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From the Pastor

Hold on to your hats - this is a lengthy newsletter! The Spirit is busy busy during this "slow" season, and there is a lot happening in the moment and in preparations for the future. AND, we have heard your cries that the newsletter is just too long some times so you don't read all of it.

Beginning this week I will do my best to include a TL;DR section after my letter. **TL;DR** stands for *too long; didn't read*. It's like a table of contents for the newsletter that allows you to scroll to the parts that are more important to you for more info and to have at least an overview of what's happening if you don't have time to read the whole newsletter. This is a new endeavor for me, so thank you in advance for your patience!

That Holy Spirit is a wily one! Our VBS gurus didn't choose this year's theme based on the worship schedule AND.... *Kingdom Rock* fit perfectly into last week's service. This week worship will be a quick trip through a week's worth of learning about the nature of God and God's kingdom and what it means to be citizens of it. If you missed last week's service, you can catch up here. Then, think and pray about what it means to be part of God's kingdom in preparation for worship this Sunday in which we will all have the opportunity to "become like one of these" (Matthew 18:3) to experience the kingdom of God.

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

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

This Sunday after worship I will lead a "behind the scenes" tour of UPC for any interested persons. We'll find the door to nowhere, learn where extra trash bags are kept, and discover how to lock and unlock that pesky outside door by the Fellowship Hall. The info is helpful for officers, volunteers assisting with the facility and interested folks. Participants will receive printed notes and are encouraged to take their own notes.

TL;DR

Too Long; Didn't Read

- VBS report & thanks
- Opportunities to serve
- Updates on space & admin position & how you can help in the transition
- New year preparations
- World's Longest Yard Sale & UPC hospitality booth August 8th
- Festival of Faiths August 1st
- Blessing of the Backpacks & Potluck August 16th



Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School was AMAZING!

UPC *rocked* this week with glimpses of God's amazing kingdom. Friendships were formed. Crafts were made. Songs were sung. God was praised, and hearts were filled with the love of Jesus.

Bethany Brewer Ball and Heather Dern organized and directed this year's vacation bible school. Kevin Ball, Mike Brewer, Kevin Dern, Molly Gilbert, Becky Melchior and Ruth Ann Sloan provided excellent leadership along with Brennen Ball and Owen Pears as youth assistants as We also appreciate all the generous donors who helped fund the experience and awesome families that shared their children with us and with each other to not only learn about God's kingdom but also to create a little bit of it on earth.

Opportunities to Serve

Thank you to all who helped with our Sunday worship on July 5th:

Michelle, Ken, and Gabby Hoffman; Lynn Jasensky, Grace Daniel, Sheila Wenstrup, Cheryl Davis, Molly Gilbert, Ruth Ann Sloan, Ollie Seidman, Brian Pears, Hayden Monson, Frank Lindsey and Marika Huls. We also appreciate our acolytes Harper Gilbert and Marin and Brennen Ball; our lemonade hostess Donna Shupe; and our sound tech Kim Fry.



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](#).

Updates on Space & Admin Position How You Can Help in the Transition

Space Opportunities

World of Wonder, the microschool that met at UPC for 2 years, closed this summer and vacated the lower level of the original building of our facility. We have 6 classrooms and 2 office-sized spaces available for lease. If you know of interested individuals or organizations, please have them contact [Pastor Lisa](#).

*Note: Leasing this space is not only a source of income but also a way to support our neighbors. We share space with individuals and organizations that seek the good of the whole community i.e. we will not lease space to Christian nationalists groups in order to make a few dollars.

Administrative Position

Personnel Ministry is working on the job description for the administrative assistant/bookkeeper position. Folks have been hard at work updating technologies to create more efficient and paperless work flow. In the meantime, Jacob Brooks and Sue Johns are taking care of financial needs; and Sue Kozlowski is in the office four days a week handling administrative and Clerk of Session responsibilities.

How You Can Help in the Transition

We have LOTS of transitional tasks to accomplish to get the next phase of our journey off on the right foot.

Contact Pastor Lisa if you are willing to:

- Serve on a task force to evaluate the needs of the downstairs space (painting, re-arranging furnishings, etc.)
- Serve on a task force to address the needs of the downstairs space once they are determined (paint, move furniture, clean windows, etc.)
- Clean resin tables and chairs with magic erasers
- Shred documents we no longer need to store

This must be done on site and can be at your convenience.

New Year Preparations

You may be thinking that New Year's is months away. However, the beginning of a new program year is just around the corner. Choir, youth group, Sunday School and study groups will get started after Labor Day and preparations are underway.

What can you be doing now?

- Families with children and/or youth - Keep your eyes and ears open for emails requiring responses about plans for the 2026-27 year.
- Think and pray about topics you would like to study in the new year. Read an interesting article or book? Pass the info along to the [church office](#).
- Put September 20th on your calendar. It's Brush Arbor, and there will be LOTS to do and to enjoy that day.

World's Longest Yard Sale Saturday, August 8th

Once again UPC's Scout Troop 805 will host vendors and sell concessions, and UPC's restrooms will be available. Vendor spaces are \$15 and are 10x15.



Proceeds benefit Troop #805. For more info and/or to reserve a spot, contact Kelli 859-992-5428.

UPC Hospitality Booth

New this year! UPC is hosting a hospitality booth during the WYLS where we will share info about UPC, have some treats and swag and offer temporary tattoos. Click [here](#) to sign up for a 1 1/2 hour shift.



9th Annual Cincinnati Festival of Faiths Sunday, August 2, 2026 · 1 - 5 PM Cintas Center · Xavier University

The Festival of Faiths is a joyful celebration of faith and friendship, where we build beloved community by coming together to learn from one another, share our traditions, and experience connection across differences. It's a gathering of 34 faith traditions and 13 world religions from the Greater Cincinnati area. It's an exhibition with great food and entertainment and admission is free. Click [here](#) for more info and to reserve free tickets.

Schedule for This Week

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 12th
10am Worship

"Behind the Scenes" tour of
UPC's facility after worship

Monday, July 13th
9:30am Chair Yoga
Noon Finance Ministry virtual
mtg

7pm Boy Scouts 805
Wednesday, July 14th
9:30am Chair Yoga
12:30pm NKY SafetyNet @
Lakeside Christian
8pm AA

Thursday, July 16th
11am UPSeniors lunch @
Carrabbas

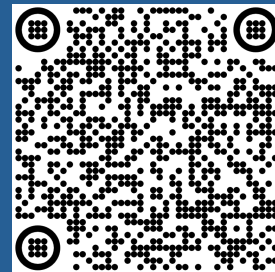
Friday, July 17th
9:30am Chair Yoga

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 19th



BIRTHDAYS

7/10 - Gwen Coleman
7/17 - Hermann Vessa
7/20 - Annie Brooks
7/21 - Katie Beasley
7/22 - Noa Beasley,
JoAnn Scott
7/23 - Ken Hoffman
7/24 - Tim Daniel,
Katie Golden
7/25 - Jaiver Sabogal
7/28 - Pat Knipper
7/29 - Beverly Johnson
8/1 - Erin Kieffer
8/8 - Julie Bailey,
Evie Fowler
8/12 - Ruth Ann Sloan



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

10am Worship

ANNIVERSARIES

7/18 - Ray & Evie Fowler
7/25 - Ken & Joanie
Kenkel
7/31 - Devon & Katie
Golden
8/2 - Tony & Robin
Huddleston
8/4 - Jacob & Andrea
Brooks
8/12 - Ken & Michelle
Hoffman

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