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Message from our Pastor

Welcome Sunday, September 11, is a day for many kinds of welcomes. In worship that Sunday we will welcome back our fabulous choir after their summer hiatus. We will welcome the return of those members who have been out of town for much of the summer, enjoying travels and other adventures. And with your help, we hope to welcome some visitors. The Membership Committee is encouraging all of us to participate in **Welcome Sunday** by inviting a friend, colleague, neighbor, or relative to join us for worship that day and to a lunch following the service. It's a simple challenge: Each one brings one.

And yet, for some of us, it *isn't* so simple. Inviting someone to church can feel intimidating or uncomfortable. But maybe the place to start is with ourselves. Ask yourself why you come to University Presbyterian Church. What do you like about our congregation? What is meaningful to you about this particular congregation? And then share that with someone you know. "I really like ____ about my church. Would you like to join me on Sept. 11?"

Research reveals that a significant percentage of people started attending a church because someone invited them. Maybe that someone is *you!*

Shalom

Tracy

Adult Christian Education Class:

The Adult Education Class this fall will include some series held on-line via Zoom on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. AND some series being conducted in-person on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Below is the schedule for this fall:

The Beatitudes for Today:

via Zoom on Wednesdays, Sept. 7-Oct. 5, 1 p.m.

Remember when Jesus taught, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; blessed are those who mourn . . .” etc.?

In this class we will explore each of the beatitudes found in Matthew 5 and what they mean for us today. Tracy will lead this 5 week series using the book *The Beatitudes for Today*, by James Howell. Reading the book is not essential for participation in the class but you are welcome to do so if you wish.

October???

Help, Thanks, Wow

In-person on Sundays, November 6, 13, 20, 9:30 a.m.

Downstairs classroom next to the Fellowship Room

Using Anne Lamott’s book *Help, Thanks, Wow*, Tracy will lead us in exploring how these three prayers can inform our own prayer life and draw us closer to God. This book is short, funny as well as profound, and easy to read. You are strongly encouraged to read this book yourselves. But even those who haven’t read the book are always welcome to join the conversation!

A Garden Party You Won't Want to Miss!

Join us on **Saturday, August 13th** for the 2nd Annual Gather, Garden & Grow!

THE DETAILS

When: Saturday, August 13th 6-8 PM

Where: The Plot Flower Farm –3233 Main Street, Buffalo, NY

- ⇒ Family Friendly
- ⇒ Award Winning Caribbean Food
- ⇒ Fresh Cut Flower Raffles
- ⇒ Garden Tours
- ⇒ Lawn Games
- ⇒ New Tooligan Merch Drop
- ⇒ Much More!
- ⇒ \$20 per adult, children 12 and under free!



Gather with your favorite neighborhood Tooligans for a garden party hosted at Buffalo's smallest (and newest!) urban flower farm built from the ground up with Tool Library tools.

Whether it's providing the tools for your next DIY project, offering up free fixes at a Dare to Repair Café, or stewarding shared spaces with our neighbors, your ticket purchase helps sustain The Tool Library's volunteer-powered operations and allows us to build a better world through the power of sharing.

Celebrate another year of borrowing and building. See you can help us grow in the year ahead!

ALREADY BOOKED? *Support The Tool Library even if you can't gather with us!* Every donation The Tool Library receives goes directly into supporting our mission. Whether it's lending tools, hosting workshops, planting trees or fighting blight, we're putting the sharing economy to work across Western New York.



WELCOME SUNDAY ~ Sunday, September 11

The Membership Committee of UPC encourages our members to invite a friend to worship on **Sunday, September 11** for a day we are calling **Welcome Sunday**. There is such a need in our community to spread the joy and friendship we share in our congregation. Maybe you know someone who has been isolated and home bound and in need of getting out with others? Or perhaps you know someone who would enjoy our worship service and the activities we have lined up in the coming year. Dennis and I invited a neighbor to our church service about 8 years ago, and even though she didn't join our church she really enjoyed our worship experience and loved the congregation.

Statistics reveal that 80% of new church attenders began attending a church because someone invited them. So, let's take advantage of the power of hospitality and invite a friend to join us for worship. Surely you have a neighbor, a colleague, a relative, or a friend you can invite! Following the service, there will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall for members and guests alike!

(Amy Erickson)

Worship Column

Sunday, August 7

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23;
Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22,
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 14

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;
Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82;
Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 21

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29;
Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, August 28

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16;
Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday , September 4

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 11

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14;
Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 18

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9;
Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 25

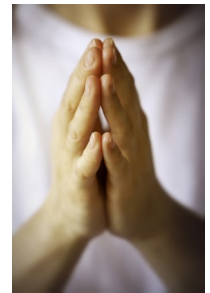
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



What's Happening in August& September

August 1	Monday	11:00 am	Church Open for Prayer
August 2	Tuesday	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Membership Meeting
August 3	Wednesday	11:00 am	Church Open for Prayer
August 4	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 5	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize
August 7	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service
August 8	Monday	11:00 AM	Church Open for Prayer
August 9	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 10	Wednesday	11:00 am	Church Open for Prayer
August 11	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 14	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service
August 15	Monday	11:00 am	Church Open for Prayer
August 16	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 17	Wednesday	11:00 am	Church Open for Prayer
August 18	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 21	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service
August 22	Monday	11:00 am 1:30 pm	Church Open for Prayer Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
August 23	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 24	Wednesday	11:00 pm	Church Open for Prayer
August 25	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 28	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service
August 29	Monday	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Church Open for Prayer Zoom Deacon Meeting



August 30 Tuesday 12:00 pm Food Pantry Open
 August 31 Wednesday 11:00 am Church Open for Prayer

September 1 Tuesday 12:00 pm Food Pantry Open

September 2 Friday 5:30 pm Taize

September 4 Sunday 10:30 am Worship Service

September 5 *Labor Day Holiday Church Office Closed*



September 6 Tuesday 12:00 pm Food Pantry Open

September 7 Wednesday 11:00 am Church Open for Prayer
 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

September 8 Thursday 12:00 pm Food Pantry Open

September 11 Sunday 10:30 am Rally Day Worship Service
 11:30 am Welcome Sunday Gathering

September 12 Monday 11:00 am Church Open for Prayer

September 13 Tuesday 12:00 pm Food Pantry Open

September 14 Wednesday 11:00 am Church Open for Prayer
 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study



September 18 Sunday 9:30 am Choir
 10:30 am Worship Service
 11:30 am Fellowship Hour

September 19 Monday 11:00 am Church Open for Prayer

September 20 Tuesday 12:00 pm Food Pantry Open
 2:30 pm Zoom Ministry to Community Meeting

September 21 Wednesday 11:00 am Church Open for Prayer
 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
 7:00 pm Session

September 24 Saturday 9:30 am Capen Plant & Seed Exchange

September 25 Sunday 9:30 am Choir
 10:30 am Worship Service
 11:30 am Fellowship Hour



September 25	Monday	11:00 am 1:30 pm	Church Open for Prayer Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
September 27	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
September 28	Wednesday	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Church Open for Prayer Zoom Bible Study
September 29	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open

Birthday Wishes Going Out to ...

August

- 1 Tina Burker
- 2 Addie Fisher
- 3 John Swaine
- 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
- 25 Barbara Moran
- 26 Marietta Bratton
- 29 Joseph Beamer



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, August 5th & September 2nd from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

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