

June 5, 2026

From the Pastor



Does this image look familiar? It is the sticker that is on all of UPC's outside doors. The progressive pride flag includes the invitation that is core to UPC's assertion "There is a place for you here." (Click [here](#) to learn more about the progressive pride flag.) "You" refers to ALL of God's beloved creation. Of course, that is bigger than the LGBTQ+ community; however, that is a community that continues to be ostracized,

mistreated and have its civil rights removed often with religious justification. That's part of the reason we celebrate Pride month (see article below) and the reason we have this particular sticker on our doors.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Pride month, the NKY Pride parade and festival and communion Sunday. We could call it Beloved Sunday. In worship we will celebrate God's claim on ALL of creation as everyone is welcomed to the table and has the opportunity to receive a blessing reminding them they are beloved.

In preparation for worship, I encourage you to read and to think and pray about Isaiah 43:1-7. The prophet Isaiah spoke these words to the Hebrew people in exile. They were discouraged and overwhelmed and suspected that God may have forgotten about them. I know it may be difficult (This is sarcasm.) to imagine what that might feel like, but try to put yourself in the shoes of those hearing this text. What parts of it stand out to you? How do these words make you feel? Are you encouraged or meh? What does this text teach us about the nature of God and about God's relationship to creation?

Then, read the text again in The Message translation. (Click [here](#) for that excerpt.) While I deeply appreciate the original translation of the text, I find The Message translation especially powerful. Think and pray about how the Spirit might be using this text to teach us more about God's nature today. What might this text also teach us about God's relationship to creation? About our calling as individual disciples and as a faith family? About how we honor the Holy in our relationship with one another?

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

PS

From Chad Cuthbertson Adams:

Please email me with any hymn requests you have for pre-service music when I play. I can't guarantee that I can include your favorites, but I will try. My email address is: thepianoguy2023@gmail.com.

NKY Pride
Sunday, June 7th Noon - 5pm

y'all means all!

UPC is not marching in the parade in order to focus on our festival booth. We'll be making new friends, sharing swag and temporary tattoos and offering glitter blessings from 12pm – 5pm. Sign up in the narthex or on the [website](#) to join the fun.

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Quarter Auction

Thursday, June 11th doors open at 6pm bidding starts at 7pm	Florence Lion's Club 29 Lacreata Drive Florence, KY 41042
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Bring your quarters & cash and win awesome prizes including gift baskets, gift certificates and more!

FREE admission!
Paddles are \$2 each or 3/\$5
Raffles! Dollar Boards! Split the Pot! Vendors!

Hosted by:
Northern Kentucky
Women Entrepreneurs



Concessions available for purchase. Please, no outside food or drink.

Quarter Auction Thursday, June 11th

Join us at the Florence Lions Club as we raise money for UPC. Bring your friends to enjoy an evening of Quarter Auction fun. Never been to a Quarter Auction? Imagine auction meets raffle meets game of chance plus concessions, vendors, split-the-pot, door prizes, raffle and lots of laughter. Doors open at 6pm. Auction begins at 7pm. Admission is free. Paddles are \$2 or 3/\$5. Bring your quarters and cash to win awesome prizes including gift baskets, gift certificates and more.

Path to Sustainability Discussion Groups

What is Stewardship? Why do we feel called to be a "church"? How do we create a path to a sustainable future? Gather together with your siblings in Christ to learn more in these guided discussions about the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How as we discern the leading of the Spirit to UPC's sustainable future.



4 discussion groups are scheduled:

- Sunday, June 14 11:30-1pm at UPC Family room. MAX 20 guests
- Thursday, June 18 6:30-8pm at Pears' home. MAX 16 guests
- Monday, June 22 1:30-3pm Zoom meeting. MAX 10 guests
- Wed, June 24 6:30-8pm at Ollie Seidman's home. MAX 8 guests

Click [here](#) for the SignUp Genius. Reservations are first-come, first-serve and are necessary to ensure each group has enough supplies and space. Contact [Laura Pears](#) for questions, more information, etc.

A Note from Pastor Lisa about the Path to Sustainability:

As our leadership has communicated for over a year, UPC is living on a razor-thin line of financial sustainability. We had hoped that paying off our mortgage would increase our margin of sustainability, but rising costs and irregular giving dashed that hope. These conversations are a bit like building a plane while flying it yet they are the stepping stones to future sustainability.

