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Message from our Interim Pastor...

Ralph Waldo Emerson was America's great philosopher of the 19th century. He influenced and influences still our great writers after him. Crowds swarmed to hear him on his national speaking tours which he continued late into his life. This excerpt is taken from an early essay titled "Nature." It uses, of course, the male pronoun as a generic reference to gender. I share it with you as, perhaps, a way to get yourself out of doors for even a fifteen-minute walk in these crisp fall days; or a drive to the Inner Harbor to sit in your car facing the distant line of the Lake Erie horizon – anytime of day.

What Emerson says, and I concur from my own experience, is that even brief interludes surrounded by the natural world, have an almost psychically medicinal effect. The spirit is buoyed; the mind, distracted by a bird or the rising or setting sun, or a drifting cloud, or the cool breeze upon the face is relieved of the burdens it carries, and like the fibrocartilage between the spine's vertebrae, during sleep or when we put our feet up for respite, relaxes, expands, and breathes. The news is full of the drama of the coming election—often made more dramatic by soundtrack befitting a heavy weight title bout.

I encourage you, Ralph Waldo Emerson encourages you, to find some time to step away from it all, even for a brief visit to the natural world beckoning—from the trees on your street to the trails of Delaware Park or Tiff Nature Preserve, to exploration farther afield, Knox Farm or Sprague Brook State Park. Put that foray into the created order in your calendar—today!

All good wishes,

Pastor Tom

From "**Nature**"

by RW Emerson, 1836



The lover of nature is he whose inward and outward senses are still truly adjusted to each other; who has retained the spirit of infancy even into the era of adulthood. His intercourse with heaven and earth becomes part of his daily food.

In the presence of nature a wild delight runs through the man, in spite of real sorrows. Nature says—he is my creature, and in spite of all his impertinent griefs, he shall be glad with me. Not the sun or the summer alone, but every hour and season yields its tribute of delight; for every hour and change corresponds to and authorizes a different state of mind, from breathless noon to grimmest midnight....In good health, the air is a cordial of incredible virtue.

Crossing a bare common, in snow puddles, at twilight, under a clouded sky, without having in my thoughts any occurrence of special good fortune, I have enjoyed a perfect exhilaration. I am glad to the brink of fear. In the woods, too, a man casts off his years, as the snake his slough, and at what period soever of life is always a child. In the woods is perpetual youth.

Within these plantations of God, a decorum and sanctity reign, a perennial festival is dressed, and the guest sees not how he should tire of them in a thousand years. In the woods we return to reason and faith. There I feel that nothing can befall me in life—no disgrace, no calamity, (leaving me my eyes) which nature cannot repair....In the tranquil landscape, and especially in the distant line of the horizon, a man beholds somewhat as beautiful as his own nature.

Worship Column

Friday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a;
John 11:32-44

Sunday, November 3

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9;
Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14;
Mark 12:28-34

Sunday, November 10

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16;
Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 17

26th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3;
Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25;
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (123-18); Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



Celebrating November Birthdays!



- 10 Molly Anthony
- 11 Sarah Smith
- 11 Brian Belus
- 16 Jim Whitefield
- 17 Joysline Chia
- 18 Gary Melius
- 22 Grace Burker
- 23 Doug Harbison
- 26 Nicholas Harbison
- 28 Alma Kelly
- 29 Elizabeth Johnson
- 30 Alma Safulko



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

The sale will be Sunday November 17th immediately following the worship 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 17th



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!

Network of Religious Communities Appreciation Dinner

CHANGE OF DATE!

Due to conflicting events, the Network of Religious Communities Appreciation Dinner will now be held on **Thursday April 10, 2025**. It will still be at Grapevine Banquets, 333 Dick Rd., Depew. Pat Cookfair Casseri will still be our Honoree!



Food Pantry Needs

There are a number of items that the Food Pantry tends to run out of quickly, or are not offered all the time by FeedMore of WNY. We are hoping you might like to take advantage of the "buy 1 get 1" deals, or generously donate some of the following items: any variety of cereal, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, all kinds of pasta, mac n' cheese, rice, adult underwear, sanitary products, and pet food. You may bring them directly to the Food Pantry on Tuesdays & Thursdays from Noon to 3:00 pm, or leave them in the church office. Thank you for remembering those less fortunate than ourselves.

November Adult Ed

Adult Education for November will be lead by Lee Ann Grace and Howard Henry on Sunday November 3 and 10 immediately following worship in the Fellowship Room.

Howard and Lee Ann have represented UPC for 35 years to Frontiera De Cristo in Douglas, AZ—a PCUSA mission to immigrants and refugees on the border. They will share information about the need and the work of this important outreach of the church as well as similar immigrant needs and issues here in Buffalo where a vibrant and growing immigrant community has evolved over the past two decades. Lafayette High School is the Buffalo Public School's secondary education location for international students. Over forty languages are represented among the student body. Immigration is a major issue in the current election campaigning. This offering is made to provide on site, person to person experience of immigrants coming to the US from Central and South America and other nations around the world.

