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Message from our Pastor

Buffalo is a border town. Canada lies barely ten minutes from us—maybe less, depending on where you live. And yet, through the ministries of two UPC church members, our congregation has been attentive for many years to concerns on the other U.S. border—the one with Mexico. Howard Henry and Lee Ann Grace have spent years volunteering with the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s border ministry with migrant peoples, called Frontera de Cristo. Each year Howard and Lee Ann make a pilgrimage to the southern border in Arizona, where for a number of weeks they help in numerous ways: teaching English, preparing sandwiches, serving meals, and assisting with office work. And then they come back to WNY and engage the rest of us in caring and responding. That's called *evangelism*—sharing the good news of God's love and then inviting others to join in!

And we have joined in through many ways: through our support of Just Coffee, through our prayers, by inviting guests from Frontera de Cristo to speak in our congregation, through our donations.

This April, UPC continues to attend to the humanitarian ministries extended by Frontera de Cristo. As the final event in our congregation's centennial celebration, UPC is offering the second Concert for a Cause to benefit Frontera de Cristo. This event will be a jazz concert held here at UPC on Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m. Earlier that same day, Howard and Lee Ann will lead worship and share how they have witnessed through the efforts the Frontera de Cristo the life-sustaining spirit of God bringing hope, help, and new life to the human struggles on the U.S./Mexican border.

I hope you will join us on April 24.

Shalom,

Tracy

JAZZ IT UP!

The Buffalo State Jazz Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Mark Filsinger, will be featured in the second UPC centennial Concert for a Cause on

Sunday, April 24 at 3:00 p.m.

The ensemble consists of five instrumentalists (trumpet, saxophone, guitar, bass, and drums), who will be joined by a vocalist for several numbers.

Proceeds of the concert will benefit Frontera de Cristo, the Presbyterian Border Outreach Program at Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, where Lee Ann Grace and Howard Henry have volunteered for 30+ years. U.S. Coordinator Mark Adams tells us that Frontera will use the funds raised to support unbudgeted repairs at the Migrant Resource Center (MRC), which served 6000+ people during the five weeks Lee Ann and Howard spent there in January and February.

During Howard and Lee Ann's service at the MRC this year, several days of 30 mph winds shredded the canvas sides of the dining shelter, which is the only area where migrants can seek refuge from the cold and wind. Replacement cost totals \$753. In addition, the MRC must add an emergency exit on the second floor in order to meet new Mexican code requirements. The cost will be \$4590.

Mark your calendars! Come enjoy superb music and help Frontera de Cristo minister to our vulnerable brothers and sisters served by the Migrant Resource Center.



Worship Column

Sunday, April 3

5th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32;
2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sunday, April 10

Palm/Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11;
Luke 22:14-23 or Luke 23:1-49

Monday, April 11

Monday of Holy Week

Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 36:5-11; Heb. 9:11-15;
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 12

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 71:1-14; 1 Cor. 1:18-31;
John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 13

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 70; Heb. 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday

Ex. 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

Isa. 52:13-53:12; Ps. 22; Heb. 10:16-25 or Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Sunday, April 17

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43;
Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18;

Easter Evening: Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

Sunday, April 24

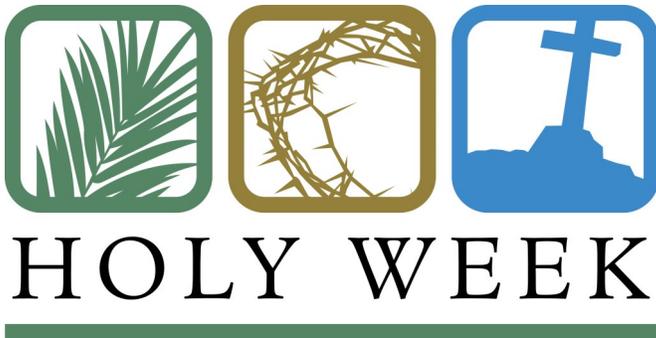
2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150 or 2 Kgs. 7:1-16; Ps. 2; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



April birthday wishes go out to...

