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Message from our Pastor

In this season of Thanksgiving, it is fitting that we at University Presbyterian Church should recognize and give thanks for our congregation's 100 years of serving Christ. We give thanks for all those people we will never know who served our congregation during these 100 years, who taught classes, cared for children, served on committees, prepared communion, planned worship, and served meals. We give thanks for those whose names we will never know who cared for people in the community, raised their voices on behalf of justice, fed and clothed those in need, and sought to live out Christ's love to the least of these. And we give thanks for those people at UPC we have had the joy of personally knowing and through whose service we witnessed the life of faith.

Join us on Sunday, November 7 in worship as we give thanks to God for the life of UPC, the opportunity God has given us to witness to God's love, and for the people who embodied that love. We will be blessed to have two former pastors of UPC join me in leading worship: the Rev. Peter Nord and the Rev. Alison Halsey.

I invite you to join us as part of that great cloud of witnesses who gather to worship and proclaim the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

Shalom,

Tracy

100th Anniversary Reminders:

Celebratory Worship Service—November 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Next week, Sunday, November 7, UPC will celebrate its 100th Anniversary! Joining Tracy in leading worship will be two former UPC pastors: The Rev. Peter Nord and the Rev. Alison Halsey. The service will include a bag piper, special music, new banners, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We hope you will join us!



New Hymnals:

In recognition of our 100th Anniversary, you are invited to purchase one or more copies of the new Presbyterian hymnal for our sanctuary, with a dedication bookplate honoring a special person in your life. Hymnals are \$20 each. Contact the Church Office if interested.

Concert for a Cause: From Bach to the Beatles Saturday, November 13 at 4 p.m.

This special organ concert commemorating UPC's 100th Anniversary features organist Garrett Martin. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit Family Promise of WNY, an organization helping families experiencing homelessness.

Bible Study



What my Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair

The stories we hear from grandmothers and ancestors tend to shape how we view the world around us, including our spiritual vision. And so it was with Jesus. This study reviews the list of Jesus' ancestors found in the gospel of Matthew, and asks: who are these grandmothers? and why are they listed? Further, how did these unusual women influence the shape of the gospel?

We plan to follow this study at the Zoom Bible study, on November 3, 10, 17 and December 8, 15. The study will be led by Gladys Gifford. Copies of the study are available from Gladys. Join us!

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who donated personal care items and grocery gift cards to Buffalo United for Afghan Evacuees (wnyrac.org) The need is great and your response was tremendous! Your compassion and generosity towards these new Buffalo residents is greatly appreciated.



Worship Column

Sunday, November 7

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Ps. 127; 1 Kgs. 17:8-16 and Ps. 146; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 14

25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Sam. 1:4-20 and 1 Sam 2:1-10; Dan. 12:1-3 and Ps. 16; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 21

Christ the King/ Reign of Christ

2 Sam. 23:1-7 and Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18) or Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 and Ps. 93; Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Sunday, November 28

1st Sunday of Advent

Jer. 33:14-16 and Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36



Harvest Prayer

Please be gentle with yourself and others.
We are all children of the Creator,
And none can say why some fields blossom
While others lay brown
Beneath the harvest sun. Take hope that your season will come.

Share the Joy of those whose season is at hand.
Care for those around you.
Look past your differences.
Their dreams are no less than yours,
Their choices in Life no more easily made.

And give.
Give in any way you can.
Give in every way you can.
Give whatever you possess.
Give from your heart.
To give is to love.
To withhold is to wither.
Care less for the size of your harvest than how it is shared,
And your life will have meaning
And your heart will have peace.

-Anonymous 17th Century Sermon

November birthday wishes go out to...



- 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

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment

Care for the poor

FORGIVE OFTEN

Reject Racism

Fight for the powerless

Share earthly and spiritual resources

EMBRACE DIVERSITY

LOVE GOD

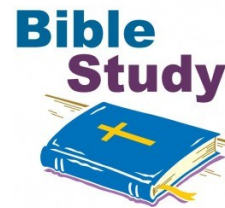
ENJOY THIS LIFE

BE ALIVE IN CHRIST!

What's Happening ...



Nov. 2	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Nov. 3	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Nov. 4	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Nov. 5	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Nov. 7	Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Choir Worship Service 100th Anniversary Brunch @ Classics V
Nov. 9	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Nov. 10	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Nov. 11	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Nov. 13	Saturday	4:00 pm	Concert for a Cause
Nov. 14	Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
Nov. 16	Tuesday	12:00 pm 2:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Zoom Community Committee Meeting
Nov. 17	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Zoom Vestry Meeting
Nov. 18	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Nov. 20	Saturday	TBD	Youth Group assemble Thanksgiving baskets @ North
Nov. 21	Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
Nov. 23	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open]
Nov. 24	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Nov. 25-26	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Church Office Closed</i>		
Nov. 28	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, November 5, 2021 from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

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(The Taizé' Service in December is scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2021)