



# United Presbyterian Church

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

**Worship Services: Sunday 11:00 am & Thursday 7pm**

**May 2022 Newsletter**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK  
PASTOR ALLEGRA HOOTS**

*"Let us consider how to encourage one another to love and do honorable deeds."*

*Hebrews 10: 24*

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. As always, I trust God that you are in good health and continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. I also hope you are relishing in the joy of the Lord and enjoying spring.

By the time you read this message, the church will have moved into Easter Time - the 50 days in the liturgical calendar that begins at sunset on Resurrection Sunday and ends on Pentecost.

With the solemn and reflective Lenten Season and joyous occasion of Resurrection Sunday behind, Easter Time activities begin. At United, we will have about a two-week break between the end of Holy Week and the start of Easter Time endeavors - early morning prayer and Bible reading, Thursday evening service, and a monthly brunch with the UPC pastor.

Beginning May 2, from 6:00 AM– 6:15 AM, morning prayer and Bible study resume. Sunday morning is an addition to the morning schedule. Previously, early morning prayers ran Monday through Saturday.

Some benefits of praying and reading the Bible at the beginning of the day with other believers include reminding us we are members of the body of Christ possessing unique gifts bestowed on us by God for use in fulfilling God's divine will. Also, the discipline of engaging in early morning devotions helps center us spiritually. Thus, strengthening our resolve to remain Christ-centered throughout the day. It also helps us stay focused on God's power and keeps us from being overwhelmed by our daily personal challenges and concerns about the world's problems.

May 5 at 7:00 pm, our Thursday evening contemporary worship service resumes. We will continue analyzing the faith statements in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions.

Beginning Thursday, May 19, brunch with the UPC pastor begins from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in Room 200 (Hansen Room) at UPC. Visit the church website and Facebook page for details. The trial period for monthly brunch with the UPC pastor runs from May through July. The event will start again on the third Thursday in September if participation is good during the trial.

In the spirit of 2 Corinthians 13:14, may the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit continue abiding with us.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Allegra

*"God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."*

*John 3:17*

**WORSHIP SERVICES ARE INPERSON & ONLINE  
MEETINGS ARE AS ADVERTISED**



**Sunday Worship (Traditional)**

Pastor Allegra Hoots  
11:00am

In the Sanctuary & Via YouTube  
<https://bit.ly/3jyy1pg>

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**Thursday Contemporary Worship Service**

7:00pm

Via YouTube

Resumes May 5, 2022

<https://bit.ly/3vapmjf>

**Sunday School  
In Person Meetings**

Sundays — 10:00-11:00am

**Adult Education**

Sundays — 10:00-11:00am  
in the Lind Room

**Daily Morning Prayer and Readings**

**6:00 AM—6:15 AM**

**Begins May 2, 2022**

**Via Zoom**

**Connect at the UPC website**

**UPC Workshop**

**Gallup Clifton Strengths Assessment**

**Saturday, May 21 2PM—3:30 PM via Zoom**

**Facilitator— Ms. Jessica Dawson**

**This workshop is for current and future leaders (17 years old and up) of UPC who will be led through the completion of an assessment that will identify what they naturally do best!**

**Cost is \$19.99**

**Connect at the UPC website**

**Upcoming Events** Please see the calendars at the end of the newsletter for more activities

| MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH |         |                             |      |         |                        |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|---------|------------------------|
| May                                  |         |                             |      |         | June                   |
| Date                                 | Time    | Event                       | Date | Time    | Event                  |
| 5                                    |         | National Day of Prayer      | 4    |         | Flea Market            |
| 8                                    |         | Mother's Day                | 11   | 10:00am | Administrative Meeting |
| 14                                   | 10:00am | Administrative Meeting      | 15   | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting        |
| 18                                   | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting             | 19   |         | Father's Day           |
| 25                                   |         | Ascension of the Lord       |      |         |                        |
| 29                                   |         | Intercultural Church Sunday |      |         |                        |
| 30                                   |         | Memorial Day                |      |         |                        |

