than one set. Not all families can afford these clothes so your contributions will be a great help to preparing students for the school year. The uniforms will be purchased through the church office and delivered to the school. Please mark your checks or church envelope with the words: "School Uniforms."

Hygiene Products:

We are also collecting donations of **soap, deodorant, and shampoo** for the school to give to students in need. White people may not realize that different hair types require different kinds of shampoos. Please remember to purchase shampoos and hair products for all hair types (such as Pantene Gold products for more textured hair.) All hygiene products can be placed in the bins located at both sanctuary doors.

MUSIC NOTES



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What wonderful music we have enjoyed this summer, from a trombonist, a trumpeter, a violinist, singers, pianists, and we still have a month left to go! UPC is truly blessed by musicians in the congregation and friends of the congregation! As much as I have enjoyed the wonderful variety of music, I cannot wait until it is time for our wonderful choir to be back in the choir loft! Our first rehearsal will be held Thursday night, September 7 at 7:30 pm, with our first Sunday service on September 10. As usual, our choir rehearsal will include music for the first 6-8 Sundays of the fall season, but we will also be rehearsing the music for Tracy's final service as our pastor. On that day, we will sing "With A Voice of Singing" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" as well as a new hymn written especially for the occasion. If you are a former member of the UPC Choir, or have been considering joining us, now is the time! If you have been considering joining us, or would like more information, please contact me at allanan-drews1954@gmail.com. Now is the time! -Allan



University Presbyterian Church Organist Study Leave Update

It was Saturday, July 1, 2023, when I arrived in Paris to join my colleagues from across the United States and Paris, France in the French Organ Music Seminar 2023. A two-week series of programs we would present across the City of Paris, in the great Cathedrals; each venue unique, and all associated with a historic French organ composer who specifically composed repertoire for the organ in the Cathedral where they served as Titular Organist. The organs were built by the French organ builder, Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, the famous and prominent European builder of the 19th century. He was a pioneer, creating innovations in the art and science of organ building, and published his work internationally on the development of what is known as the symphonic organ; his most famous organ and largest instrument is in Saint Sulpice, Paris. His instruments are all tracker action (mechanical), the air was supplied by men who pumped the bellows and not electrified until the beginning of the 20th century.

There was important opportunity to gain insights of current organists serving in each Cathedral, who specialize in the performance practices of French repertoire, as well as registration practices, technique used for playing mechanical instruments as it relates to the performance of French Classical (Baroque), Romantic, and Modern organ repertoire. These instruments offer a vast array of dynamic, and tonal palates unique to the variety of French organ repertoire performed during programs throughout the city. Some organs required programs centered and featuring the French Classical and German Baroque repertoire. Thank you to the Titular Organists who assisted during these programs: turning pages, making registration changes and especially their congenial welcoming us to their organ lofts. Programs were held in Saint Sulpice (Ch.-M. Widor, M. Dupré); Saint Clotilde (C. Franck); Saint Eustache (J. Bonnet, A. Marchal); La Madeleine (C. Saint-Saëns, Th. Dubois, G. Faure) Saint Vincent-de-Paul (L. Böellman); Saint Etienne-du-Mont (M. Duruflé); Trinité (A. Guilmant, O. Messien). The following repertoire I performed as part of these programs:

Léon Boëllman
Léon Boëllman
César Franck
Alexandre Guilmant
Louis Vierne
Louis Vierne
Louise Vierne
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens
Pierre du Mage
Pierre du Mage
Pierre du Mage
Dietrich Buxtehude

Toccata *Suite Gothique, Op. 25*
Prière à Notre-Dame *Suite Gothique, Op. 25*
Prelude *Prelude, Fugue et Variation, Op. 18*
Prelude
Pastorale *25 Pièces en style libre, Op. 31*
Postlude *25 Pièces en style libre, Op. 31*
Légende *25 Pièces en style libre, Op. 31*
Fanfare
Tierce en Taille *Livre d'Orgue*
Basse de Trompette *Livre d'Orgue*
Grand Jeu *Livre d'Orgue*
Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C, BuxWV 137

French organ repertoire is a staple to the organ literature offered during services at the University Presbyterian Church – the Kegg Organ plays this repertoire with considerable authenticity. The opportunity to hear, experience, gain insights of French organists and perform in the venues where this music was composed and performed has been invaluable to the art of organ playing at UPC

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