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Please... No computers, No TVs, No adult clothing

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Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower the church.



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 Contact a pastor or visit our website at: www.unitedpc.org.

While the Pastor's Away....

It won't be long now until I'm basking in the clouds of Scotland (there's no sun there), the birthplace of the Presbyterian Church. It will be a fantastic trip of learning, worship, and experiences. It's hard to believe it's almost time to go. I'll be gone from June 2-27th, so you may be asking how things will work while I'm gone. I'm glad you asked.

First, worship on Sunday mornings is already planned. On the first Sunday of June we will have our annual music Sunday, in which music has a larger role in the service than on a typical Sunday. We will have communion and Aaron Schultz is going to give a short message. The next week is youth Sunday, so the youth will lead the whole service including a message. Pastor Patricia will preach on the third Sunday of June, and then we get to hear Alex Lysdahl preach on the fourth Sunday of June. Alex is a member of the church who is finishing up seminary so she can be an ordained pastor.

Pastoral Care will be handled by Pastor Patricia and our Parish Nurse, Kirsten Tharp, so you are in capable and caring hands. I'll have access to email and phone so I will stay up to date on all the concerns in the church and will be praying for each of you.

We are so blessed to have an amazing staff at UPC of people who are gifted and dedicated to the work of this church. I have no doubt things will run smoothly, because each of our staff members know their roles, duties, and tasks and work so well together. I'll be available to give direction or guidance in the event of any crisis, but I don't think that will be needed. I trust the staff and the decisions they make. I feel comfortable for leaving this long because of the staff we have, and I'm so thankful for that.

I am also thankful for the HR Committee for providing this time and opportunity for me to go to Scotland and have this wonderful experience. And I'm thankful for each of you. We are a strong and healthy church because of you. Many churches would have high anxiety when a pastor leaves for a sabbatical, but United is a strong and healthy church community. You trust our Session, our staff, and each other. Thank you for being such a good and beautiful community.

I'll be sharing some pictures of my trip on Facebook and will make some short videos to share in the Weekly Ringer while I'm in Scotland. I will miss each of you and will look forward to returning to UPC with new energy and vision for the work that is ahead for our church. Our work never ends because we are called to grow and nurture followers of Christ in a welcoming community.

Thank you and I look forward to sharing stories of my trip with each of you soon.

In common calling,
Pastor Stephen

A Gift of Love

"It was such a gift!" "When Pastor Patricia told me that Mom had it all planned, I was so relieved." These are words that one of our members shared during the April Connecting Point class "Mapping Your Exit." It is so true. In that moment when emotions are raw from grief and loss, we are suddenly faced with so many decisions about our loved one. So, it is a wonderful gift to our families when some of those decisions are already made; when some of the plans are already in place.

In this case, the funeral was planned and paid for and even the funeral service hymns, special music, readings, and Scripture all were ready for the family to receive on that difficult day. A Gift from Mom.

You and I can leave a similar gift. The "Mapping Your Exit" classes are going to be repeated in June immediately following Sunday worship. We will learn about the importance of making our healthcare wishes known and selecting a Medical Power of Attorney to carry out those wishes. We will look at funeral planning, and learn about our Memorial Garden as an option for those who choose cremation. And we will learn about Wills, Estates and Trusts, and Power of Attorney from our member Jennie Boswell who is an attorney. See the Adult Classes for class schedule.

I hope that many of you will take advantage of this special class offering and leave your family such a gift.

A companion on the journey of faith,
Pastor Patricia

Prayer Circle

PRAYER CIRCLE

We pray for the healing hand of God be upon our friends in need of healing: Jan Wagner, Nancy Jones, Corda Jones, Rick Noetzel, Peg Weber, Nathan Pennington, Debbie Sullivan, Dick West and Bob McDowell. And may our compassionate God grant comfort and strength to the family and friends who are grieving for: Susi Cain, Ray Long, and James Devore.

Stewardship & Finance

Leaving A Legacy

There's an old Jewish fable about an elderly man who spent all this spare time planting fig trees. "You're a fool, old man," the villagers would tease. "Why are you planting fig trees? You're going to die before you'll ever bite into a single fig!"

