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Gizmo, UPC's therapy dog who owns Lori & John Russell our Office Admin & Custodian, held down the fort while Dave & I enjoyed a glorious 20th anniversary in Napa. We are so thankful for Gizmo and all of you who offered your prayers and celebratory thoughts while we soaked up the Creator's goodness!



This Sunday we will celebrate the unofficial beginning of fall and pack 100 school kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (see article below) and celebrate communion. The sacrament feeds us for the journey ahead of us, and the Spirit is stirring in our midst for a "future filled with hope". My prayer for each of us, all of us, and all of each of us is that we can continue to be adaptive and joy-filled vessels tuned in to the Spirit's leading! I'm absolutely confident that She is calling us to join in the Creator's ongoing work in the world AND that the journey will not be a straight line. Siblings, we CAN do this!

Our text for Sunday offers the broad invitation to join this wild journey. In preparation for worship, I invite you to read, think and pray about Romans 12:9-21. Think and pray about how the Spirit might be leading us to work for the common good "as so far it depends" on us. What might this encouragement and call mean to us as individual disciples and as a faith family? Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

*Peace, Pastor Lisa*



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

**Y'all are AMAZING!**

We committed to help PDA replenish its school supply kits, and you collected supplies for 100 kits in record time. We will put together 100 school supply kits Sunday and pack them up for shipping on Tuesday. You can still join the effort by making a financial contribution to offset the shipping costs. Please put "PDA" in the memo line of your check or online donation.

## Are you ready to make your relationship with UPC “official”?

We will receive new members on September 24. Please contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you are ready to make the commitment of official membership or if you have questions and would like to know more.

### Hedge trimming Saturday, Sept. 9th 8:30am – 11:30am

We're getting ready for Brush Arbor and fall by trimming the hedges. Please bring your loppers, trimmers, gloves, water bottle, etc. for the fun. Sign up in the narthex or on the [website](#). For more info, contact Bob Janes.



### UPC 101 Potluck Breakfast Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Bring a breakfast dish to share. Learn about UPC's emerging ministry teams and ways that you can be involved. We also hope to prepare UPC 101 glossary to clarify our “insider language”. What is Brush Arbor? What is a narthex or sacristy? What is a care group? Where is the door to nowhere? Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) with your questions, and she'll do her best to dispel some of UPC's mysteries.

### Abraham's Pantry Quilt Raffle

Here's your chance to win a beautiful, vibrant, handmade quilt and support Abraham's Pantry at the same time! During September you can purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each before and after worship each Sunday. Abraham's Pantry leadership team will be in the Narthex and the quilt will be on display! You may purchase as many tickets as you wish and 100% of your donation benefits our neighbors in need. You may also purchase your tickets online through the [website](#). Please choose “other” and list Abraham's Pantry in the comment box. Tickets will be mailed to you. The quilt measures 62”x74”. Our winner will be drawn at the October potluck! Good luck! And thank you for supporting Abraham's Pantry!



### NKY Youth Group Kick-Off September 10th 5pm - 8pm

UPC is in cahoots with our awesome siblings from Lakeside PC, Crescent Springs PC, Community of Faith PC, Ft. Thomas PC, Ft. Thomas UCC, and St.



Johns UCC for collaborative youth ministry. 5th - 12th graders are invited to participate in study, fellowship, and mission activities on Sunday evenings. For study events, middle schoolers will be with middle schoolers. High schoolers will be with high schoolers. For fellowship or mission events, we'll all be one big group.

Each church will also have adult disciples at every event, so youth will always have familiar folks while making new friends. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you have questions and/or if the Spirit is leading you to serve as an adult disciple for a month or two or .....



**Brush Arbor Worship  
& Dinner on the Grounds  
Sunday, September 17th  
Please make a reservation**

We will worship outside, enjoy fried chicken for lunch, and spend some time enjoying the blessing of our church family along with our brothers and sisters from the community.

