

Life @ UPC

Week of May 19, 2024

WELCOME!

Whether you're visiting, looking for a church home, or part of the UPC family, it's great to have you with us today! No matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here. Please join us for coffee and conversation following worship so we can get to know each other better.

WHAT TO EXPECT

UPC is a church with a vision to grow and nurture followers of Jesus in a welcoming community. That's why our services are designed to be relevant and meaningful for all ages and abilities. Everything you need for worship can be found on the screens and in the worship bulletin. If you prefer, you can download a bulletin from our website and follow along that way.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Worship is inclusive and intergenerational. In the lobby you'll find worship bags and streamers to help kids connect with worship in their own way. We have a Parent-Child Room to the right as you exit the sanctuary. On First Sundays, kids stay and worship with their families. Otherwise, they go with teachers for their own time of learning after the Time with Young Disciples.



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WELCOME

Whether worshipping in our sanctuary or from your home sanctuary, we hope you enjoy your time with us today!

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

Here are a few helpful things to know:

- **Coffee, lemonade and cookies** will be available in our Fellowship Hall following worship.
- **Offerings** can be dropped in the offering box at the Welcome Center kiosk in the Lobby.
- **Hearing assist devices** are available at the Welcome Center.
- **Restrooms** are down the hallway to the right as you leave the sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Caring for each other takes many forms.

Here are this week's opportunities to connect with each other:

- **Coffee Talk:** Our Zoom room is available every Tuesday at 10AM. Contact the office for the link. All are welcome. BYO Coffee!
- **Bible Study:** Resurrection Living in a World of Death by 1000 Cuts continues at 10AM on Thursday, May 23rd, with Pastor Debra exploring Saying No to Death (*John 11:17-27, 38-44*)

LET US PRAY

We are a congregation that prays for one another. If you or someone you love is in need of prayer or a visit, please call the office.

This week we remember those requesting prayer: Eunice & Jim Andrews, George Anthony, Marilyn Bain, Mary Buesing, Bernie Cambron, Jennifer Danosky, Carolyn Gnepper, Shaun Guthrie, Dave Hendricksen, Midge Hillard, Don & Carol Irish, Doug Jackson, Carol & Larry Kamrath, Bill Keller, Ramona Kirchgessner, Vickie Kirchgessner, Debbie Kutter, Donald Lingle, Phil McGill, Stephanie Murray, Nancy Parker, Shirley Poshard, Projeto Amar, Brian Pugh, Bill Rice, Carol Stalnaker, Allison Sleater, Kirsten Tharp, Terry Thompson, Loyd Weber, Jim Weinkauff, Laura Tantillo York.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- We are celebrating 190 years of Presbyterian presence in Peoria! Join us today as we dedicate the children's pew bibles, take our annual congregation photo, and celebrate with cake!
- Fine Arts Camp Volunteers needed! Sign up to help June 10th-13th. Find detailed info about volunteer roles and QR codes for sign up in the Ringer and the Pentecost table in the Lobby!

UPC Offices will be closed Monday May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

UPC IN THE COMMUNITY

- Our Diaper Drive has been extended through May due to a great need. Size 3-6 diapers & M/L Pull-Ups are needed most! Monetary gifts can be made by scanning the QR code. For gifts made via check please write "Diapers" in the memo line.
- We are serving a Sunday meal to 50 families at Neighborhood House. Join us June 2nd from 11AM - 1PM. Sign up in the Lobby or scan the code. Contact Nicole Morrow with questions.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

It takes ALL of us to do the work of ministry. Sign-up to help. You can also sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby!

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Morning Welcome Team



Sunday Morning Kitchen Clean Up



Sunday Morning Acolyte



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Because we are thankful for God's many gifts, we give back to God through the ministry and mission of UPC. You can make your weekly offering or participate in extra giving opportunities using the QR Codes below.

General Ministry Offering

These offerings are used to sustain the day to day ministry operations of UPC.



Pastor Compassion Fund

Through this fund Pastor Debra can provide confidential support to congregants or neighbors in need. Currently we have some friends in great need. Please consider your donation today.



Pentecost Offering

This year we have the opportunity to connect much needed financial resources to the work of our ministry partner, Southside Community Center. 40% of your contribution will be used to support the Performing Arts After School Program. We send the remaining 60% to the Presbytery and to the national office where it will be divided among:

- Young Adult Volunteer Program
- Presbyterian Youth Triennium
- Educate a Child, Transform the World Initiative

Give generously!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Join us at one of these events! All are welcome!

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday
10:00AM Worship - *John 11:17-27, 38-44*
10:15AM - Sunday School
11:00AM Coffee Hour
11:15AM Christian Education (Room 105)

Monday, May 20

1:00PM Staff Meeting (Rescheduled from 5/27)
11:00AM Book Club
6:45PM Peoria Nazarene v. UPC Softball game

Tuesday, May 21

10:00AM Coffee Talk
1:00PM Mah Jongg
6:30PM Families Anonymous (Room 106)
7:00PM Virtual Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting
Session Packet Information Due

Wednesday, May 22

6:30PM Worship Band
6:30PM Deacon Meeting (Rescheduled from 5/18 - Room 105)

Thursday, May 23

Office Volunteer Needed
10:00AM Bible Study (Room 106 & Zoom)
6:00PM Grief & Loss (Room 106)
7:00PM Session Meeting (In Person & Zoom)

Saturday, May 25

6:30PM Youth & Young Adult Peoria Chiefs Game

Sunday, May 26

10:00AM Worship - 2 *Corinthians 4*
11:00AM Coffee Hour
No Sunday School Due to Memorial Day Holiday

Serving in Worship Today (5/19)

Worship Leaders: The Hagues
Worship Musicians: Tom Abbot, Pat Bensing, Breyon Grayson, Sue Hulin, The Scrantons, Anne Swanson, Jimmy Willis
Welcome Team: Jeri Maher
Kitchen Clean Up: Jeri Maher
Tech Deacons: Craig Mousty & Sean Scranton

Serving in Worship Next Week (5/26)

Worship Leaders: Ron Schmollinger
Worship Musicians: Tom Abbot, Pat Bensing, Breyon Grayson, Alex Higdon, Sue Hulin, Nancy Jones, Anne Swanson, Jimmy Willis
Welcome Team: Owen & Bennett Hague
Kitchen Clean Up: Jeri Maher
Tech Deacons: Craig Mousty & Sean Jennings

Office Hours

April Crotts, Administrative Manager is available M-TH from 9AM to 4PM.
Pastor Debra, Spiritual Formation Director - Alison Meuth and Pastoral Care Specialist - Anna Saxon are available by appointment.