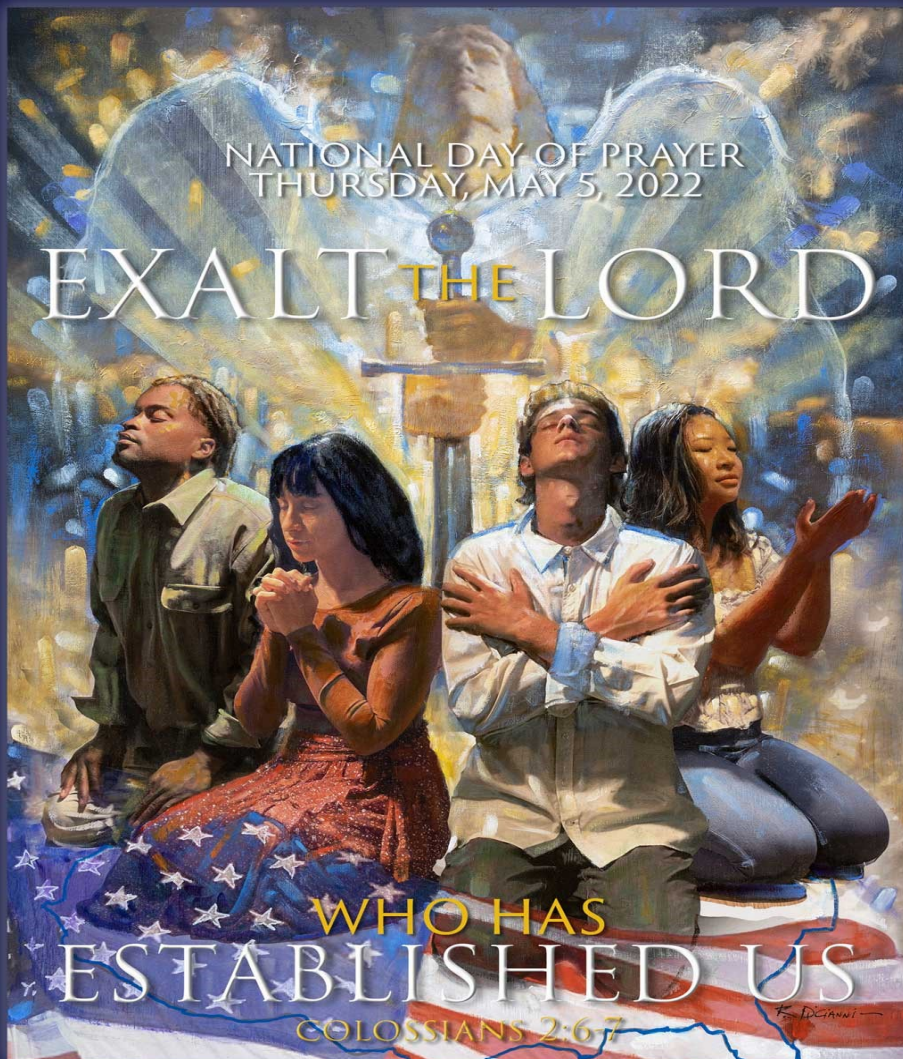
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# National Day of Prayer

May 5, 2022



The **National Day of Prayer** is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

The constitutionality of the National Day of Prayer was unsuccessfully challenged in court by the Freedom From Religion Foundation after their attempt was unanimously dismissed by a panel of a federal appellate court in April 2011.

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## HOW TO OBSERVE

People of many different faiths join in prayer on this day. Some will attend the church, synagogue, mosque, temple or monasteries of their choice to pray, others will attend interdenominational prayer events. Some will join prayer groups or meditate.

## HISTORY

In the early 1950s, an evangelical movement called for Congress and the President to proclaim a National Day of Prayer.

The movement grew and a young leader, Evangelist Billy Graham, led services for approximately 20,000 on the steps of the Capitol on February 3, 1952. Later that year, Congress proclaimed a joint resolution for a National Day of Prayer. President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a National Day of Prayer to be observed on July 4, 1952. Each year since that date, Americans have observed the day in their own way. The observance moved to the first Thursday in May by President Ronald Reagan and has been proclaimed each year since. As a Nation, presidents and government officials have called for national days of prayer or thanks intermittently since before the country's existence.

***<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7)***

<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Day\\_of\\_Prayer#:~:text=The%20National%20Day%20of%20Prayer.required%20by%20law%20\(36%20U.S.C.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Day_of_Prayer#:~:text=The%20National%20Day%20of%20Prayer.required%20by%20law%20(36%20U.S.C.)