"You are quite right," replied the old man. "Yet I have spent many happy hours sitting under fig trees and eating their fruit. Those trees were planted by others. Why shouldn't I make sure that others will know the same enjoyment I have had?"

Did you know there are four easy ways for you to remember United Presbyterian in your will?

A Specific Bequest – You can designate a certain amount of cash or specific assets to the church.

A Residual Bequest – You can plan for the church to receive all or a portion of your estate after other specific bequests have been distributed.

A Percentage Bequest – You can designate a certain percentage of the estate to go to the church.

A Contingent Bequest – You can make the church the recipient of a bequest if others named in your will are not living at the time of your death.

No matter how you decide to remember UPC, a gift from your will accomplishes several key benefits.

It sends a strong message to your heirs that UPC played an important role in your life.

It guarantees that your generosity to the UPC will be continued even after you are gone.

It provides important assistance to UPC.

It may even provide tax benefits for your heirs.

Talk to your lawyer or financial counselor today about the best way for you to remember your United Presbyterian Church in your will. If you need legal help, please let a pastor know, and we will help make arrangements for you.

News and Notes

New Leadership Training

The Session has voted to provide more in-depth training to newly elected Elders and Deacons before they are elected by the congregation to serve. If you had the opportunity to attend the May 15th informational meeting, you had the opportunity to hear more about this, and we will share it again at the May 29th congregational meeting.

The training will be for newly elected officers each year, but those currently serving are encouraged to attend also. The majority of the Session believed it would be helpful for them to attend as well. We will be using training program developed by Rev. Steve Eason, who used this model at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte (one of the largest churches in the denomination), called *Making Disciples, Making Leaders*.

The Session believes our Elders and Deacons will greatly benefit from an expanded training program that focuses on exploring and understanding our individual faith stories, Presbyterian Doctrine and Theology, Presbyterian Polity, and the role of Elders and Deacons in ministry and the work of this church. We will have four sessions that are three hours each and each participant will be given a workbook. Our hope is that we better equip our elected officers to serve, but also emphasize the importance of these offices and what being ordained as an Elder and Deacon means to the church and to one's personal faith.

If you would like to see a sample of the workbook or to see some sample pages from the Leader's Guide, please email Pastor Stephen at revmcwhit@unitedpc.org

Memorial Garden Special Price Reduction

Don't forget, the Memorial Garden has reduced the price of plots in our Memorial Garden by \$200 a piece through July. If you are interested in reserving your place in the Memorial Garden, please talk to one of the pastors.

VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...NOT JUST FOR KIDS!

Sunday, July 17 – Thursday, July 21 from 6 – 8:30 pm

I know you have heard about it. You see the signs, the decorations, the pictures and more. You know it is happening, but have you ever experienced it? I would like to extend a personal invitation to anyone and everyone, young and old to come experience VBS. You do not have to volunteer to lead or have a child participating. Just come join in the fun! If you ask any adult involved in VBS, they have just as much fun as the children and why should you miss out on that? Show up anytime and see what the excitement is all about!

Some of the things you could participate in are:

- Helping make cards and gifts for members who find it difficult to make it to church,
- Learn more about Foster Pet Outreach and the wonderful work they do, enjoy a Kona Ice after the children sing songs on finale night,
- Play some crazy relay races with the kids,
- Watch some of our youth and adults share their dramatic skills in skits,
- Share in some interactive prayer time with the kids,
- Listen to former Chicago Bull, A.J. Guyton, share what he has learned about hard work, and so much more!

This week is a celebration and we want everyone to be a part of it!

Karen Miller

Thanks

Thank you to my UPC family for the cards, notes and prayers; the prayers worked. I am cancer free for now. They meant a lot to me as I faced a journey I never thought I would take. I really miss my church home. Blessings,
Carol Agner

Worship & the Arts



The Messengers: The Prophets Speak Then and Now

This summer, we will hear God speak through the prophetic books of Scripture. A prophet is a messenger of God, and each prophetic work in Scripture is God's message to God's people in a particular time and place, but it is also God's word to us today. Join us all summer long as we hear God's messages to us.