- 4 Lee Ann Grace
- 5 Hazel Moodie
- 11 Linda Krempa
- 13 John Lopinski, Jr.
- 15 Desmond Chia
- 21 John Novak
- 22 Henna Shirazi
- 23 Gladys Gifford
- 24 Meg Cheman
- 26 Olivia Smith
- 28 Jerilyn Hickey



**Maundy Thursday Worship Service
April 14th at 7:30 pm**

Join us for this service of readings,
communion and the
extinguishing of candles.

**Easter Sunday
10:30 am Worship Service**



What's Happening in



April 1	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize
April 3	Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Choir Youth Group Sub Sale
April 4	Monday	7:00 pm	Zoom Deacon Meeting
April 5	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
April 7	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
April 8	Friday		Youth Retreat @ Duffield
April 10	Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
April 12	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
April 14	Thursday	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Maundy Thursday Worship
April 17	Sunday	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:30 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
April 18	Monday	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
April 19	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
April 20	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Zoom Session Meeting
April 21	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
April 24	Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Choir Worship Service Concert for a Cause
April 25	Monday	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
April 26	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
April 28	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir



Chancel Flowers



As we all realize every time we step into the store, or stop at a gas station, prices are rapidly increasing. Accordingly, due to the rise in cost of flowers and the high price of gasoline, Russell's Florist has increased their delivery fee.

Unfortunately this means that the cost of chancel flowers will need to be increased as of April 1st to \$45 to reflect those changes.

If you have already signed up for flowers and now feel that you need to cancel, please call the church office as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

A Neighborhood Treasure

The University Heights Tool Library is a true treasure to the neighborhood, supplying a way to share essential and often expensive tools but also serving as a venue for strengthening community bonds and addressing neighborhood issues. Check out this article about the Tool Library and consider supporting this worthy organization.

<https://www.thehomepublications.com/post/borrow-build>

Ukrainian Tale of the Easter Egg



One day, a poor peddler went to the market place to sell a basket of eggs. He came upon a crowd mocking a man who staggered with a heavy cross on which he was about to be crucified.

The peddler ran to his aid, leaving the basket by the roadside. When he returned, he found the eggs transformed into exquisite designs of bright colors.

The man was Christ; the peddler, Simon. And the eggs were to become the symbol of rebirth for all mankind.

Duffield Women's Retreat

June 3-5, 2022 (Registration 5-7 pm, Gathering at 7:30 pm)

Leader: Laura Norris Buisch



Theme: Calming the Storms

Scripture: Mark 4: 35-41

Reimagine, Refresh, & Recreate



Take time for yourself by taking a walk in the woods & seeing God's love in creation.

To Register, contact us at: 716-440-9833 or contactus@campduffield.net

[Cost: \\$90 per person](#)

Camp Duffield Summer 2022



Camp Dates:

Challenge Camp~ a camp for adults with developmental disabilities. Our experienced staff provides a unique vacation for this special population. Experience campfires, fishing, swimming, sing-a-longs, bingo, theatre in the woods, crafts, talent show and much more...

July 3-9 Price: \$520

Chipmunks~ For those too young for other camps, this is an opportunity to experience all camp has to offer in just three days. Bring your favorite relative (parent is required to stay and is included in the cost) Sleep away from home. Make new friends! (Grades 1st-2nd)

July 10-13 /July 17-20 Price: \$220

Foxes~ Explore Camp Duffield through traditional camp activities of hiking, campfires, swimming, singing, games, crafts, and learning about God. (Grades 3-5)

July 10-16 /July 17-23 Price: \$320

Raccoons~ Splash hikes, games, low ropes, star gazing, swimming, crafts, campfires! Learn about God's love. (Grades 6-8)

July 10-16 /July 17-23 Price: \$320

Night Owls~ Stay up late and sleep in late- a perfect teen schedule! Creek walks, crafts and team building exercises that lead us to a better understanding of God's word, and when the sun sets, we kick-start our night off with games, hikes, and campfires! (Grades 9-12)

July 24-30 Prices: \$320

For more information, contact Pat Cookfair-Casseri at kids@campduffield.net or call 716-440-9833.



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

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

www.upcbuffalo.org

(The Taizé' Service in May is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2022)