Thanksgiving Outreach 2024

Please see the two notices below about this year's Thanksgiving Outreach mission with Calvary Baptist Church. Howard Henry will provide a sign up sheet for interested volunteers beginning Sunday, November 3.



ANNUAL
Thanksgiving
Outreach

SATURDAY NOV 23 8:00AM **SHARING IS CARING!**

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1184 GENESEE ST • BUFFALO, NY 14211

Volunteers needed to help package and deliver dinners to homeless shelters, senior citizens and the homebound.

If you can volunteer, support or know of an individual or family in need of a Thanksgiving Dinner, please call the church office • 716.895.3642

S P O N S O R E D B Y

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1184 Genesee St., Buffalo, NY 14211

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3330 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214

Calvary Baptist Church and University Presbyterian
Annual Thanksgiving Outreach Day of Sharing
Preparation Schedule 2024



Monday, November 18th / Time: 11 am –7 pm

Team #1 Check Inventory

Team #2 Organize delivery routes from Master List /Assign drivers.

Team #3 Cook Macaroni & Cheese for refrigeration.

Team #4 Package cutlery items.

Tuesday, November 19th / Time: 11 am –7 pm

Team #1 Scoop up Cranberry Sauce to be placed into cups for refrigeration.

Team #2 Sort out beverages (Can Soda, Water, Huggies)

Wednesday, November 20th / Time: 11 am –7 pm

Team #1 Call Homes / Senior Facilities / Shelters to verify their information and delivery on Saturday

Team #2 Continue to organize delivery routes from Master List /Assign drivers.

Thursday, November 21st / Time: 11 am –7 pm

Team #1 Deliver Turkeys to be cooked.

Team #2 Call Homes / Senior Facilities / Shelters to verify their information and delivery on Saturday

Friday, November 22nd / Time: 11 am –7 pm

Team #1 Cook Dressing and String Beans for refrigeration.

Team #2 Package Roll/Butter

Team #3 Slice sheet cakes and package.

Team #4..... Set up Food Stations / Nursery for waiting area / Chapel for Serving

Saturday, November 23rd / Time: 7 am - Until

Team #1 Cook Mashed Potatoes

Team #2 Assemblers

Team #2 Chapel serving

Team #3 ... Team Leader & Runners

Team #4 ... Drivers

PhotoGrid

What's Happening in November...

Saturday, November 2	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends <i>Set clocks back one hour</i>	
Sunday, November 3	9:30 am	Choir	
	10:30 am	All Saints Worship Service with Baptism	
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time	
	11:30 am	Adult Ed	
Monday, November 4	7:30 pm	Zoom Deacons' Meeting	
Tuesday, November 5		<i>Election Day ~ No Food Pantry</i>	
Thursday, November 7	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open	
	1:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting	
	7:30 pm	Choir	
Sunday, November 10	9:30 am	Choir	
	10:30 am	Worship Service	
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time	
	11:30 am	Adult Ed	
Monday, November 11		<i>Veterans' Day ~ Church Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, November 12	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open	
Thursday, November 14	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open	
	7:30 pm	Choir	
Sunday, November 17	9:30 am	Choir	
	10:30 am	Worship Service	
	11:30 am	Deacons' Soup & Pie Sale	
Tuesday, November 19	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open	
Wednesday, November 20	7:00 pm	Session	
Thursday, November 21	11:00 am	Worship & Education Meeting	
	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open	
	7:30 pm	Choir	
Sunday, November 24	9:30 am	Choir	
	10:30 am	Worship Service	
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Birthday Cake	
Tuesday, November 26	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open	
Thursday, November 28-29		Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Office Closed	



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN - PDA

"Out of chaos, Hope" That is the motto of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the program the Ministry to Community Committee is offering as our Alternative Christmas Gift Campaign this Advent season. PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church, USA. PDA focuses on the long-term recovery of communities affected by disaster. It works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith-based responders. It connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations such as the United Nations, World Food Program, Red Cross, and FEMA. PDA is called to stand with those suffering in the USA and with their overseas partners; and respond to their requests for assistance as they reach out to serve their neighbors. This is part of our enduring witness to Christ's love worldwide. Whether it is the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the war in Ukraine, or the conflict and refugee crisis in South Sudan, their work is able to continue with your help. Each Sunday in Advent you will have the opportunity to make a donation to PDA and receive a card (or cards) to give to friends or loved ones telling them this gift has been made in their honor.

ENJOY SOME OF OUR RALLY DAY PHOTOS