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day-of-prayer-first-thursday-in-may/>





## A Mother's Day Prayer

*Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom*

*you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, baking, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.*

*We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, and moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.*

*We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.*

*We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mothers who never had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.*

*We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home.*

*Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. Amen. - Daniel Darling*

## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

The UPC administration committee wants to be certain all UPC members and friends are aware of the establishment of the Building Fund at UPC to which contributions can be made to help defray the cost of four maintenance projects scheduled for 2022. These projects involve heating, roofing, drainage, and renovation that are essential to ensure the health and safety of the occupants of our facility.

This building fund originated in 2021. At UPC's annual meeting on Sunday February 20th a motion was made and passed for United to be more purposeful in our efforts to encourage contributions to the Building Fund. To accomplish this, UPC members and friends will be receiving a letter from United that will provide specifics of the four maintenance projects to which funds contributed to the Building Fund will be dedicated.

Contributions to the Building Fund are welcome anytime and may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Sending a check, made out to the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, to Treasurer, 525 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 with "Building Fund" written in the memo section of the check.

OR

2. Contributions can be made through the "Give Now" button located at the UPC website at [www.upcplainfield.org](http://www.upcplainfield.org) Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Building Fund".

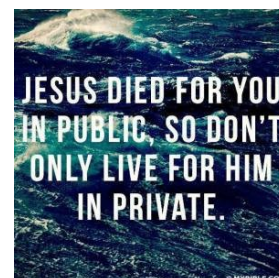
Wanda Breitenbach  
Administration Committee, Acting Chair

Contributions to the Building Fund as of 4/26/22 total:

**\$4,681**

(2021 thru 2022)

THANK YOU AND BLESS YOU!!



## ASCENSION OF THE LORD



*"Now when he had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight..." (Acts 1:4-9, New King James Version).*

### Traditions of Ascension Day

Ascension Day always falls on the fortieth day from Easter and, since Easter always falls on a Sunday, Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday; it is frequently called "Holy Thursday."

Ascension Day celebrates Christ's exaltation. While on earth, He was a servant. Now in heaven, He is the ruler and Lord of all. By entering heaven as the representative of mankind, He completed the work of our salvation and guarantees the eventual glorification of all who love Him.

Just as Jesus went up in the clouds, He will return the same way. Again Luke described the scene:

*"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'"*

### The Importance of Jesus' Ascension

All of this should give us great encouragement! When feeling weak in ourselves, Luke reminds us that the exalted Christ has given us his Spirit, who equips us with the power, boldness, and courage we need to accomplish our mission.

This is the great hope of all Christians. For just as Jesus went into heaven, so will all Christians. Those who are dead will rise first; those who are living will be caught up to meet Him in the air, according to Paul, writing to the church at Thessalonica. With this hope in mind, Christians sometimes conclude their meetings with the words, "Come Lord Jesus."

<https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/church-holidays/what-is-ascension-day.html>

The Christian holiday of Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of the Ascension, celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven. This feast day is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, along with the celebrations of the Passion, Easter, and **Pentecost**. Ascension Day is generally observed on a Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter.

*"No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man." ~ John 3:13*

### Jesus' Ascension in Scripture

Forty days from the day He rose from the grave, Jesus ascended into heaven. Here is how Luke described the event:

*Therefore, when they [the disciples and the risen Christ] had come together, they asked Him saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"*

*And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*







**May 30, 2022**

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**Memorial Day** (originally known as **Decoration Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place an American flag on graves of military personnel in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.

## **INTERCULTURAL CHURCH SUNDAY—May 29, 2022**

### **Let us pray:**

*God of love, we give you thanks for all of the cultures, races, ethnicities and languages of your people. Give us the wisdom and the courage to be faithful to the call of loving all of your people as you have loved us and to be transformed into a church that truly reflects who you are and who you love.*



**Intercultural Church Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate and embrace God's gift of diversity. It is expressed in the many cultures and languages of the world that embody all of God's people in a unique and special way.**

**May this be a time to come together to reach across dividing walls and allow ourselves to be made into Christ's disciples. The good news of salvation that "God is with us to the end of the age" is as relevant and needed today as it was 2,000 years ago.**

The intercultural initiative calls for the PC(USA) to become a transformative church that is truly inclusive and genuinely appreciates each other's distinctiveness and differences. The initiative makes it clear that living in an intercultural society brings opportunities for the church to engage in effective and relevant ministries that model God's community, where mutual recognition and understanding of differences through self-examination, relationship-building and equitable access to power are not mere ideals but actual practices. Presbyterians are challenged to change by interacting and building deep relationships with people of different races and cultures, by educating in cultural humility and intercultural ministry, and by being involved in intercultural coalitions with other people of faith as allies, advocates and partners in making a reality the vision of becoming God's intercultural community.

