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From the Pastor

We continue our Epiphany journey this coming Sunday as the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany means "*a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.*" Over the next few weeks, we will spend time in prayerful consideration of how we respond to the good news of Jesus Christ. We will also be invited to make commitments of time, talent and treasure to the life and ministry of this part of the body of Christ. We all have gifts to offer Jesus, and we do it because we GET to do it - not because we HAVE to do it.

This Sunday we will pick up the story after John the Baptist baptized Jesus, and Jesus began his official ministry. In preparation for worship, I invite you to read John 1:29-42. Spend some time thinking and praying about how folks experienced Jesus at this time of his life. With whom in the story do you resonate. Then, spend some time prayerfully considering how the Spirit might be using the text to lead us as individual believers and a faith family to join Jesus in his ministry. Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin, and click [here](#) for the bulletin insert. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

Siblings, we're in the midst of cold, flu, RSV and covid season. Boone County is at a low level of covid community spread. Masks are optional in worship. Please continue to wash your hands, don't touch your face, and take care of each other.

The Family Room is closed until Monday, January 16th

The floor is still curing, so please don't walk on it until Monday. However, definitely poke your head in the door to witness the beautiful transformation. Huge thanks to John Russell, UPC's custodian, and his friend Lonnie!

**Hybrid Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29th**

We will have our annual congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, January 29th. The meeting will include prepared by the Deacons, and we're hoping it will be hybrid. We're still working on that part. This annual meeting is for the Session to present the 2023 Budget, for the congregation to approve Pastor Lisa's 2023 terms of call, and to elect the 2023 Officer Nominating Committee. In the PC-USA, the Session approves the budget and is presenting it to the congregation for information. The Session recommends the pastor's terms of call; however, the congregation calls the pastor and is the body that must annually approve the pastor's terms of call. Finally, the Session presents names for the Officer Nominating Committee with a representative from the Music Program, the UPSeniors group, the Session, the Deacons, and a member at large. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor provided that the person nominated has already agreed to serve. The 2023 Officer Nominating Committee will help our congregation discern who the Spirit is leading to serve as Deacons and Elders in the class of 2026.



Project Disciples Needed

Painting touch-ups needed in Room 112. The room was painted in the fall, but missed spots didn't show up until the paint dried and the position of the sun shifted. In natural light the need for touch-ups is more clear. Painting can be done at your convenience except **Wednesdays** after 2:30pm and **Thursdays** between 2:30pm and 5pm. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#).

Refrigerator cleaner needed to scrub inside and outside of refrigerator in Abraham's Pantry. Project can be done at your convenience. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#).

Abraham's Pantry current needs include:

- Shampoo (We have LOTS of conditioner.)
- * Deodorant
- Shaving cream * Disposable razors
- Toilet paper * Lotion
- Baby shampoo, body wash and lotion
- * Children's shampoo & body wash

Abraham's Pantry coordinating meeting Wednesday, January 18th 6:30pm

Are you interested in learning more about Abraham's Pantry? Do you have suggestions of ways to improve service? Please come and share your ideas. ?'s Contact [Pastor Lisa](#)



UPSeniors Lunch at Chuy's Thursday, January 26th 11am

If you'd like to join the fun at Chuy's, click [here](#) to email Elaine

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 12th

We want to break our record! In 2022, we collected 1109 cans of soup, pasta and canned meat; and we collected \$400! What will happen in 2023?!? In addition to accepting monetary donations after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, we're collecting shelf stable foods from now until February 12th.

Please place your donations in the narthex or in the office vestibule on the appropriate side. One side is "Men". The other side is "Women".



tacklehunger.org

2023 is different in that we are stocking Abraham's Pantry and will share with our ministry partners as we are able. We are collecting a variety of foods including:

- HEARTY soups - Please no broths.
- Canned pastas – spaghetti, ravioli, etc.
- Canned vegetables – Esp. mixed veggies, peas, beans, etc
- Canned fruit
- Canned meats – chicken, salmon, tuna, beef, ham, vienna sausage, beanie weenies
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Peanut butter
- Boxed potatoes
- Mac & cheese
- Snack cups – fruit, applesauce, pudding, etc
- Instant rice in pouches
- Dried pasta, including flavored pasta mixes
- Pasta sauce – jarred and canned
- Dried or shelf stable milk
- Condiments – salad dressing, mayonnaise, mustard, BBQ sauce, etc
- Microwave popcorn

Donated items will be counted each week then stocked in Abraham's Pantry. The totals will be posted in the narthex so everyone can see how the competition is progressing. The competition winners will have bragging rights for a whole year. (BTW, the women won in 2022.) Of course, the real winners will be our food insecure neighbors who will benefit from your generosity!

Schedule for This Week

2nd Sunday
after Epiphany
Sunday, January 15th
10am Worship
Middle School & Sr High
Pizza Lunch after worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida



BIRTHDAYS

1/15 - Dylan Fairweather,
Jerry Michael
1/27 - Michael Frost,



Online Giving

You may give online or via text through the UPC website. You can make a

Monday, January 16th

Session 6:30pm
Boy Scouts 7pm

Tuesday, January 17th

Cub Scouts 6:30pm

Wed, January 18th

SafetyNet Alliance Noon
St. John's UCC Newport
Abraham's Pantry Mtg 6:30
AA 8pm

Thursday, January 19th

6:30pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

**3rd Sunday
after Epiphany**

Sunday, January 22nd

9:15am K-5 Sunday School
10am Worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

5:15pm - 8pm NKY Youth
Group Ice Skating at
Fountain Square
Middle School & Sr. High

Ray Merkel
1/30 - Nancy Shupe,
Marsten Tullius
1/31 - Drew Scott
2/1 - Tim Lastivka
2/3 - Joanie Kenkel
2/4 - Peggy Schadler
2/7 - Heather Dern
2/8 - Cathy Kowalski
2/10 - Dave Claar
2/11 - Ainsley & Braeden
Brown
2/12 - Sue Arts
2/13 - Preston Scott



ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 - Joe & Holly
VonLehman
2/26 - Julie Bailey
& April Merkel

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 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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