



United Presbyterian Church

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Where God is exalted, Everyone matters, and You belong!

March 2019

Adult Education at 10:00 am - Worship & Youth Education at 11:00 am

Life From The Other Side???

Pastor Michelle Wildridge
Chaplain & Pastoral Counselor

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Psalm 149:4

Part of humility is taking responsibility for my sin and asking forgiveness even when it doesn't feel good. God wants to heal and restore your relationships, but it's not easy.

Chip Ingram

Have you ever wondered what life would be like from the “other side”? I have often said to my family that people who have gone through terrible times in this life, will have “gold lined condos” in heaven. I’m not sure why it’s “gold lined” or even a condo, but sometimes I think it's easy for me to look beyond what is happening now and all that life throws at us, and think about life after being on earth.....

After reading a couple articles on a pastor’s blog that I follow, and having a discussion with a patient about what she thinks heaven is like, and how she is joyfully anticipating being with her daughter again, I found myself driving home after work this week and rethinking my view of heaven,,,,,

You see, Mrs. L, said “heaven is not only peaceful, perfect and joyous but also humble.....”

Humble, that’s what my vision of heaven is lacking- humility.

I think sometimes we find ourselves thinking about God and heaven in an earthly sense, a human sense, but in fact, heaven isn't like anything we are used to. If God can be humble and exemplify humility, why wasn't I thinking that heaven would be “simple” and peaceful?

Sometimes I think I would like to be “rewarded” for my “good deeds” on the other side, and that’s where my thought of people deserving “gold -lined condos” comes from, but in fact, the reward is heaven itself, not what heaven has to offer me, or what God owes me for being a good steward. (Which by the way, is nothing, God owes me nothing, for heaven is its own reward!)

As we go through our weeks, I charge you to think about making your earthly life as humble as the heavenly life is, and take time to enjoy the simple and peaceful moments that this life has to offer, May we continue to bless and be blessed,

Pastor Michelle

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.**

Psalm 19:1-2

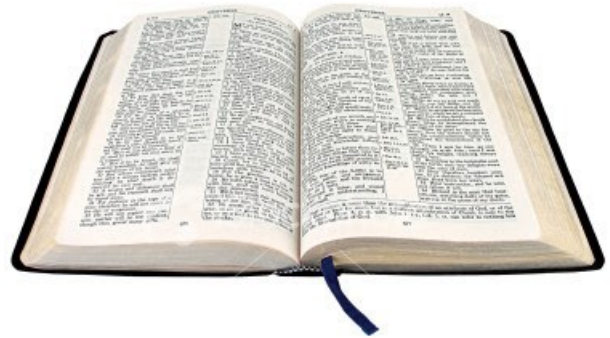
Teach Me, O God....

*...to use all the circumstances of my life
Today to bring forth fruits of holiness*

*Let me use disappointments as material for patience,
Let me use success as material for thankfulness,
Let me use stress as material for perseverance,
Let me use danger as material for courage,
Let me use reproach as material for long-suffering,
Let me use praise as material for humility,
Let me use pleasure as material for temperance,
Let me use pain as material for endurance.*

*“So teach us to number our days, that we may
Apply our hearts unto wisdom.” Psalm 90:12*

THE HOLY BIBLE



*I will instruct you and teach you the way you
should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Psalm 32:8*

**Bring the Book, Open it,
Read the Book!**

Rev. Jennie Salas

Rev Salas' Sermon from February 24, 2019.

An advertisement for 'One Great Hour of Sharing' featuring a construction worker in a purple tank top and a baseball cap, hammering nails into a corrugated metal roof. The background is a textured blue and purple. Text includes: 'PAUL JEFFREY/ACT' (vertical), 'ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING', 'SPECIAL OFFERINGS', 'HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT', 'join us!' (cursive), 'You shall be called repairers of the breach' (large font), '— ISAIAH 58', and 'SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED AROUND THE WORLD BY PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.'

One Great Hour of Sharing helps people all over the world who are in need. This is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters.

This was an annual giving by members and friends of UPC for years which was led by our beloved Skip Hansen.

Let's start this again!

In the Sanctuary, there are boxes that may be formed in the shape of a fish that the children may take home and return to Church with their contribution. Adults, take a box/fish or make a donation using the pew envelope and mark it "One Great Hour". Return your contributions by Sunday, April 21st. **Let's get back to this. SHARE!**

FAITH INTO ACTION

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Are you a Union County citizen searching for a faith community within which to worship?

Perhaps we have what you are looking for!

This is an opportunity for you to meet representatives from a variety of houses of worship within Union county, and learn what they are all about!

Please join us as clergy and congregation members from all different faiths meet and welcome members of the community.

The **Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council** invites you to an interfaith reception on:

Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Suburban Golf Club
1730 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ



Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council
c/o Community Access Unlimited
80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202
Phone: (908) 354-3040 x4324 -Email: UCInterfaith@caunj.org

Will you Join us?
Please contact us at:

Exercise Class for Seniors

Sponsored by the
Plainfield Recreation Department

When: Tuesday's 11:30 am—12:30 pm &
Thursday's 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: UPC, Friendship Hall
(enter from rear steps)

For more information:
call the Plainfield Recreation Department at
908-753-3097

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SCOUT SUNDAY

Troop 5

On February 10th, UPC celebrated Scout Sunday, combining Boy Scout and Girl Scout Sunday. The scouts served as ushers, liturgist and processed in under the Boy Scout of America and the United States flags. Scout Sunday has been a tradition since 1980.