One of the intercultural initiative's mandates is to urge all councils of the church, seminaries and other church entities to "take action to be intercultural in their life, work and worship." Yes, it is time for Presbyterians to take decisive action to become a transformative church in this intercultural era. We pray that this initiative may be the beginning of a new Reformation Movement in the church where all of God's people who have already come from the east, west, north and south sit together at the Lord's table and welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us.

*Lemuel García-Arroyo, Associate Director of Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/june-2-2019/>

**Wednesdays, Jul 20—Aug 10th ~ Cottage Meetings ~ outreach opportunity**

The early Christians taught the gospel in private homes as well as in larger assemblies (Acts 5:42 and 20:20). In some towns, private homes served as meeting places for smaller churches (Romans 16:5, 1Corinthians 16:19, Philemon 1:2).

At times when Christians arranged a meeting in a private home. It was simply a private gathering of neighbors, relatives, and friends. The most famous such "cottage meeting" was the one arranged by Cornelius at which Peter the Apostle was invited to speak (Acts 10:22-24).

**1. Homes Provide Opportunity:** Homes are a resource blessing enabling small churches, and Christian households in larger churches, to reach and teach.

**2. Co-operating with the church:** A "cottage meeting" should mesh with the program of the church proper, and have the blessing (and if necessary the guidance) of the church elders.

**3. Advantages of Cottage Meetings:** The advantages of "cottage meetings" are many. Go to <https://www.simplybible.com/f440-outre-cottage-meetings.htm> to learn more.

**WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR OR TALK ABOUT THIS YEAR?**

**Alzheimer's ~ Local Youth Programs ~ Travel to Israel?**

~ Call the Church Office or email [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com) with your suggestion ~

**UKRAINE**



As we pray for an end to this violence, we ask the U.S. Government and our European allies to make a commitment to the Ukrainian people for a peaceful solution. We don't know how long it will take, but we know that they will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely.

**Funds are being used for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc.**

**To give your financial donation, see the "Tithes and Offering" section and mark your check, or note online "Ukraine".**

We are only able to accept financial donations  
—Please give—

**THIS IS STEWARDSHIP!**

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

A graphic for "tithes &amp; offering" with the text "Worship the Lord in Giving" and "WE GIVE because GOD GAVE FIRST". It includes a photo of hands putting money into a collection plate and a quote from John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16".

To bless the Church with your tithes and offering you may:

1. Drop it off at the church office
2. Mail your check (not cash) to the church
3. Log in to <https://bit.ly/3oyj1J6> or
4. Go to the UPC website homepage and click on the "Give Now" button

~ Thank you ~



Remember our sisters and brothers listed below and call them if you are able to. Let us know if there are members who are not on this list.

“ Lord of Heaven, I rest underneath your mighty wings of love. I dwell within your gentle heart. I know there is healing in your touch. Through the sufferings of Christ I can ask for restoration And trust in your goodness. You are my Lord, my Savior, My healer and my friend. I dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.”

UNKNOWN

- Leroy Anglin
- Emory Dawson
- Karen Edmonds
- Helen Foerster
- O'Harold Hoots
- BJ Klikus
- Frank Klikus
- Vilvurn Marsh
- Bobett Neil
- Sheila Neil
- Marianna Perry
- Pat Perry
- Gail Stokes
- Izaiyah Stokes
- Jamie Sweeney

## Flower Ministry

With your donation of \$25 or more to the Flower Fund, the Deacons will provide a beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. After worship, the arrangement will also brighten the day of a member or friend of UPC who is unable to join us for worship.

Flowers may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. Honoree names will be listed in the church bulletin.

You may complete the form below or add your information to the flower chart in the Narthex.