Once again the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimer group will be providing music for worship. Our deacons will provide the meal. Reservations are not required but are extremely helpful to ensure enough food and tables. Click [here](#) to make your reservation.

**What is Brush Arbor?**

Growing up in Alabama, the term was used for outdoor services that usually happened in the late summer or early fall. These services were most common in rural communities and could involve a single congregation or combine several community congregations. Brush Arbor could be a single worship service or services over several nights for a full-fledged revival.

I did a little internet research in order to learn where the term originated. Lo and behold, Brush Arbor has Presbyterian roots and was birthed in Tennessee and Kentucky. The following excerpt is from <http://thelibrary.org/lochist/periodicals/bittersweet/fa75d.htm>.

*An American heritage that has always been cherished is the right of religious freedom. Americans have always been free to gather together to listen to the word of God. For the early New Englanders it was not a difficult task, for the people lived in close communities centered around a church. But as the frontiersmen moved farther west, people moved farther away from a community life, becoming semi-isolated from their neighbors and the outside world. Still, the people longed for fellowship and a place to worship together.*

*Then around the late 1790's a powerful Presbyterian preacher came*

up with the answer. His name, James McGready, and the answer, the camp or brush arbor meetings. The technique he developed was one which used the resources provided by the hilly regions of Kentucky and Tennessee where he preached. Trees and brush were used to build a temporary out-of-doors shelter for the people who came from miles and miles around to hear the word of God. This protected them from the harsh sunlight and rainfall.

### Many Hands are Necessary to Make Brush Arbor a Reality Brush Arbor Helping Hands Opportunities



Many hands make light work.

Click [here](#) to sign up to help make Brush Arbor happen. Generous disciples may serve in the following ways:

Set up crew begin at 845am putting up tables and chairs.

Table decorators begin at 915 am.

Food service set up begins at 9:15 am.

Worship set up begins at 9:15 am.

Lunch set up and service begins at approximately 10:45am.

Clean up crew. After the festivities anyone & everyone is invited to help clean up. It's a big job, but many hands make light work.



**Abraham's Pantry** served 2 families this week. The families contained 7 people including 4 children. The pantry can always use individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, and laundry detergent.

#### Schedule for This Week

17th Sunday  
of Ordinary Time  
Sunday, September 3rd  
10am Worship  
w/ communion



#### BIRTHDAYS

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales  
Palabra de Vida  
Monday, September 4th  
Church Office Closed  
for Labor Day  
9am Yoga

9/3 - Jordan Kowalski  
9/4 - Ed Dobryzkowski,  
Linda Janes  
9/9 - David Mathew,  
Owen Pears  
9/12 - Bob Sherwood  
9/13 - John Seibert



#### 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



Tuesday, September 5th  
5:30pm Welcoming Ministry  
6:30pm Deacons

Wednesday, September 6th  
9am Yoga  
8pm AA

Thursday, September 7th  
7pm Iglesia Pentecostales  
Palabra de Vida

Friday, September 8th  
9am Yoga  
6:30pm Girl Scout  
Troop 2146

Saturday, September 9th  
8:30am Hedge trimming  
9:30am Union Children's  
Choir

**18th Sunday  
of Ordinary Time**  
Sunday, September 10th  
9am UPC 101 Potluck  
Breakfast  
10am Worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales  
Palabra de Vida

5pm NKY Youth Group  
Kickoff

9/17 - Jan Lawson,  
Kristin Lintelman  
9/19 - Bill Martin  
9/21 - Emmett Pears  
9/24 - Lori Russell  
9/25 - Kevin Dern  
9/27 - Dave Kozlowski  
9/29 - Stacy Cole  
10/2 - Shannon Eggleston,  
Elle Springer  
10/3 - Jim Vanzant



#### ANNIVERSARIES

9/4 - John & Lori Russell  
Phil & Lori Ruwe  
9/27 - Winston & Jessica  
Wood  
10/3 - Jim & Andrea  
Vanzant  
10/4 - Bob & Linda Janes

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

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