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From the Pastor

This newsletter is short and sweet because the tech gremlins have been busy this week. So, rather than attempting to wax eloquently, I'm simply going to offer you bulletin points.

- I NEVER sign emails "Pastor Lisa". I rarely communicate with formal and stilted language. I will NEVER email or text anyone requesting gift cards or soliciting personal assistance. The messages circulating that appeared to be from me were phishing attempts and scams. Thank you to folks who gave me and the office a heads up about what was happening.

  If you receive a strange sounding email, hover over the sender's name in your inbox. The name often appears as legit, but the email from which the message was sent is not the sender's email. It's best to not open the email. However, don't worry if you did. Just don't click on any links or respond.

- Tomorrow is Sunday School after worship. The Bible 101 class will be discussing gospel parallel stories. (Click here for a chart.) Remember, you can dip in and out of this class. You can never be "behind".

- Please sign up for the Chili Cook-off (see article below). This fabulous time of food and fellowship is NEXT Sunday

In preparation for worship, I invite you to read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7. This text was written to believers in Macedonia who were undergoing great difficulties, and the writer celebrates their amazing generosity. Why do you suspect folks might have been generous when they just as easily could have been fearful.

Then, read and pray about 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. This part of the letter was written to believers in Jerusalem who had been told about the Macedonians' generosity and were being reminded to be generous. Why you think the believers in Jerusalem were not being generous when they were not in the midst of any particular hardship?

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 NEXT Sunday!
- Ongoing opportunities to serve
- Make a Joyful Noise - Music for this Sunday
- Stewardship Season



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 or sign up in the narthex. 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 18th: Dan and Martha Spanier, Pat Knipper, Ollie Seidman, Devon Golden, Cheryl Davis, Andrea Vanzant, Sue Kozlowski, and Nancy Goodall. Morgan Dern and Harper Gilbert served as acolytes, and Kim Fry ran AV.



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.**

Make a Joyful Noise!

If you are not able to make it to Wednesday night choir practice; but you would like to join in on some of these pieces, we would love to have you! You can click on the link to practice the song. Then, join the choir at 9:30 on Sunday morning to warm up.

There is also an opportunity for hand bells if you don't like to sing, but you, or your child(ren) would like to play along. **Contact me** if you like to sing, to play or to learn more.

Thank you!
Heather Dern

Click the title of the song to experience it on YouTube

10/25/26: **"Praise His Name"**



Stewardship Season
There is a place for you here.

Sunday, October 25th
There is a PLACE for you here.
Let's equip UPC to thrive!
Receive 2027 draft budget and treasure pledge cards.

Sunday, November 1st
There IS a place for you here.
We'll celebrate All Saints' Sunday and the great cloud of witnesses
whose legacy brought us to this point in time
and ponder the legacy we're continuing to create for others.
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 and as a human.

Sunday, November 8th
Dedication Sunday - Setting God's Crowded Table
Offering and celebrating our commitments of time, talent and treasure

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 25th
9:30am Choir Warm Up
10am Worship

After worship Sunday School for K-5, middle & sr high youth, and adults.

1pm NKY Youth Group
@ Neltner's Farm

Monday, October 26th
9:30am Chair Yoga
7pm Scouts 805
Tuesday, October 27th
6:30pm Cub Scouts 3805
Called Session Mtg

Wednesday, October 28st
9:30am Chair Yoga
6:30pm Choir
8pm AA

Friday, October 30rd
9:30am Chair Yoga

Saturday, October 31st
Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

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



BIRTHDAYS

10/25 - Brian Pears, Russell Golden
11/12 - Alison Vessa
11/17 - Ginny Claar, Asher Tinslee
11/19 - Bob Janes
11/24 - Lisa Denham
11/28 - Kat Tasev



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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