*Blessings,  
Zorina Bowers*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your generous support of  
UPC's Flower Ministry

*Board of Deacons*

**LEO TOLSTOY**

**Everyone thinks of  
changing the world,  
but no one thinks of  
changing himself...**

Please send your Prayer requests to the Church Office  
You will be placed on the prayer list



### May

- 9 Jeffrey Barnes
- 16 Eunice Sadler
- 21 DJ Hemans
- 24 Marianna Perry
- 28 Mobolaji Falowo
- 29 Robert Dawson
- Maggie Anglin
- Osquit Vanderstoop
- 30 DaVaughn Hoots

### June

- 4 Sharon Stemple
- 10 Daniel Bofah
- 12 Susan Terry
- 17 Pastor Allegra Hoots
- 21 Emory Dawson
- 22 Donna Grazinsky





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# Flea Market

**Saturday, June 4th, 2022**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**



*If you have articles to sell, Please fill out the registration form below .....*

**PLEASE PRINT**

No. of Tables \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each (with 2 chairs)  
 No. of Spaces \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Buy 3 tables OR space & get the 4th FREE)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Vending space for food not permitted

Tables are available on a first come basis and is based on when this form and fees are received.

Make money order or check payable to: United Presbyterian Church ~ Mail or bring money order or cash (do not mail cash) and this form to:  
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# Mercado de Pulgas

**Sábado, 4 de Junio del 2022**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**



*Si usted tiene artículos para vender, por favor llene esta inscripción*

*Mesas \$25.00 cada una (con 2 sillas) ~ Espacios \$20.00 cada uno (Compre 3 obtenga el 4to gratis)*

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Número de mesas: \_\_\_\_\_ Número de espacios: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_ Estado: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teléfono (Día) \_\_\_\_\_ (Noche) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Espacios para la venta de comida no son permitidos  
 Las mesas estarán disponibles en orden de llegada al momento de la inscripción. - Inscribese ahora!

Haga giro postal o cheque a nombre de: United Presbyterian Church ~ Envíe o traiga esta forma junto con su giro postal o dinero en efectivo  
 (no envíe dinero efectivo por correo) a:

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This beautiful picture of the cross, as seen in the UPC Sanctuary late afternoon on Easter Sunday, is shared for our inspiration by Susan Terry



It was all fun and smiles when the Easter Bunny visited at the UPC Easter Egg Hunt held at UPC on Saturday, April 16th!



Did you know the UPC Easter Egg Hunt has been a UPC ministry to the community for over 32 years!!



**2022 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**  
**Never too Late!**

Your annual Per Capita is \$40.00 and is shared by the General Assembly, The Synod of the Northeast, The Presbytery of the Northeast. Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of the governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d). Mark your check or envelope "Per Capita".

**Consider paying more than your share to help cover the cost of others who are unable to pay**

**Important:**

Deadline is the 20th of each month for the Newsletter. Leave your news in the Church Office or email it to [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com)

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

**Schedule of Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday to Friday  
9:00am to 1:00pm

Please call the Church Office for an Appointment  
or to contact the Pastor

**Session Members**

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Patricia Dawson  
Avril Lecky  
Marcia Marsh-Hinds

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Pastor Allegra Hoots

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**Pastor Allegra Hoots**

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Mr. Davaughn Hoots  
**Custodian:** Mr. Charles Rivers

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Tania Hemans (in training)  
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Zorina Bowers (Volunteer)