Our leadership is consultation with a plethora of resources including the Presbyterian Foundation, the Presbytery of Cincinnati and Shawn Barkley who is a consultant working with us for a few months. These resources have confirmed what we suspected: We must nurture a deep understanding of stewardship of all the gifts God has given us and create a culture of intentional, committed generosity in order to ensure future sustainability of this precious family of faith. Special offerings and fundraisers are wonderful, but they will not get us to sustainability that breaks our decades long cycle of reactivity and creates space to dream God's dreams for the future.

All suggestions, thoughts and ideas are appreciated. AND we are asking each person to enter this current part of the journey with open spirits and be willing to have conversations with scripture, with the Spirit, with yourself and with each other. I pray that everyone will participate as we seek the Spirit's leading because we were called for "a time such as this" (Esther 4:14), and together we are stronger than the sum of our parts. Peace!



Happy Pride 2026!

Of course, we believe all of God's creation is beloved year-round. In June we join siblings around the globe in celebrating the struggles and achievements of our LGBTQ+ siblings and

hopefully raise awareness of the challenges still to be addressed. Wonder how Pride came to be? Click [here](#) for the history of Pride.

UPC's We are all Beloved banner is waving, and we will participate in NKY Pride this Sunday (see details above). There are also countless opportunities in the area for education, fellowship, advocacy, worship, and celebration. Please contact the [church office](#) if you know of opportunities not included on the list below:

Sunday, June 7th NKY Pride Parade and Festival Noon - 5pm

See info above. Come join the fun! Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you have any questions.

Thursday, June 25th Pride Interfaith Celebration 7pm - 9pm

[First Church of Christ](#) at 5808 Glenview Ave, Cincinnati is the site of this interfaith worship service filled with music from community groups. Click [here](#) for more information.

Saturday, June 27th Cincinnati Pride Parade and Festival 11am - 8pm
UPC is not marching in Cincy Pride; however, lots of our Presbyterian siblings are. Go, support them and join the fun. Click [here](#) for more info.

MANY more activities can be found on the [Cincinnati Pride website](#).

Opportunities to Serve

Thank you to Molly Gilbert, Lynn Jasensky, Sue & Dave Kozlowski, Frank Lindsey and Kristin Lintleman for their assistance last Sunday that made our worship experience possible!



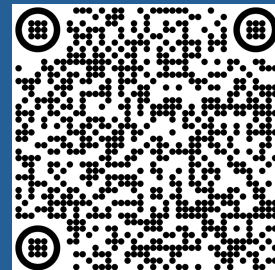
As the Body of Christ, we all have gifts, talents and abilities to share. Lending a hand to help lead Sunday worship or caring for our facility is one simple but important way to serve Christ and each other. Brochures with more info are available in the sanctuary. You may sign up on [the SignUp Genius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

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School July 6th – 9th 6:30pm – 8pm

Plans are underway for an amazing time of learning and fellowship for our K-5th graders and their families. Contact [Bethany Brewer Ball](#) or [Heather Dern](#) if you would like to be involved.

Schedule for This Week

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 7th
10am Worship w/ communion



NKY Pride Festival
in Covington
12pm - 5pm

BIRTHDAYS

6/5 - Kevin Ball
6/10 - Donna Shupe
6/11 - Phil Ruwe
6/15 - Sarah Huddleston
6/16 - Asher Pears
6/19 - Hamilton Clouse
6/22 - Mark Highland
6/24 - Neva Martin
6/27 - Bethany Brewer-Ball
6/29 - Hannah Fry
7/3 - Ray Fowler, Albert Vessa
7/8 - Griffin Lintelman

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.

Monday, June 8th
9:30am Chair Yoga
6:45pm Finance Ministry
7pm Boy Scouts 805
Wednesday, June 10th
9:30am Chair Yoga
8pm AA

Friday, June 12th
9:30am Chair Yoga

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 14th
10am Worship

11:30am - 1pm Path to Sustainability discussion
(Please RSVP)



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ANNIVERSARIES

6/9 - Ed & Sue
Dobrzykowski
6/12 - Vince & Laura
Buckley
6/18 - Kevin & Holly
Hillman
Bill & Kathy Martin
6/27 - Dave & Ginny
Claar
7/5 - Robert & Blakely
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