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Message from our Pastor

Welcoming the stranger is one of Jesus' core teachings. We have an opportunity to live out this important lesson with the resettlement of Afghan evacuees in our region.

We all watched on TV the scenes of desperate Afghans attempting to enter the airport and flee their country in advance of the Taliban takeover. We can only imagine their anxiety and fear. But even when safely out of their country, they face yet more uncertainty and anxiety. What will become of them? Where will they live? How will they earn a living? Having left behind their livelihoods, their possessions, their family and friends, their culture and all that is familiar their world has been turned upside down.

We in Buffalo have an opportunity to extend assistance to some of these Afghan evacuees and to help them find their footing on solid ground.

Afghan evacuees do not fall under the U.S. definition of "refugee" and thus do not qualify for many services afforded to refugees. The five refugee and immigration organizations in Buffalo have joined together to assist these Afghan individuals and families and the sizeable needs they will have in making Buffalo home.

A list of needed items can be found within this newsletter.

Please consider offering your donation to this important cause. May our hands and hearts become instruments of God's love and care.

Shalom,

Tracy

## Worship Column

### **Sunday, October 3**

*19th Sunday after Pentecost*

Job 1:3; 2:1-10 and Ps. 26;

Gen. 2:18-24 and Ps. 8;

Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-23; Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 10

*20th Sunday after Pentecost*

Job 23:11-9, 16-17 and Ps. 22:1-15;

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Ps. 90:12-17;

Heb. 4:12-16; 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-21

Sunday, October 17

*21st Sunday after Pentecost*

Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17 and

Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isa. 53:4-12 and

Ps. 91:9-16; Heb. 5:1-10; 2:5-12; Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 24

*22nd Sunday after Pentecost*

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22)

Jer 31:7-0 and Ps. 126; Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, October 31

*23rd Sunday after Pentecost*

Ruth 1:1-18 and Ps. 146;

Deut. 6:1-9 and Ps. 119:1-8; Heb. 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34



*"God always leads us to*

*where we need to be,*

*not where we want to be."*



## Change in Worship Time

UPC will shift to holding a single worship service at **10:30 a.m.** beginning Sunday, October 3 and continuing for the remainder of the fall semester.



## SHARE YOUR UPC MEMORABILIA

Do you have a Sunday School certificate from back in the day? What about an apron from the Scottish Festival? Or a costume you or one of your children wore in the Christmas pageant? We would like to share these memorabilia with members and friends of the congregation as part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary observance.

Since COVID precludes a physical display, we are going virtual, and we invite you to take a picture of your item(s) and e-mail the photo(s) to Lee Ann Grace at [gracela@buffalostate.edu](mailto:gracela@buffalostate.edu) as soon as possible but **no later than October 24.**

Cell phone photos are fine. Photographing items separately where there is good light and a solid-color background will yield the best results.

The photos will be compiled into a Power Point that will run during the November 7 brunch at Classics V and will be then posted on the UPC website.

Let's see what hidden historical treasures we can unearth!

## Donation Drive for Afghan Evacuees

Buffalo's five refugee/immigration organizations have joined together to provide resources for Afghan evacuees who will be settled in the Buffalo area. UPC is collecting donations to help settle these families.

Please donate only items on this list and only NEW items.

Items will be received through **October 10** and can be placed in the donation box in the narthex or dropped off at the church office.

### Personal hygiene items:

- Body Bar soap or Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Lotion
- Hand sanitizers
- Deodorant (for men and women)
- Sanitary napkins for women
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Laundry Detergent
- Twin bedding



### Razors

#### **GIFT CARDS** in amounts of \$25 or more

- Visa/Mastercard
- Aldi's
- Price-Rite
- Tops
- Target
- Walmart
- Save-A-Lot
- Family Dollar



*October birthday wishes go out to...*



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

**All Saints Sunday, October 31, 2021**

We will commemorate All Saints Sunday on October 31 in our litany of remembrance for those who have died.





## What's Happening ...

October 1	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize
October 3	Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
October 5	Tuesday	10:00 am	Zoom Shared
Youth Team Meeting		12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 6	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
October 7	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 8	Friday		Youth Group TBD
October 10	Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
October 11	Monday	<i>Columbus Day Holiday ~ Church Office closed</i>	
October 12	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 13	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Zoom Vestry Meeting
October 14	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 17	Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am TBD	Choir Worship Service Youth Group to Pumpkin Farm
October 19	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 21	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 22	Friday	12:00 pm	Deadline to purchase 100th Anniversary Brunch Tickets
October 24	Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
October 25	Monday	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist
October 26	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
October 28	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food pantry Open
October 31	Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service





*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, October 1st from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.**

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

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(The Taizé' Service in November is scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2021)