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September 18, 2026

From the Pastor

The Spirit is busy! This Sunday is Brush Arbor, and the current forecast is gorgeous. - a little cool getting started, a little toasty getting finished. We will be worshipping outside and having dinner on the grounds. Tables and chairs will be set up, and you're also welcome to bring camping chairs and/or picnic blankets.

Sunday School starts NEXT Sunday, September 27th and will happen after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Pastor Lisa is teaching Bible Basics for adults. The class for middle & high school students and the class for K-5th grade students are using a wonderful curriculum from Illustrated Ministry that will frequently build on what we do in worship.

In worship this week, we continue exploring weird stories in the Bible. In honor of Brush Arbor, we'll join the psalmist in praise in Psalm 149. I invite you to pay attention to the last half of the chapter where it takes a rather dark turn. Then, with the psalm in mind, read and pray about Matthew 18:15-20 remembering that Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the psalm. Spoiler alert - the Matthew text seems to not only be in opposition to the psalm but also to other things Jesus says. What are we supposed to do with that?

Join us on Sunday as we ponder that together. Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

TL;DR

Too Long; Didn't Read

- Ongoing opportunities to serve
- NO Oktoberfest Parking tonight
- Brush Arbor Sunday, September 20th
- NKY Youth Kickoff Sunday, September 13th
- Ongoing opportunities to serve
- Workshop for Growing Churches Tuesday, September 29th - Info & reservation

- UPC's team for Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday, October 3rd - Info, how to join the team and/or donate
- 3rd Annual Boone County Pride Festival Sunday, October 4th - Info, reservations & how to help
- Mark your calendar October dates



NO Oktoberfest Parking Friday, September 18th

We are NOT parking cars for Oktoberfest tonight because we did not have enough volunteers. Scouts will be parking cars on Saturday, September 19th with proceeds funding their activities.

Brush Arbor Worship & Dinner on the Grounds THIS Sunday, September 20th



We will worship outside, enjoy fried chicken for lunch, and spend some time enjoying the blessing of our church family along with our brothers and sisters from the community. Once again the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimer group will be providing music for worship. Our deacons will provide the meal.



Many Hands are Necessary to Make Brush Arbor a Reality Brush Arbor Helping Hands Opportunities

Click [here](#) to sign up to help make Brush Arbor happen. Generous disciples may serve in the following ways:

Set up crew begin at 845am putting up tables and chairs.

Table decorators begin at 915 am.

Food service set up begins at 9:15 am.

Worship set up begins at 9:15 am.

Lunch set up and service begins at approximately 10:45am.

Clean up crew. After the festivities anyone & everyone is invited to help clean up. It's a big job, but many hands make light work.

NKY Youth Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 13th

Middle Schoolers & High Schoolers will reunite with old friends and make new ones in NKY Youth group beginning Sunday, September 13th. UPC is part of this group in collaboration with Crescent Springs PC, Lakeside PC, Ft. Thomas PC, Christ Church UCC, and St. John's UCC.

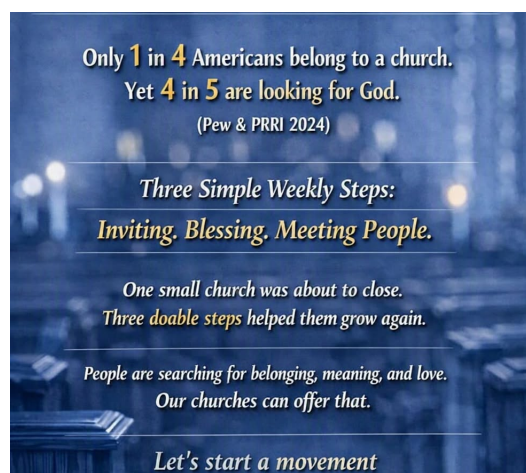


Opportunities to Serve

Thank you to all who helped with our Sunday worship on September 13th: Sheila Wenstrup, Lynn Jasensky, San Caudill, Luca Vanzant, Alejandro Rosario, and Richard and Ruth Ann Sloan. Morgan Dern and Harper Gilbert served as acolytes. Chad Cuthbertson-Adams ran A/V, and Sheila Wenstrup was the lemonade hostess.



As the Body of Christ, we all have gifts, talents and abilities to share. Lending a hand to help lead Sunday worship or caring for our facility is one simple but important way to serve Christ and each other. Brochures with more info are available in the sanctuary. You may sign up on [the SignUp Genius website.](#)



Growing Church Workshop Tuesday, September 29th 6pm

John Fong is leading this Zoom workshop. You can participate on your own at home or join a watch party at church. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you'd like to participate.