Sunday Sermons

June 5 Music Sunday Aaron Schultz

June 12 Youth Sunday Karen Miller "In My Shoes"

June 19 "Who's Your Daddy?"

Isaiah 43:1-13 Pastor Patricia

June 26: "Together"

Isaiah 65:17-25 Alexandra Lysdahl

Capturing Gods Natural World

Get those cameras out and start snapping photos. The Nature Connections is having a photo contest of our wonderful outdoor campus at UPC. Take photos all seasons and next February we will have a photo show and awards (for all ages, and all levels of expertise). More details to follow. Photograph birds, flowers, insects, people – but it has to be on the UPC campus! Watch for detailed information.

Community Choir

If you have any interest in singing, please consider participating in the Community Choir this summer. We meet on the 4th Sunday of every month at 9:00am to learn an accessible anthem which we sing during that Sunday service. You do not have to read music or be a trained vocalist to be in this ensemble! It is a wonderful opportunity for younger kids and adults to sing together and share this gift with the congregation. The dates for Community Choir are Sunday, June 26th, July 24th, and August 28th. Contact Aaron Schultz (aschultz@unitedpc.org) for more information.

Worship & the Arts Cont'd

A Note of Thanks

If you have ever been in a long-term, committed relationship, what has been the most difficult task in contributing to the health of the relationship?

I can answer this question in one word for myself...**compromise**. No amount of marriage counseling, courtship, or personal preparation could provide me with the adequate training for learning how to compromise well with Jenn. It has taken us years to learn what it means to give to one another without expecting anything in return, and we still are trying earnestly to figure it out!

I firmly believe genuine acts of compromise can only be achieved when love for the “the other” exists. When the focus of “*what do I have to give up?*” transitions to “*what can I offer my partner that I haven’t been offering in the past?*”, real compromise happens. It ceases to become an inconvenience at that point; rather, it becomes a form of mutual sharing.

There are wonderful acts of compromise happening in the community of UPC, and I want to take this time to personally thank you. Worship is one of the most beloved and divisive components of a church, as evident by the current *Worship Wars* stemming from decade-old arguments. Often time church music leaves a monoculture in its wake; people gravitate towards things they want and don’t allow themselves to experience forms of worship that do not fit their standards or expectations.

Here at UPC something different is happening. Instead of separating into groups established by preference, we have joined together around a united expression of diverse forms of worship. The desire for *togetherness* is more important than one person’s idea of what worship should look like. There is a communal attitude instead of an individualistic attitude. And let me tell you... this takes compromise.

Some of you may not like everything that happens on a Sunday morning. I don’t either! But each part of the service speaks to different people in our community. Whether it is hymns on organ, contemporary music with the band, choral anthems, corporate prayers, ritual practices, children in worship, sermons, sacramental practice, drama, solemnity, humor, etc.....they all speak to the collective body without necessarily resonating perfectly with every single person present in worship. Our identity is bigger than ourselves at UPC. When we say the word “we”, it does not just mean myself and the rest of my immediate family. This pronoun “we” means all of us.

After witnessing and hearing about countless churches splitting because of worship, theology, and Christian practice, I want to extend a giant thank you to each of you who make up the family of UPC. I’m consistently inspired by your commitment to learn how to be a welcoming and diverse community of Christ followers. I’m humbled by how you allow others to experience worship in meaningful ways even though you may not prefer those expressions. In the process we are all growing together into the likeness of Christ. We learn to extract meaning from witnessing others who are moved in worship by elements we have not naturally been drawn to. Your acts of compromise allow us to grow into a welcoming, nurturing, and Christ-centered community.

Aaron Schultz

Children’s Choir

On June 12th we are having the UPC Children’s Choir sing during worship. Erin Cole is leading the ensemble and rehearsals are during the Sunday School hour. There will be a dress rehearsal on June 5th following the worship service in the sanctuary. If you would like to have more information about this ensemble, please contact Aaron Schultz (aschultz@unitedpc.org).