The service was followed by a reception provided by the scouts as a way of saying thank you for the congregation's sponsorship of Troop 5 for the past 107 years.

UPC is truly appreciative of our Scouts and their leaders. Thanks for all you do.

BINGO NIGHT PRIZES NEEDED



Boy Scout Troop 5 is running bingo night at **Arista Care at Norwood Terrace** the first Monday night of the month. They are looking for prizes for the residents. They can use toiletries, jewelry, lotions, shampoo, razors. Leave your donation in the church office. Any questions contact: Carl or Wanda.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019

Purdue University, Indiana—July 16-20

Five days of conversation, recreation, learning, worship and fun! Drawing from the rich and diverse theology, history and education of the Presbyterian tradition – the Triennium experience is packed with the information students long to explore!

Digging into faith through a variety of activities and experiences – all focused around the theme “Here’s My Heart”. Participants at the Triennium will re-enter their lives with a fresh sense of inspiration grounded in the context of personal and communal worship!



United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield
and &
The Elizabeth Presbytery
will sponsor the following youths

Naoma Awobwe
Mobalaji Falowa
Dimeji Falowa
Desirae Hemans
Neekah Hinds

“Here’s my heart” – our young people are saying to us, to the church, to the world!
“Here’s my heart!” God says right back to us.

Information copied from the website of <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/event/>



What is Ash Wednesday?

Service will be offered at UPC ♦ March 6, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ’s time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ’s life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

<https://www.christianity.com/church/church-life/what-is-ash-wednesday-why-do-christians-celebrate-it.html>

Prayer

Matthew 6:5-6

⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Church Administrators

Director of Music: Ronn Daniels

Executive Assistant: Pat Perry

Sexton: Pete Hansen / Sue Terry (Temporary)

Session Members (Elders)

Al Tate (Clerk)

Emory Dawson

Patricia Dawson

George Hansen

Avril Lecky

Marcia Marsh-Hinds

James Plummer

Church Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

Board of Deacons

Helen Foerster - Moderator

Maggie Anglin

Daniel Bofah

Thelma Fleming

Kayode Falowo

Virginia Hansen

Barbara Hyney - Volunteer

Jim Plummer—Session Representative

Neekah Hinds (in training)

Desirae Hemans (in training)

Tania Hemans (in training)

Contact the deacons for assistance.
Call the church office at 908-756-2666

Pulpit Supply—March 2019

We have been blessed to have the Word delivered to us by a group of awesome ministers of God!

Join us!

March

- 3 Rev. Kenneth Macari
- 10 Rev. Jeremy Campbell
- 17 Pastor Samuel Yenn-Batah
- 24 Elder Allegra Hoots

2019 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT (Please submit by March 1st)

Your annual Per Capita is \$40.45 and is shared as follows: General Assembly \$8.95, The Synod of the Northeast \$4.10, The Presbytery of Elizabeth \$27.40. Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d). There is an offering envelope for 2019 dedicated for the per capita payment.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 10:00 am
(before Worship Service) in the Lind Room
These are
motivating and **spiritual** experiences.
JOIN US!



Concerns

Call or visit our members below:

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| Joseph Belin | BJ Klikus |
| Janice Boot | Frank Klikus |
| Carl Foerster | Fred Robinson |
| Helen Foerster | Gail Stokes |
| Barbara Hyney | Izaiyah Stokes |
| | Jamie Sweeney |



Thank you for your well-wishes and care! Our daughter's name is Jophiel (pronounced Joe-Fee-L), who is an arch angel in the non-canonical Bible. Her name means

"beauty of God" in Hebrew. Along with being the "beauty of God", Jophiel is also an angel of wisdom. LaThelma and I pray that wisdom and beauty will adorn her all the days of her life.

Jophiel was born to us weighing 7.3lbs and is 20 inches long. So, good news is the first and the last word! Praise be to God. And thanks be to you all for your care, celebration, and support throughout the pregnancy.

LaThelma and I are keeping Jophiel busy by waking her up every two hours to eat and change her diapers. If we didn't do so she would sleep the day away. She's such a peaceful child which is embodied by her middle name Emefa (pronounced Eh-Meh-Fah). Emefa means "peace" in one of the languages of my home country, Ghana.

We are grateful to you all for your calls and celebration of Jophiel. As needs arise, we will be sure to let you all know. In the meantime, we miss you and pray that the Holy Spirit is still powerfully and presently at work in each of your lives.

With our gratitude,
LaThelma and Samuel Yenn-Batah

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

April

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 Desirae Hemans | 5 Ebere Awobue |
| 6 George Hansen | Zorina Bowers |
| Peter Hansen | 18 Jean Scott |
| 14 Helena Pfeifer | Mark Mettle |
| 16 Wanda Breitenbach | 20 Kevin Scott |
| 17 Dottie Morris | Ronn Daniels |
| | Janett Platt |



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Health Reminder - SENIORS

FREE FLU SHOTS

are available at many of the local pharmacies such as Walgreens and CVS.