From John, "*I am a church growth consultant who specializes in helping congregations grow in simple and realistic ways. I have worked with more*

than a dozen churches in our presbytery. It has been a joy to walk alongside them and to see how even small steps can create new growth and renewed hope.

In this 35 minute workshop, I will present 2 Case Studies + 3 Doable Growth Steps. If your congregation would like to increase visitors, ignite fresh energy, and discern a clearer path forward, I would be glad to have you join us."

**2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's
Saturday, October 3rd 10am
Sawyers Point**



Many of us have been affected by Alzheimer's Disease, and this year UPC has a team walking to support continued research and families living with the

disease. Diagnosis and treatment has made huge strides in just the past few years, and one of our own is currently benefiting from those strides. Click [here](#) to join or donate to the team. For more information contact Sheila Wenstrup, UPC's Team Captain.

3rd Annual Boone Pride Sunday, October 4th 12pm - 4pm

UPC has a booth at the festival. We're joining over 70 booths for vendors, community organizations, businesses and churches and sharing the love of Christ, great info, giveaways and activities. Entertainment, concessions, a kids' area and more provide a joy-filled afternoon for all ages. Entertainment includes MUSE, drag queens with family friendly songs and Dance Flash Fusion. There is a kids' area, and concessions are available for purchase. If you'd like to help plan and/or want to join the fun, sign up in the narthex or on the [website](#).

Click [here](#) or QR code below to reserve a free ticket to this fabulous afternoon with our neighbors!



3rd Annual
**BOONE KY
PRIDE
FESTIVAL**

Oct 4, 2026
12-4pm

Florence Y'all's Stadium
7950 Freedom Way
Florence, KY 41042

2 Entertainment Stages
70+ Vendors
Cultural Programming
Family Zone
Teen Area and Resources
Wellness and Refresh Zone
Concession Food & Drinks

BOONE COUNTY
PRIDE
KENTUCKY

Get your **FREE**
Tickets Here

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, October 4th – No potluck. Boone Pride instead.
Sunday, October 18th – Potluck and ministry fair

**17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 20th**

8:45am Brush Arbor set up begins
10am BRUSH ARBOR worship

Lunch after worship

5:30pm NKY Youth Group Dinner &
Gathering @ Lakeside Pres.

Monday, September 21st

9:30am Chair Yoga

6:30pm Session

7pm Scouts 805

Tuesday, September 22nd

6:30pm Cub Scouts 3805

Wednesday, September 23rd

9:30am Chair Yoga

6:30pm Choir

Girl Scout Troop 2830

8pm AA

Friday, September 25th

9:30am Chair Yoga

6pm Girl Scout Troop 2146

**18th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 27th**

10am Worship

After worship Sunday School
Bible Basics for Adults
Middle & High School
K - 5th grade

5:30pm NKY Youth Group Dinner &
Gathering @ Lakeside Pres.



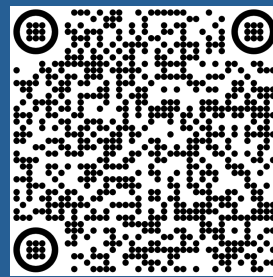
BIRTHDAYS

9/21 - Emmett Pears
9/25 - Kevin Dern
9/27 - Dave Kozlowski
9/30 - Hudson Clouse
10/1 - Frank Lindsey,
Sam Roberts
10/2 - Shannon
Eggleston,
Elle Springer
10/3 - Jim Vanzant
10/7 - Miguel Carlin
10/9 - Lisa Stenner
10/13 - Robert Brown
10/17 - Maddie &
Will Brooks
10/18 - Blakely Brown
10/19 - Laura Pears



ANNIVERSARIES

9/27 - Winston &
Jessica Wood
10/3 - Jim & Andrea
Vanzant
10/4 - Bob & Linda
Janes
10/22 - Genesis &
Asher Tinslee
10/24 - Dan & Erin
Kieffer



Online Giving

You may give online or via text through the UPC website. You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You may make a memorial or honorary gift and even pay for youth conferences. The online transaction processes the gift from your checking account, savings account, credit card or debit card and is secured through Global Payment Services which integrates with Servant Keeper, our membership program.

UPC does not receive the total amount of your gift due to processing fees. At the end of the transaction, you will be asked if you wish to donate an additional percentage to cover the processing costs.

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