

November 11, 2022

From the Pastor



Thank you for sharing your wisdom, questions, and suggestions as we continue to discern God's leading into the future. Last Sunday we gathered in conversation groups to discuss and reflect on UPC's vision, mission, values and goals discerned by our Elemental Church team. If you were unable to join the conversation, please contact me. Our leadership would love to hear from you.

This Sunday we continue to focus on the Spirit's continuing work of re-forming God's people, and we're still wearing red. The cloths on the pulpit and communion table will be red because it's the color that symbolizes the Spirit. Of course, you don't have to wear red every week, but it's a great way to join the fun!

In preparation for worship, I invite you to read Acts 2:42-47 and to think and to pray about how God in Christ through the power of the Spirit re-formed early believers into a family of faith. What were the characteristics and practices of the early church? How did affect the lives of Jesus followers? I invite you to then think and pray about the Spirit might be speaking to us through this text as individual disciples and as a faith family. How does UPC embody the values and practices of the early church? How do we not? What might we learn from the early church? What might the early church have to say to us as individual members of the church? What does it mean when "We Gather Together"? Are we consumers of church? Do we sit on the sidelines? Are we full participants? Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

Boone County is still at a low level of covid community spread so masks are optional in worship. Remember, masks are only required in worship while Boone County is at the high or orange status determined by the [CDC's COVID 19 Community Level](#) guidelines.

Sunday, November 13th at 9am

Bring a breakfast dish to share as we celebrate the Brownstead babies and the pregnancies of Katie & Devon Golden and Kristin & Kurt Lintelman. We'll play games, create memories for the families, and soak up God's blessings. You're invited to bring diapers, wipes and/or books that will be divided and gifted to the families.



FRESH Thanksgiving Bags for Gallatin County CAC

Each Thanksgiving UPC graciously collects brown paper grocery bags full of non-perishable Thanksgiving staples to help our neighbors in Gallatin County feast for the Holidays. While canned vegetables and boxed starches are inexpensive and easy to collect, their clients really want fresh produce items. This year we are again combining fresh and canned foods and providing turkeys for 15 families. Grocery bags with lists on them are available in the narthex. You may also contact the church office to have a list emailed to you. Please purchase the items on your list, fill the grocery bag, and add \$5 to help pay for turkeys. Bring your items back to church on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th**, and the Thanksgiving fairies will deliver fresh produce to our neighbors on the morning of **Monday, November 21st** just in time for a bountiful Thanksgiving feast! (If you would like to be a delivery fairy, sign up in the narthex or click [here](#) to contact the church office.

WE HAVE 6 BAGS THAT NEED DONORS.

Contact the church office if you'd like a bag or two. We'll email you the list.



2022 Chili Cook Off

We had a great time last Sunday and have heard plans being made for 2023. The biggest winners were our neighbors! Your generosity raised over \$400 for our community assistance fund which provides Kroger gift cards and other assistance to our neighbors in need.

The Chili Cook Off winners are: 1st place – Julie Bailey
2nd place – Doug Dawson
3rd place – Pastor Lisa

We are collecting recipes and will share them soon.

Chrismon Crafting Part 2
Wednesday, November 16th
7pm Youth Room

Last week was so much fun, and we have leftover supplies. So, we're going to make some more ornaments! Crafters or those who would like to be and are middle school aged or older are invited to bring your good scissors (and a snack to share if you're so inclined) and help make some new Christmas ornaments for our sanctuary tree. Christmas ornaments are white - representing the resurrection - and gold - reminding us Jesus is king. The ornaments are symbols for Jesus like a cross, crown, dove, butterfly, etc. Glitter is involved, so wear clothes that you don't mind being sparkly for a while.



The Trim-a-Bush project is underway!

Pick up a picture of a bush that needs trimming in the narthex or have one emailed to you. The picture contains this info: 1. The number of the bush(es) 2. The name of the bush 3. Location(s) of the bush(es) 4. How to trim the bush(es). The only tools needed are a hedge trimmer (electric or manual), a rake, and either a trash can or wheelbarrow. For the hostas, a shovel is also needed. Trimmers may work at their convenience with the trimming complete by mid- November. ?'s: Click [here](#) to contact Bob Janes.

Family Room is off limits Thursday, November 17 – Monday, November 21

The space will be closed for floor refinishing and curing. Contact the church office if you need to be in the space during that time.

Abraham's Pantry Sign Up

In October, Abraham's Pantry provided food, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products for 38 of our neighbors including 27 kids. Of course, we pray for the day when such a pantry is not needed. In the meantime your generosity in taking care of our neighbors. Abraham's Pantry is the interfaith food pantry that lives at UPC. Our partnership with the Florence Islamic Center and LDS is still coming together, and we are looking forward to having members of those communities join with us to help feed our neighbors.

In the meantime, you may click [here](#) to sign up to work in the pantry on Mondays or Thursday. You may choose at what time you'd like to serve and stock shelves, check expiration dates, note current needs and pack items for families. There are instructions in the food part of the pantry, and on-the-job training is provided.

[Schedule for This Week](#)

28th Sunday
of Ordinary Time



[Online
Giving](#)
You
may

Sunday, November 13th

9am Breakfast with Babies
9:15am K-5 Sunday School
10am Worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

5pm NKY Youth Group for
Sr. High & Middle School

Monday, November 14th

9am Union Music Academy
7pm Boy Scouts 805

Tuesday, November 15th

12:30pm Florence Women's
Club
6pm Presbytery of Cincinnati
mtg via Zoom
6:30pm Cub Scouts 805

Wed, November 16th

12pm SafetyNet Alliance
7pm Chrismon Crafting
8pm AA

Thursday, November 17th

9am Union Music Academy
11am UPSeniors
@ The Blind Squirrel
6:30pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

Saturday, November 12th

9:30am Union Children's
Choir

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 20th

10am Worship
Hanging of the Greens after
worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

BIRTHDAYS

11/15 - Brian Eggleston,
Earl Fischer
11/17 - Ginny Claar,
Asher Tinslee
11/19 - Bob Janes,
Adam Scott
11/23 - Russ Houchins
11/24 - Lisa Denham
11/29 - Jan Grieger
12/2 - Jack Eggleston
12/7 - Elaine Johnson
12/8 - Debbie Forney,
Jessica Wood
12/9 - Amy Scott,
Joe VonLehman
12/13 - Elissa Tullius



ANNIVERSARIES

11/27 - Dave & Sue
Kozlowski

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 Vanco
Payment Solutions.

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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.

