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From the Pastor

Just when I thought things couldn't get any more exciting....they did! The Spirit is certainly at work in, among and through this family of faith. Ministry areas are gelling. Think tanks are happening. Experiments to live out our collective faith and discover our individual gifts and callings are emerging. Please read the newsletter carefully to be informed about all that is happening, and be brave in trying different things. As we learned last week, we are ALL students and works in process. Thanks be to God!

This Sunday in worship we'll explore how Jesus called early believers (and us) to pay attention to how life unfolds (Matthew 25:1-13) and hold that with Joshua's challenge to the Hebrews to make a choice about who they will serve (Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25). I invite you to read and to pray about each text and then to think and to pray about how the texts might relate to one another. How might they speak to each other? How might they diverge?

Then, I invite you to think and to pray about how the Spirit might be using these texts to speak to us today. How do we live as we wait for Jesus' return? How do our ancestors' experiences instruct, guide and/or caution us? What might that mean for us as we live into the future as individual believers and as a faith family?

Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

Saturday, November 11th 9:30am - 3pm
Community Service Day

UPC is collaborating with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to host a mission fair at the LDS Stakehouse on Buttermilk Pike that will include info about local helping agencies like Abraham's Pantry, Loaves & Fishes, Florence Christian's Shower Ministry, and many more. There will be onsite projects like making blankets for the Linus project and bedrolls for Loaves and Fishes. A blood drive for the American Red Cross will be happening as well. Off-site projects include assisting with Florence Christian's Community Thanksgiving meal, clean up at the Garden of Hope, projects at Easter Seals

Redwood Center, and several projects on the UPC playground. The event will kick off with prayer at 9:30. Sacked lunches will be distributed beginning at 11am. Off site projects will begin at 11:30 and last until approximately 3pm.

Outdoor projects at UPC will begin around 11:30am and wind up at 3pm at the latest. If you join the festivities here, please bring gloves, trimmers, loppers, gloves, and/or a crowbar.



Abraham's Pantry Ribbon Cutting Monday, November 13th 4:30pm

Join community leaders and ministry partners in celebrating Abraham's Pantry. We will share light snacks, tours of the pantry and information about how folks can join in this ministry of hospitality to care for our neighbors.

Lunch and Learn Sunday, November 19th LGTBQ+ What do all the letters mean?



Our new Affirmation and Allies Ministry had their inaugural think tank at the end of October and discerned the Spirit's leading to this starting point. Come, have lunch, learn about LGTBQ+ issues, find out what the letters and flags mean, ask questions, and help us discern how the Spirit might be leading us into the future. This is an experiment! There are no "dumb questions". Options are limitless.

Reservations are not required, and they do help us ensure enough food. Sign up in the narthex or on the website.

2023 Chili Cook Off

We had a great time last Sunday and have heard plans being made for 2024. The biggest winners were our neighbors! Your generosity raised over \$400 for our community assistance fund which provides Kroger cards and other assistance to our neighbors in need.



The Chili Cook Off winners are: 1st place – Pastor Lisa
2nd place – Neva Martin
3rd place – Julie Bailey

Click [here](#) for all the chili recipes that we have collected.



FRESH Thanksgiving Bags for Gallatin County CAC

Each Thanksgiving UPC graciously collects brown paper grocery bags full of non-perishable

Thanksgiving staples to help our neighbors in Gallatin County feast for the Holidays. While canned vegetables and boxed starches are inexpensive and easy to collect, their clients really want fresh produce items. This year we are again combining fresh and canned foods and providing turkeys for 15 families. Grocery bags with lists on them are available in the narthex. You may also contact the church office to have a list emailed to you. Please purchase the items on your list, fill the grocery bag, and add \$5 to help pay for turkeys. Bring your items back to church on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th**, and the Thanksgiving fairies will deliver fresh produce to our neighbors on the morning of **Monday, November 20th** just in time for a bountiful Thanksgiving feast! (If you would like to be a delivery fairy, sign up in the narthex or click [here](#) to contact the church office.

Breakfast for Babies Sunday, December 3rd 9am

We will share a potluck breakfast and celebrate the pregnancy of Katie & Devin Beasley and the upcoming birth of their son Koben. We are collecting diapers, wipes and books for the family. You may drop off diapers, wipes and books in advance in the office vestibule in the back of the building.



Schedule for This Week

27th Sunday
of Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 12th

9:15am K-5th Sunday School
Choir practice
10am Worship

3pm Resplendor de Gloria

Monday, November 13th

9am Yoga
4:30pm Abraham's Pantry
Ribbon Cutting
6:45pm Finance Ministry
7pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 14th

6pm Presbytery of Cincinnati
meeting via Zoom
6:30pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 15th

9am Yoga
12pm SafetyNet NKY
8pm AA



BIRTHDAYS

11/12 - Alison Vessa
11/15 - Brian Eggleston
11/17 - Ginny Claar,
Asher Tinslee
11/19 - Bob Janes,
Adam Scott
11/23 - Russ Houchins
11/24 - Lisa Denham
12/2 - Jack Eggleston
12/3 - Ellis Golden
12/7 - Elaine Johnson
12/8 - Debbie Forney,
Jessica Wood
12/9 - Amy Scott,
Joe VonLehman



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 Vanco Payment Solutions.

UPC does not receive the total amount of your gift due to processing fees. At the end of the transaction, you

Thursday, November 16th
11am UPSeniors at
Greyhound Tavern
7pm Resplandor de Gloria



will be asked if you wish to
donate an additional 2.75%
to cover the processing
costs.

ANNIVERSARIES

Friday, November 17th
9am Yoga
6pm Girl Scout Troop 2146

11/26 - Devin & Katie
Beasley

11/27 - Dave & Sue
Kozlowski

Saturday, November 18th
9:30am Union Children's
Choir

12/19 - Kevin Ball &
Bethany Brewer Ball

**28th Sunday
of Ordinary Time**

Sunday, November 19th

10am Worship
After worship Lunch & Learn
LGTBQ+ What do the letters
mean?

3pm Resplandor de Gloria

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