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Message from our Pastor

The Church is often referred to as "the Body of Christ." A body functions best when the parts are physically connected to one another. Covid-19 forced an awkward disconnection of our community of faith. We worked to overcome that disconnection through the gift of technology but, as much as it was a blessing in the midst of the hardship, virtual connections could never replace the importance found in our being physically present with one another.

In short, during the pandemic we greatly missed one another. We greatly missed you!

With the increase in vaccination rates, UPC has resumed in-person worship. This coming September we hope to see the return of our choir, coffee hour, and other ministries. In addition, this fall UPC will recognize its 100th Anniversary with various celebrations and events.

We greatly desire to have you join us for these and other activities in the life of our congregation. You matter to us at UPC. Your presence is a gift to our community. Hopefully the community of UPC has and will continue to be a gift to you. And so as you emerge from the pandemic lockdown, we encourage you to re-connect with your community of faith here at UPC—the community that cares about you!

In an effort to re-connect after such a prolonged disruption, UPC elders and deacons will begin contacting church members in the upcoming weeks. These phone calls are a way for us to reaffirm your importance to us and to learn how you are doing in these days following the strict lockdown.

Understandably, there are some in our faith community whose health prevents them from physically joining us or whose health may require yet further caution regarding gatherings. If this is true for you, we very much want to meet your spiritual and pastoral needs and hope you will share how we can better do so during the elder and deacon phone calls.

The way of Jesus Christ is a great blessing as well as a daily challenge. We need one another to walk that path faithfully. Our community of faith needs you!

Shalom,
Tracy

Worship Column

Sunday, August 1

10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a; Ps. 51:1-12;
Exod. 16:2-4, 9-15; Ps. 78:23-29;
Eph. 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 8

11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps. 130;
1 Kings 19:4-8, Ps. 34:1-8; Eph. 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 15

12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ps. 111;
Prov. 9:1-6, Ps. 34:9-14; Eph. 5:15-20;
John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 22

13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Ps. 84;
Josh. 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ps. 34:15-22; Eph. 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 29

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9;
Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9; Ps. 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Chicken Soup for Our Christian Souls

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It is easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So, we must ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let us work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.

August birthday wishes go out to...



- 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



"It is best to be born in April or August when the life-giving Sun is in its exaltation . . . for then we enter the sea of life on the crest-wave and are backed in the battle of existence by an abundant fund of vim and energy." —*Max Heindel*

What's Happening in



Sunday, August 1	10:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, August 3	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 5	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Friday, August 6	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Sunday, August 8	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Worship Service Zoom Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday, August 10	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 12	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, August 15	10:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, August 17	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Zoom Youth Support Team Mtg. Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, August 18	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, August 19	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Friday, August 20		Vow Renewal Rehearsal
Saturday, August 21	1:00 pm	Vow Renewal
Sunday, August 22	10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, August 23	2:00 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist
Sunday, August 29	10:00 am	Worship Service

SAVE THE DATE

As previously announced, UPC will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on

Sunday, November 7

with a special worship service including former pastors Allison Halsey and Peter Nord, to be followed by a brunch/luncheon at Classics V. **Please mark your calendars, so that you don't miss this very special occasion.**

Watch for future notices, all of which will feature our anniversary logo, seen below.





10 Years of Borrowing Tools and Building Community!

Join us on Saturday, August 14th to celebrate the Tool Library's 10th Anniversary! Gather with your favorite neighborhood Tooligans for a garden party and celebrate ten years of building stronger communities a better world through the power of sharing. What started as a simple idea—sharing more of what we have—has grown into an incredible community of doers, makers, tinkerers and repairers!

Over the past ten years, The Tool Library has grown from a small storefront helping neighbors fix up their homes, to a region-wide resource center helping individuals and organizations turn ideas into action and transform their communities with borrowed tools.

Grow with us and see how you can get involved and support us over the next decade!

THE DETAILS:

When: Saturday, August 14th 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!



Purchase tickets on website: www.thetoollibrary.org/grow

Adult Tickets: \$20

Kids under 12: Free





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 6th from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.

A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation

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