Prayer Wall

As a community centered in prayer, we recently constructed a prayer wall located outside of the sanctuary. This prayer wall allows for our community to not only pray for one another, but also to practice the ritual of physically naming and writing prayers as an act of love and devotion. Have you ever said to another person, “I’ll be praying for you”, but forget to follow through with that commitment? Writing prayers to place on the prayer wall is just one of the many ways we can remain consistent in our prayer life. Feel free to visit the prayer wall to add a prayer to the wall or pray over the prayers already named on the wall.

Christian Education

adult Classes

Sunday 9:00am Education Hour will not meet during summer months. Thank you to all our volunteer leaders and to all who participated in the 9am Education Hour this season.

Sunday Mornings 11:15am-12pm

"Mapping Your Exit" Each and every one of us will make our "exit" one day. The wisdom of the Scriptures reminds us that "For everything under heaven, there is a time and a season." With that in mind, one of the greatest gifts we can give to our families is to plan for our inevitable exit. Advanced planning regarding healthcare decisions, disposition of estate, and funeral planning can be a reassurance, a guide and a comfort to us and to our families. We will have guest speakers each week to lead us through various planning steps.

June 5: The Five Wishes and Medical Power of Attorney with Kirsten Tharp

June 12: Funeral Planning and the Memorial Garden with Pastor Patricia

June 19: Happy Father's Day, no class

June 26: Power of Attorney, Wills, Estates and Trusts with Attorney Jennie Boswell

Thursday Mornings at 10am

We will be completing The Good and Beautiful Community book discussion. Newcomers are always welcome!

- June 2 The Worshipping Community
- June 9 Writing a Soul-Training Plan
- **June 16 No Class** UPC Discovery Teaching Institute is meeting all week
- **June 23 No Class** the parking lot is being resealed
- June 30 Jesus' teachings and parables in the Gospel of Luke.

Eleven Minute Lessons

There will be no Eleven-Minute Lessons during the summer. We will begin again in September.

Youth Christian Education

**Children's, Middle & High School Education Hour
None for the Summer**

Children's Sunday School

Holy Moly

Ages 3 – 3rd grade

Children will be escorted from worship after the Time for Young Disciples upstairs to the Sunday school rooms for Holy Moly. Holy Moly follows a four-part sequence: Discover, Relate, Connect, and Create. Each week, kids will watch and animated Bible story video, talk about the story, read their Bible, and will be encouraged to journal their observations. It is a wonderful curriculum that you are welcome to observe anytime!

If time and weather permits, we may end class on the playground for pick up.

4th Grade and Up Sunday School

We will be continuing "ECHO THE STORY" and going deeper into the Bible stories we have been told repeatedly as children.

QUEST Youth Groups

Quest Middle & High School Gatherings

Sunday, June 5

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Both groups will meet at this time to do a run through of the youth service that will take place June 12.

*Email Karen Miller at karen@unitedpc.org to receive weekly youth updates. This will give you access to the most current youth information.

QUEST Middle & High School Important Upcoming Events

Youth depart for Mission Trip Sunday, June 26 after worship and return Friday, July 1 in the afternoon.

Health and Wellness

Heat Illness

Summer is just around the corner and it is important to stay safe when out and about in warmer temperatures. Overheating can lead to a dangerous health crisis. Heat exhaustion starts slowly, but if not quickly treated can progress to heatstroke. In heatstroke, a person's temperature reaches 105°F or higher. Heatstroke is a medical emergency and can be fatal. Young children and the elderly are particularly at risk for experiencing heat related illness.

Signs and Symptoms Heat Exhaustion:

- Increased thirst
- Weakness
- Fainting
- Muscle cramps
- Nausea and vomiting
- Irritability
- Regular/Severe Headache
- Increased sweating
- Cool, clammy skin
- Elevation of body temperature, but less than 105°F

Heatstroke:

- Confusion
- Weakness
- Rapid breathing and heartbeat
- Loss of consciousness leading to coma
- Seizures
- May stop sweating
- Flushed, hot, dry skin
- Elevation of body temperature, 105°F or higher
- Seek emergency medical care immediately for symptoms of heatstroke.