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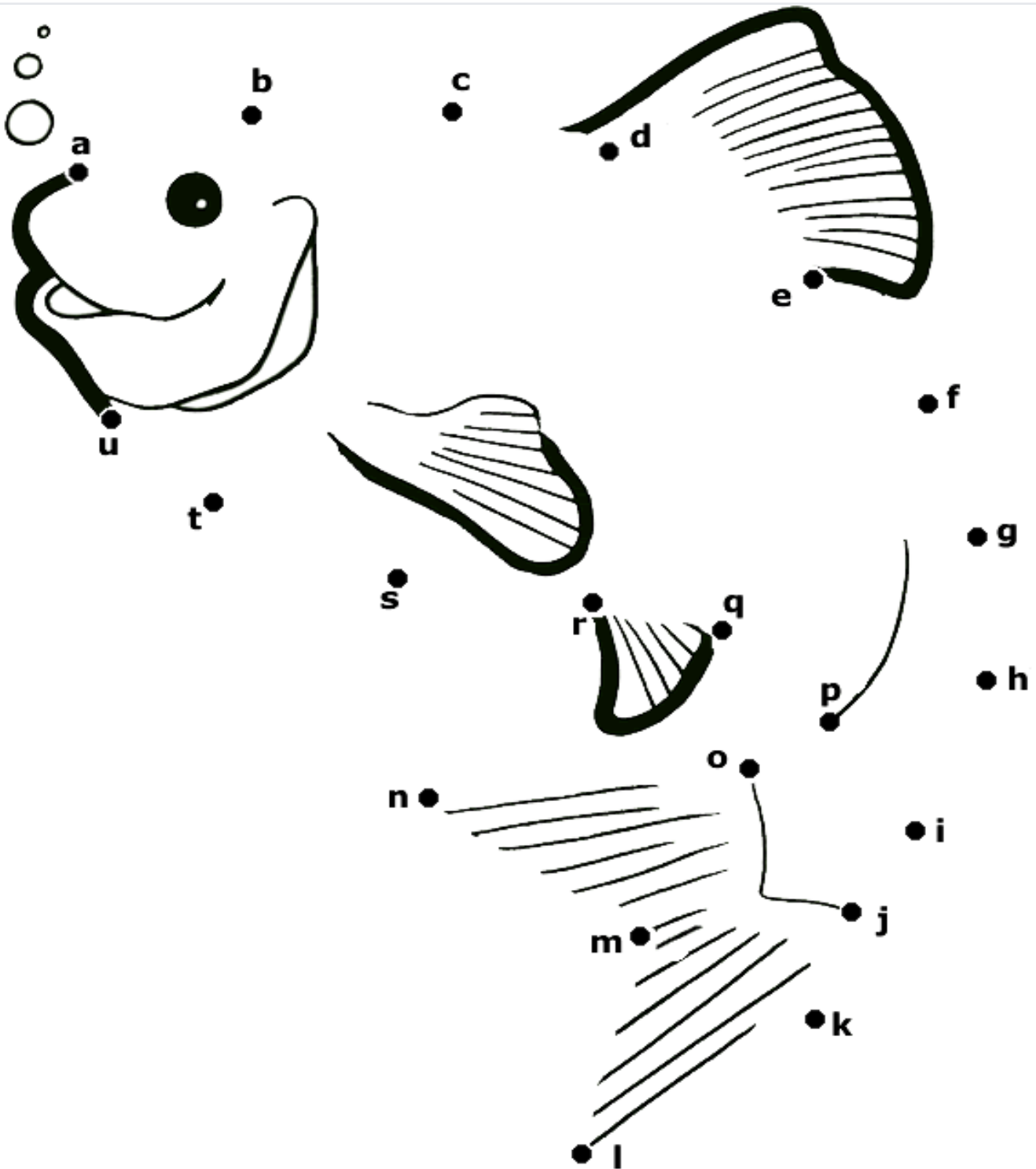
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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Fish Dot2dot John21v5 Dot to Dot



He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"  
"No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."  
John 21:5-6 (NIV)

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Parents, please read this to your younger child(ren)

### Breakfast on the Beach

**Theme:** Following Jesus brings great rewards

**Object:** Toy fishing nets - 1 per child; Plastic eggs - at least 1 per child; Stickers - 1 per plastic egg; Permanent marker; Assorted printed images; Paper Pencil

**Scripture:** John 21:1-19

Get Ready: Either draw or find and print each of the following images on a small piece of paper: (1) a group of male friends, (2) a boat, (3) a pile of fish, (4) a splash in a body of water, and (5) a campfire. Place each image inside a separate egg. Use the permanent marker to write numbers on the eggs with images in them, following the number scheme above. Then put a sticker inside each egg, except for the numbered eggs. Hold onto the extra stickers.

Do This: (Have kids sit in a circle.) Let's see what we can catch today. (Have kids use their nets to try to scoop up "fish" from the center of the empty circle.) Of course we didn't catch anything because there was nothing there to catch.

That reminds me about what we are learning from the Bible today. Jesus had died and come back to life on Easter. Later, Jesus' friends were out fishing, trying to make a living.

Jesus' friends fished all night and caught nothing. Then, they saw a man, not knowing it was Jesus, on the shore. Jesus yelled to them, asking, "Have you caught anything?" They didn't know the man was Jesus, but they still listened when He told them to cast their fishing nets on the right side of the boat.

(Spread out the eggs around the room, and tell kids to "catch the fish." Make sure everyone catches at least one. Tell kids not to open the eggs.)

You caught something! That's like what happened to Jesus' friends. Jesus' friends caught 153 fish! (Point out that there are numbers on some of the fish. Have kids come forward with the fish with a "1" on it. Explain that image symbolizes that Jesus' friends were together. Repeat with eggs two and three, inviting kids to tell what they think the image symbolizes from what you've covered in the Bible passage so far.)

