UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor



Remember, time changes this weekend. If you're not going to be awake at 2am Sunday morning, set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed. Otherwise, you will be really early for worship, and you may overcook your chili for the potluck.

This Sunday is All Saints' Sunday [Click **here** for more info], and we are celebrating "the great cloud of witnesses" whose legacy brought us to this point in time. We will also ponder the legacy that we are creating for others. To enrich the celebration, **please bring a picture(s) or name(s) written on a piece of paper of those who came before you who have nurtured you as a disciple in faith and as a human**. We will display these pictures and names this Sunday and next Sunday. If you wish to have your item(s) returned to you, please put your name and email address on the back.

In preparation for worship, I invite you to flip through scripture and see how many times you can find the word *saint*. How do these passages support or challenge your understanding of what the word *saint* means?

Then, read Hebrews 12:1-2. This text follows the roll call of faith pioneers listed in Hebrews 11. [Side note: Skim the list in Hebrews 11. What do you notice? Who is included? Who is missing?] This text describes the great cloud of witnesses whose lives and legacy led believers to that particular part in time. How might the original hearers received this text? How do you think you would have reacted and/or felt if you had been among them?

As we consider what it means to steward God's gifts and how to respond to God's generosity, how might the Spirit be using this text to challenge and to encourage us today - both as a faith family and as individual disciples?

Click **here** for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the **UPC website** and **YouTube** channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa



Crowded Table by The Highwomen
May it become an earworm during stewardship season & beyond!

TL;DR

Too Long; Didn't Read

- Chili Cook-Off THIS Sunday! (We need more crock pots of chili.)
- Ongoing opportunities to serve
- Stewardship Dedication NEXT Sunday
- Mark your calendars



2026 Chili Cook Off
Sunday, November 1st after worship

Calling all cooks - enter your favorite pot of chili in the UPC Chili Cookoff! To enter the contest, click **here** to sign up on the website. Having entries in advance helps us set up sufficiently for all the crockpots. Diners vote on their favorite chili, and we crown a winner! The winner has bragging rights for a whole year, and we all get some new chili recipes.

Votes may be purchased for $1 each. Buy 5, get one free. $5 = 6 votes
Kroger gift cards may also be traded in for votes.
($20 gift card = 24 votes)
You may vote an unlimited number of times!

All proceeds benefit our neighbors in need through our Community Assistance Fund. This fund and gift cards are used to provide assistance to people who come to the church in need of help.

Opportunities to Serve



Thank you to all who helped with Sunday activities on October 25th: Martha and Dan Spanier, Lynn Jasensky, Dustie Kemp, Dave and Sue Kozlowski, Sam Caudill, and Nancy Goodall. Morgan Dern and Harper Gilbert served as acolytes. Blakely Brown ran AV, and Alejandro Rosario hosted coffee fellowship.

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.**



Dedication Sunday NEXT Sunday
Setting God's Crowded Table

EVERY season is Stewardship Season; however, our stewardship emphasis is nearing an end. Next Sunday we will dedicate the commitments of our gifts to God. Everyone is encouraged and invited to bring their completed Time & Talent Passport and Treasure Pledge to worship. If you already returned yours, you get a gold star for being prompt AND we will include your commitments in the service.

If you haven't completed yours, there are extras in the narthex. You may also contact the **church office** to have them email or snail mailed to you.

Mark your calendars



I know it's hard to believe, but the holidays are just around the corner. We are continuing some traditions this year and shaking up a few things. Put these dates on your calendar so you don't miss the chance to join the Spirit at work.

Sunday, November 8th Thanksgiving bags available in the narthex
Each bag has a list of foods to collect for our Thanksgiving boxes.

Sunday, November 22nd Thanksgiving bags returned to UPC
Hanging of the Greens (ie decorating for Christmas) after worship

Monday, November 23rd Deliver Thanksgiving boxes to Gallatin County CAC

Sunday, November 29th Potluck breakfast and Advent activities (new event in place of Christmas Union)

Saturday, December 5th Assist with city of Union's Breakfast with Santa @ the firehouse 8:30a-10:30a

Monday, December 21st Longest Night Worship Service 7pm

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Worship 6pm

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 1st
9:30am Choir Warm Up
10am Worship w/ Communion

After worship Chili Cook-off

5:30pm NKY Youth Group
Dinner & Service
@ Crescent Springs PC

Monday, November 2nd
9:30am Chair Yoga
7pm Scouts 805

Tuesday, November 3rd
Election Day 6am - 6pm
UPC Narthex Polling Place
5:30pm Welcoming Ministry
6:30pm Deacons Mtg

Wednesday, November 4th
9:30am Chair Yoga
6:30pm Choir
8pm AA

Friday, November 6th
9:30am Chair Yoga

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 8th
9:30am Choir Warm Up
10am Worship

After worship Sunday School for K-5, middle & high school, and Bible 101 for adults

5:30pm NKY Youth Group
Dinner & Game Night
@ Lakeside PC



BIRTHDAYS

11/12 - Alison Vessa
11/17 - Ginny Claar, Asher Tinslee
11/19 - Bob Janes
11/24 - Lisa Denham
11/28 - Kat Tasev
12/3 - Ellis Golden
12/7 - Elaine Johnson
Laura Vergara



ANNIVERSARIES

11/16 - Becky Melchior & Glen Comstock
11/27 - Dave & Sue Kozlowski

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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