Opportunities:

From the City of Plainfield's Newsletter:

Women in Construction!

Elizabeth Development Company in Partnership with the City of Plainfield and the NJDOL is offering Union Pre-Apprenticeship testing and on-the-job training to women for jobs in the Laborers, Carpenters, Plumbers, Pipefitters and other Construction Trade Unions.

FREE CLASSES, Pre-testing, Training & Placement!

Elizabeth Development Company
205 First St., Elizabeth, NJ 07206—908-289-0262
msantana@edenj.org

Learn how to Start Your Own Business!

The Workshop Will:

- Provide basic training and information
- Help you with putting your ideas into action
- Connect you with additional resources

This program is FREE for all participants!

To Schedule YOUR Workshop:

Call Mariane Ibrahim, STEP Coordinator
908-355-1500 ext. 18

Helping Your Child Succeed In School!

Effective Parents/Successful Students

Monday, March 18—6:30 to 8:15pm **FREE**

Registration is Required!

Register online at <http://ucnj.org/UCHRC/>

Plainfield High School in the cafeteria.
Sponsored by Union County Human Relations Commission-



NOAH is setting sail into movie theaters near you for a special nationwide event on:

April 13th—ShowTime 12:55pm
Westfield Rialto Theater —Westfield, NJ

Tickets are \$17 each; reduced (\$10) tickets and a few free tickets are available.

Car pooling available from the church.

Call **NOW** to reserve your tickets:

Contact church office (908-756-2666) or
Jim Plummer (908-205-3162)



"A TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL"

A Trip to Bountiful is scheduled to be performed on May 17th and 18th here at UPC.

This 1953 play is about an unhappy woman who lives with her son and daughter-in-law in Houston, TX and runs away by bus to her childhood home, Bountiful.

The play is being produced by Dreamhouse Theater Productions, Inc. and sponsored by UPC's Outreach Committee.

Look for more information and how to get tickets.

The Writers Workshop

Presenter Lenore Bunton
Dreamhouse Theater Productions
March 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.—Location: Chapel Lounge
(Enter from the side parking lot by Front St.)

This workshop is designed to give encouragement to writers of various elements of the written word, including short stories, novels, poetry, children literature and more.

Open to all who like to write and share their work.

All are encouraged to attend! FREE!

Children's Corner

THE TRANSFIGURATION




Jesus took Peter, James and John and went up on a high mountain to pray.
There he was transfigured before them.

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3 10am Sunday School/ Adult Education 11am Worship - Communion	4 7:30pm Boy Scouts	5 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	6 7pm Ash Wednesday Service; Chapel 7pm A/A	7 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class	8	9 7pm A/A 3pm Writers Workshop
<p>Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mary Fairchild</p>						
10 Daylight Saving Time starts on March 10th the second Sunday of the month. SET YOUR CLOCK 10am Sunday School Adult Education 11am Worship 12:30pm Deacon Mtg 7:30pm A/A	11 7:30pm Boy Scouts	12 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	13 7pm A/A	14 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class 7pm Admin. Mtg.	15	16 7pm A/A
17 10am Sunday School/ Adult Education 11am Worship 7:30pm A/A	18 7:30pm Boy Scouts	19 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	20 7pm A/A	21 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class 7:30pm Session Mtg	22	23 7pm A/A
24/31 10am Sunday School/ Adult Education 11am Worship 7:30pm A/A	25 7:30pm Boy Scouts	26 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	27 7pm A/A	28 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class	29	30

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Committee Meetings (unless stated otherwise):

Deacon & Communion Sunday—1st Sunday Monthly

Youth Sunday—2nd Sunday monthly

Dedication Sunday—4th Sunday Monthly

2nd Sunday: 9:00am Worship Committee

12:45pm Deacons Meeting

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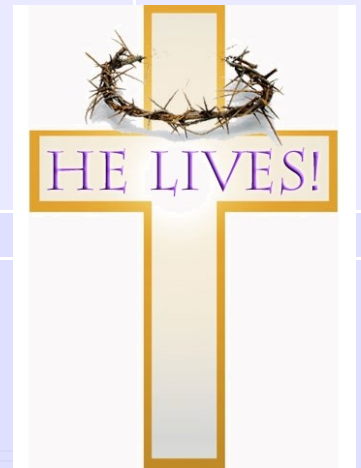


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14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10am Sunday School Adult Education 11am Worship 12:45pm Deacon Mtg 7:30pm A/A	15 7:30pm Boy Scouts	16 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	17 7pm A/A	18 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class 7pm Admin Mtg	19 <i>Good Friday</i>	20 7pm A/A
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 10am Sunday School/ Adult Education 11am Worship 7:30pm A/A . <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	22 7:30pm Boy Scouts <i>Earth Day</i>	23 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	24 7pm A/A	25 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class 7:30pm Session Mtg	26	27 7pm A/A
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