There were so many fish that the friends couldn't pull in the fishing net. That's when Peter realized Jesus was the man yelling to them from the shore. (Have the child with the egg labeled four show the image in the fish and tell what he or she thinks it symbolizes.)

Peter was so excited when He realized Jesus had appeared again to them that He jumped into the water and swam to the shore where Jesus was!

The rest of the friends brought the boat to shore. (Have the child with the egg labeled five present the image in the fish and tell what he or she thinks it symbolizes.)

Jesus cooked breakfast over a campfire. Jesus' friends were reminded that day that following Jesus brings great rewards.

I think if you open up your "fish," you'll find a reward, too! (Allow time, and give a sticker to the kids who had the numbered fish.)

The disciples got to see Jesus and spend time with Him, and they ate the delicious breakfast He made for them

*PRAY: Dear Father, we know that you have wonderful blessings in store for us when we follow Jesus. Our prayer is that we will always follow you. In Jesus' name, amen.*



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## May 2022

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY              | WEDNESDAY                                        | THURSDAY                                                                                      | FRIDAY               | SATURDAY                                                                                                 |
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| 1<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>Communion Service<br>10am Adult Education &<br>Sunday school                                                   | 2<br>Morning Prayer                  | 3<br>Morning Prayer  | 4<br>Morning Prayer                              | 5<br>Morning Prayer<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service<br>National Day of<br>Prayer | 6<br>Morning Prayer  | 7<br>Morning Prayer                                                                                      |
| 8<br>Morning Prayer<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>10am Adult Education &<br>Sunday school<br>MOTHER'S DAY                                      | 9<br>Morning Prayer                  | 10<br>Morning Prayer | 11<br>Morning Prayer                             | 12<br>Morning Prayer<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                             | 13<br>Morning Prayer | 14<br>Morning Prayer<br>10am Administra-<br>tion Mtg                                                     |
| 15<br>Morning Payer<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>Youth Sunday<br>10am Adult Education &<br>Sunday school                                      | 16<br>Morning Prayer                 | 17<br>Morning Prayer | 18<br>Morning Prayer<br>7:30pm Session<br>Mtg    | 19<br>Morning Prayer<br>11 am- Pastor<br>Brunch<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service  | 20<br>Morning Prayer | 21<br>Morning Prayer<br>UPC workshop<br>Via Zoom 2-3:30<br>PM<br>Facilitator-<br>Ms. Jessica Daw-<br>son |
| 22<br>Morning Prayer<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>10am Adult Education &<br>Sunday school                                                     | 23<br>Morning Prayer                 | 24<br>Morning Prayer | 25<br>Morning Prayer<br>ASCENSION OF<br>THE LORD | 26<br>Morning Prayer<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                             | 27<br>Morning Prayer | 28<br>Morning Prayer                                                                                     |
| 29 Morning Prayer<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>Dedication Sunday<br>10am Adult Education &<br>Sunday school<br>Intercultural Church<br>Sunday | 30<br>Morning Prayer<br>Memorial Day | 31<br>Morning Prayer |                                                  |                                                                                               |                      |                                                                                                          |

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## June 2022

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY         | TUESDAY        | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY                                                                              | FRIDAY         | SATURDAY                                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                |                |                | 1                                       | 2                                                                                     | 3              | 4                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                |                | Morning Prayer                          | Morning Prayer<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                           | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer<br>UPC Flea Market              |
| 5 Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                               | 6              | 7              | 8                                       | 9                                                                                     | 10             | 11                                             |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>Communion Service<br>10am Adult Education                                                                                    | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer                          | Morning Prayer<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                           | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer                                 |
| 12 Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                              | 13             | 14             | 15                                      | 16                                                                                    | 17             | 18                                             |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>10am Adult Education<br>YOUTH SUNDAY<br>Tentative Date for<br>Pastor Hoots Com-<br>mission                                   | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer                          | Morning Prayer<br>11 am-Pastor<br>Brunch<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer<br>10am Administra-<br>tion Mtg |
| 19 Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                              | 20             | 21             | 22                                      | 23                                                                                    | 24             | 25                                             |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>10am Adult Education<br>FATHER'S DAY                                                                                         | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer<br>7:30pm Session<br>Mtg | Morning Prayer<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                           | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer                                 |
| 26 Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                              | 27             | 28             | 29                                      | 30                                                                                    |                |                                                |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>Dedication Sunday<br>10am Adult Education                                                                                    | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer                          | Morning Prayer<br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                           |                |                                                |
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