In cases of heat exhaustion or while awaiting help for possible heatstroke:

- Bring the person indoors or into the shade immediately.
- Undress or loosen clothing.
- Have the person lie down, elevate feet slightly.
- If the person is alert, place in cool bath water. If outside, spray with mist from a garden hose.
- If the person is alert and coherent, give frequent sips of cool, clear fluids.
- If the person is vomiting, turn onto his or her side to prevent choking.

Think Prevention

- Drink plenty of fluids before and during activities in hot, sunny weather — even if you aren't thirsty.
- Wear light-colored, loose clothing in warm weather.
- Don't participate in heavy activity outdoors during the hottest hours of the day.
- Come indoors immediately whenever you feel overheated.

Kirsten Tharp, Parish Nurse

Thank-you

Thank-you to everyone that supported the blood drive on May 2. The Red Cross was able to collect 18 units of blood. Each unit can save up to 3 lives, so up to 54 people will benefit from a few hours in the UPC fellowship hall!

Stephen Ministry

What does a Stephen Minister do?

- Offers Christian friendship and love
- Listens
- Encourages
- Keeps confidence
- Prays
- Supports
- Walks beside a hurting person

"Here am I, Lord. Send me!"

(Isaiah 6:8)

A class for new Stephen Ministers will be offered soon. The group will join the trained Stephen Ministers from UPC.

If you are interested in learning about Stephen Ministry or would like to be a Stephen Minister, please sign below and return this section to the church office. You may also speak to one of the pastors or Linda Fortin, Stephen Leader.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Comments:

Mission

Faith in Action Sunday

Faith in Action Sunday is Sunday, July 17th. This year, we will take worship to Rosewood Nursing Home at 10:00am. We have also been invited back to worship with Zion Baptist Church at 10:30am at Zion. Lastly, we will be setting up for VBS at the church and making Fleece Tie blankets in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for one of these missional activities.

Mission News

Last fall our congregation responded to a call to be a lifeline for Syrian refugee families by collecting \$12,500 for the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). As we approach National Refugees Sunday on June 26th, the Mission Committee wanted to provide an update on how these funds were utilized, along with the current refugee situation in Syria. The UNHCR led refugee efforts in 2015, reaching 3,213,275 vulnerable people and providing more than 9,046,097 “core relief items” necessary for sustaining life. The agency also reached 61,064 vulnerable people in Syria with “shelter solutions” providing living and sleeping places for refugees.

Despite the outpouring of world sympathy towards the plight of Syrians last year, the situation for refugees remains dire. Refugee camps in northern Syria have been bombed during airstrikes, killing and injuring people trying to escape from the precarious political situation in the country. Because of the danger and instability that continues to besiege the region, refugees still must resort to using smugglers to try and escape into Europe, risking a perilous journey in overloaded boats. Hundreds have died in the attempt while European leaders disagree over how to best handle the influx of people and some keep their borders closed. Even for the refugees who have managed to be resettled into places like the US and Canada, they face persecution and backlash amongst a hostile political rhetoric, making their entry into a new life difficult and even dangerous.

It's important that even as the media moves on to other crises, we remain faithful in our prayers and attention for Syrian refugees and their needs in 2016. In fact, the needs for UNHCR's Operation in Syria have increased dramatically over the past few years as the donor funding has struggled to keep up with increasingly fraught situation. The funding requirements for the UNHCR in 2016 now stands at \$382 million, which is a staggering increase of \$73 million on 2015's needs, demonstrating the continuing severity of the situation in Syria. The mission committee would urge you to prayerfully consider how to best show the love of God to Syrian refugees in crisis, both at home and abroad.

Jenna Hague, Mission Chair

Session Notes

Session Notes

The Session of UPC met on Tuesday, May 17th for its regular stated meeting. The Session received two new members into the church: Ryan and Janine Spieden. The Session heard about the new Deacon restructuring plan, but no action was needed because the Member Care Committee is still in discussion on some of the details. The Session approved lowering the number of deacons to 27 incrementally by having classes of nine deacons, and not refilling vacated spots.

