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From the Pastor

What a week! Snow in many places, devastating fires in others. I have been fighting the cruddy cold I have had for three weeks. Thanks to the wonders of modern medicine, I'm hopefully on the mend. I know in the midst of much more consequential brokenness, there is healing and restoration in the world. (Click [here](#) to learn more about what PDA is doing in Southern California and what we can do to help.)

Last week we had a sparkly, and very cold, Epiphany celebration. Those who made it in the cold received star words to provide guidance, insight, comfort and/or challenge in 2025. If you were unable to get a word or would like words for someone else, [email me](#).

This Sunday will continue rooting the new year in the Jesus' story. We'll reflect on Jesus' baptism as recounted in Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Then, we'll look to Acts 8:14-17 to see how the sacrament continued in the early church. After that we will reaffirm our own baptismal vows and receive a remembrance stone from the font.

In preparation for worship, I invite you to read and to pray about both texts. What does it mean that God claims us before we are born? How does God claim on us and the grace to acknowledge that claim comfort and call us as individuals and as a family of faith? How do they challenge and empower us as well?

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

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

I cannot adequately express my appreciation for your prayers and support as our family journeys with my parents' deteriorating health. As I mentioned in worship last Sunday, I am planning for a respite leave in February and March. Our Session and Deacons had a joint meeting this past Tuesday and approved that leave. During that time I will care for my parents and myself. February 21-24 I will participate in a clergy renewal program at [Davidson Centre for Professions in Davidson, NC](#). I received a wellness grant from the Board of Pensions to cover the costs of the program.

Our leadership also approved a Covenant Agreement for Temporary Pastoral Leadership with The Rev. Chris Torrey to serve 3/4 time while I am away. Chris retired from Lakeside Presbyterian Church years ago and now lives in New Richmond, OH. He is an incredible human, an excellent preacher, a gifted caregiver, and an amazing administrator. He is excited about serving with the saints and sinners at UPC, hearing your stories, and providing some administrative organizational guidance. He will be in the office one or two days a week and will be working home other times.

We are working on opportunities for folks to meet Chris before he arrives. We have a LOT of things to do in order to best prepared for Chris' time at UPC (see articles below). The Holy Spirit has been very busy and is inviting us into a rich time of growth. Please contact me or any of our officers if you have questions, concerns, ideas, etc.



Souper Bowl Sunday is February 9th We want to break our record!

In 2024, we collected 1093 food items and over \$1100! What will happen in 2025?!? In addition to accepting monetary donations after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, we're collecting these

shelf stable (no need for refrigeration) foods until Feb.9th. 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".

This drive is stocking Abraham's Pantry and sharing with Gallatin County CAC. Please share:

- Canned pastas (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.)
- Hearty soups *14oz canned fruit
- Shelf stable milk * 5oz shelf stable pepperoni
- Shells and cheese dinner (no milk needed)
- Boxed cereal *Paper towels

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 are 4 time champions.) Of course, the real winners will be our food insecure neighbors who will benefit from your generosity!

**Do you love children?
Do you love Jesus?**

Combine those loves and sign up to teach Sunday School!

Our K-5th graders meet at 9:15am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We use a fabulous curriculum from Illustrated Ministry that does not require a

lot of preparation. All the supplies and snacks are provided. Click [here](#) for the SignUp Genius to grab your Sunday with our incredible kiddos.

Donations needed for Quarter Auction on February 13th The proceeds benefit camps, conferences and retreats. We need donations of 15-20 items such as cool jewelry items; baskets of food treats, bath goodies, etc; supplies for a family game night or movie night. Auction items can be dropped off in the vestibule or church office. We'll store them until the auction.

Quarter Auction Co-Ordinators We also need a couple of people to help coordinate the event since Lisa will be away. You don't have to know much about Quarter Auctions to serve in this way. We have some experienced folks willing to help. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) for more info.

Budget and Directory Backlog

We need your help catching up before Pastor Lisa is on respite leave in February and March. Pay attention to newsletter and email to update your directory info and send us your pledge commitments for 2025. Pastor Lisa's energy has rightly been elsewhere, and we're all trying to catch up to get everything in place for an awesome 2025!

Congregational Meeting & Lunch Sunday, January 26th

The meal will be prepared by the Deacons. No need to bring anything but yourself. This annual meeting is for the Session to present the 2025 Budget, for the congregation to approve Pastor Lisa's 2025 terms of call, and to elect the 2025 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 2025 Officer Nominating Committee will help our congregation discern who the Spirit is leading to serve as Deacons and Elders in the class of 2028.

Schedule for This Week

Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 12th

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



BIRTHDAYS

3pm Resplendor de Gloria

Monday, January 13th

1/11 - Neil Fairweather
1/12 - George Kiefer



Online Giving

You may give online or via text through the UPC

9am Yoga
6:45pm Finance Meeting
7pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 14th

6:30pm Cub Scouts
7pm Wrapped in Prayer
Stitchers

Wednesday, January 15th

1230pm SafetyNet Alliance at
Lakeside Christian
6:30pm Choir Practice
8pm AA

Thursday, January 16th

NO UPSeniors lunch
7pm Resplendor de Gloria

Friday, January 17th

6pm Girl Scouts 2146

1/15 - Dylan Fairweather
1/17 - Richard Adams
1/22 - Richard Sloan
1/26 - Iris Daniel
1/27 - Michael Frost,
Ray Merkel
1/30 - Nancy Shupe
1/31 - Drew Scott
2/1 - Tim Lastivka
2/3 - Joanie Kenkel
2/4 - Peggy Schadler
2/7 - Heather Dern
2/8 - Henry Clouse, Cathy
Kowalski
2/10 - Dave Claar
2/11 - Ainsley & Braeden
Brown

[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 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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