The Session also approved a special communion service to be held on election night on November 8th to emphasize unity and to remember that Christ alone is Lord. We hosted a similar service four years ago. The Session also signed up the committees of Session to take care of fellowship duties for each Sunday this summer. Finally, the Session recognized some good things happening in and through our church like the Welcome to UPC Brunch on May 15th, The Peace for Peoria Event on May 16th, and the Service of Remembrance and Hope on May 17th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A prayer shawl is a comforting and healing gift to our friends in time of need. A diagnosis of cancer is one of those times. We would like to have some shawls in pink for Breast Cancer, grey for Brain Cancer, purple for Pancreatic Cancer and Lavender for all cancers. We will bless them during Sunday worship in October, Cancer Awareness month.

Church Life

Bus Trips

Our spring trips were lots of fun. Future trips are being planned. Contact Charlotte Cronin or Pastor Patricia with your ideas.

Rummage Sale

Start saving your stuff. Donations will be accepted Friday, July 22nd through Tuesday, July 26th. Please no computers, TV's or adult clothing. Volunteers are needed to set-up, work the sale, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or let Trish in the church office know.

UPC Hiking Group

June hikes are planned for Saturday June 4 and Wednesday evening June 15 at 5:30pm. Locations TBA. We tend to hike varied terrain; some less strenuous, some more strenuous. Would you like to join in the hiking fun? Contact Pastor Patricia or Alan Lonn.

Ruth Circle

Our final Ruth Circle for the year will be Monday, June 6th at 12:00pm with a salad luncheon potluck. Anyone interested in joining the Ruth Circle is most welcome. Next year's book study will continue with "Becoming a Woman of Prayer." The study will start back up in September.

Meals for Eugenia Ofori

Eugenia and Daniel Ofori are expecting a baby, which is great news. Congratulations! As some of you know, Eugenia was required to be on bedrest because of a medical condition until Lauren was born in February of 2015. She is on bedrest once again until her baby is born in September. Daniel has recently started a new job in Oregon, and so Eugenia is in need of some care from her church family so that she can remain here with the doctors that she trusts with her pregnancy care.

Here is how you can help.

A meal schedule has been created using TakeThemAMeal.com, and you've been invited to participate.

Meals are needed for: Eugenia Ofori on Sundays and Wednesdays.

If you would like to sign up, you can access the meal schedule by visiting TakeThemAMeal.com and locating the schedule by recipient last name (Ofori) and password (UPC16)

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Leuba at 309-696-7319.

This is an excellent opportunity to live into our calling to be "The Serving Community."

Eating Together

Men's Breakfast: June 9 at 9:00 am at Le Peep

Local Lunch: June 20 at 12:00 pm at the Weaver-Ridge Country Club.

Ladies Night Out: June 16 at 6:00pm at Kelleher's Irish Pub and Eatery on Water Street
RSVP: Eunice @ 688-8458 or Betty @822-8500

Thursday Lunch Bunch: June 30th, at 11:30 am at Childer's in Junction City.

Presbytery Night at the Ballpark!

June 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Join Pastor Patricia and friends from UPC and others from churches in the Presbytery of Great Rivers for a night at the Dozer Ball Park. Tickets are \$8 and must be purchased in advance in the church office by May 27. There will be music and fireworks immediately following the ballgame.

Thanks

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and prayers at time of our son Steve's death. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family at UPC.

Sincerely, Cliff and Mary Etta Hanson

Dear UPC,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift to the Projecto Amar preschool program. The air conditioners and the preschool Portuguese Bibles will be an incredible blessing to the children and staff. We are so grateful for your partnership. Together, we are helping children in Goiania grow up to live for God and love others!

Serving Jesus, Ashley Hentrich

Thank you for the rose and the blanket that Steve received when he was in the hospital. Thanks so much to Pastors Patricia and Stephen, Karen and Kirsten for everything you have helped us with during this difficult time.

Cathy & Abby Stella