



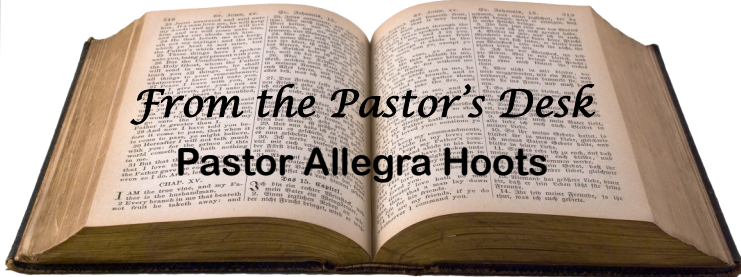
United Presbyterian Church

525 East Front Street • Plainfield, NJ 07060 • 908-756-2666 • <http://www.upcplainfield.org/>

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

Worship Services: Sunday 11:00 am

May 2023 Newsletter



"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to you in the holy name of the Lord Jesus, our blessed Redeemer. As always, I hope this message finds you in good health, basking in the joy of the Lord and experiencing the peace of Christ that surpasses human understanding.

As we reflect on the verse from Luke, cited above, we are reminded of the value Jesus attaches to generosity of spirit, which includes showing compassion. In the passage, Jesus instructs us to give generously; in doing so, we will receive generously. This generosity extends beyond financial giving and includes exercising tolerance, forgiveness, and respect toward all people. At United, we strive to embody this spirit of giving. And we believe big-heartedness is preached and practiced from the pulpit to the pews.

Friends, as we continue growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, let us remember that the biblical call for generosity promises benefits and reveals the depth of our relationship with God.

For example, 1 John 4:7-8 asserts that only those who love know God because God is love. The passage further declares that those who do not love do not know God. So, the power to love others from whom one reaps no material benefit is proof of one's intimacy with God. In other passages of Scripture, God explicitly calls us to love one another as Christ has loved us, forgive as we have been forgiven, and treat others as we want to be treated. The preceding references are all examples of generosity of spirit denoted in Scripture.

Now, let me share two ways we at United demonstrate generosity of spirit through mission work. We support home and foreign missions by donating money, goods, and services to the most marginalized people. The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) and the Helping Homeless Families Initiative (HHFI) are two examples.

Our participation in the 2023 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) was tremendously successful. With hard work (Ginni Hansen rolled and wrapped hundreds of donated coins) and generous donations from families and friends, UPC is contributing ten times our initial goal of raising \$100.00.

OGHS is an ecumenical offering supported by nine Christian denominations that use donations to help people worldwide. The money is gifted to aid those whose lives are upended by natural disasters. It is also used to fight hunger by providing farm animals and other goods to needy families in some of the most underdeveloped communities in the world. Some contributions fund self-development projects to help people sustain themselves financially. The OGHS reminds us that pooling resources can impact lives beyond our communities.

We are also delighted to report that on behalf of UPC, in March, the HHFI gifted to Newark YM/YWCA the following items: 1,470 disposable diapers, 1,536 baby wipes (unscented), and 36 Evenflo 8 oz baby bottles for distribution to families with infants and toddlers temporarily housed in the facility. We are collecting donations for the second quarter. We plan to expand our support during the summer by offering no-fee life-skill classes.

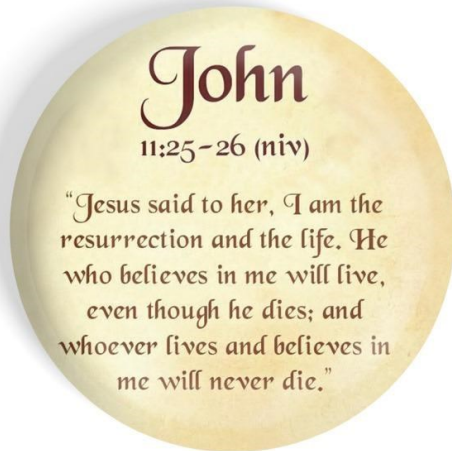
May God grant us the grace to remember that every small act of kindness and compassion improves life and pleases God. .

In closing, I thank God and you for supporting UPC missions.

Peace, love, and blessings,

Pastor Allegra

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & ONLINE
Church Office: Tele: 908-756-2666



Sunday Worship Service

Pastor Allegra Hoots
11:00am
In the Sanctuary & Via YouTube
(<https://bit.ly/3jyylpg>)

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**Contemporary Worship Service**

Thursdays @ Noon—Via YouTube\*  
<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>

**Sunday School**

Youth & Young Adult  
Hansen Room  
10:00 am

We encourage you to bring or send your child. Need transportation, call the Church Office.



**Adult Bible Study**

Theme:  
**Lenten Study:**  
**“Neighborhood Church-  
Transforming  
Your Congregation into a  
Powerhouse for Mission”**  
Dates: Sundays @ 10:00 am  
Location: Lind Room

JOIN US!



Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

| May                                                  |         |                             | June |        |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------|
| Date                                                 | Time    | Event                       | Date | Time   | Event           |
| <b>May is Mental Health Awareness Month (page 6)</b> |         |                             |      |        |                 |
| 4                                                    |         | National Day of Prayer      | 10   |        | Flea Market     |
| 6                                                    | 10:00am | Administrative Meeting      | 18   |        | Father's Day    |
| 14                                                   |         | Mother's Day                | 19   |        | Juneteenth      |
| 17                                                   | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting             | 21   | 7:30pm | Session Meeting |
| 18                                                   |         | Ascension of the Lord       |      |        |                 |
| 21                                                   |         | Intercultural Church Sunday |      |        |                 |
| 28                                                   |         | Pentecost Sunday            |      |        |                 |
| 29                                                   |         | Memorial Day                |      |        |                 |

**FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS:**

TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:

<http://www.upcplainfield.org/>

## Ascension of the Lord May 18th

Forty days after the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday), we remember and celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. (See Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:1-11; see also Mark 16:19-20.) On this day, the church gives thanks for Christ's sovereign rule over all the earth, as well as his priestly intercession for us at the throne of mercy (Hebrews 4:14-16).



### *Christ is Lord*

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 108-109)

The seven weeks of the Easter season include the festival of the ascension of our Lord — Ascension Day. With the raising of Christ to a position above all worldly powers, the earthly ministry of Christ begun at Christmas's incarnation now concludes. The path of faithfulness obediently followed by Christ traveled through the suffering of the cross to the exaltation of the glory. From glory to suffering to glory again is the shape of Jesus' ministry as well as ours. We too, are destined for the glory we share now in Christ only by faith. "It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him" (1 John 3:2).

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ascension-day/>

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## Intercultural Church Sunday

*Intercultural Church Sunday (May 21, 2023)*

"God's Spirit created the intercultural church at Pentecost, leaving cultural and linguistic identities in place. "

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16–20) is an intercultural call to make disciples of all nations. As we engage in fulfilling this call, our commission to discipleship is sharing the good news of salvation with individuals from these nations in their own languages, traditions and cultures.

While in years past making disciples of all nations may have been understood as journeying to every corner of the world, today individuals from every nation are already living in our midst, so we can be faithful to our call right here at home. As we encounter new neighbors we can be transformed when we are willing to receive the good news in their own culture.

An increasing number of immigrants and their children living in our neighborhoods and worshiping in our congregations have been Christians for many generations. They have stories to tell and lessons that we need to learn. Their worship styles, languages, traditions and cultures may be different from ours, but we share with them "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (cf. Ephesians 4:4-6). And these individuals from every nation are ready to accompany us in the journey to make disciples of us all, at home and abroad.

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.

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

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/june-11-2017/>

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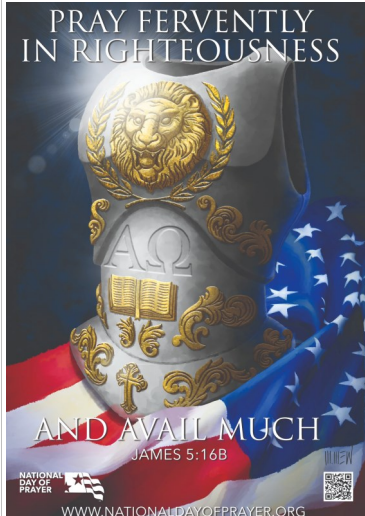
**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PRAYER**



2023 Theme—May 4th

**PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AVAIL MUCH**

**JAMES 5:16B "THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH."**



The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, **inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.** It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The National Day of Prayer task force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on the understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

The National Day of Prayer is designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law (36 U.S.C. § 119) 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; the Alliance Defense Fund (now known as the Alliance Defending Freedom) provided the defense for observance of the National Day of Prayer.

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

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/>



MONDAY May 29, 2023

Observed on the last Monday in May, many people have Memorial Day off from work and use the long weekend to unwind at the beach or fire up the grill for backyard cookouts with loved ones.

Though the holiday is often marked with happy celebrations, it's intended as a solemn remembrance of U.S. lives lost in service to our country.

In 1868, Memorial Day was officially designated as a day to honor those fallen in service to our country during the Civil War.

According to the Library of Congress, three years after the end of the war, John A. Logan, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, set aside May 30 for "Soldiers' Memorial Day" or "Decoration Day" as it was previously known.

Eventually, Memorial Day was extended to include fallen soldiers from *all* American wars. In 1971, Congress declared it a national holiday, changing the observance from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

<https://www.today.com/life/holidays/when-is-memorial-day-rcna81451>

***Memorial Day is a solemn remembrance of U.S. lives lost in service to our country***



A mother embodies the qualities of a female parent, eliciting the emotional responses that a child typically has toward their mother.



*"Call your mother. Tell her you love her. Remember you're the only person who knows what her heart sounds like from the inside."*

Rachel Wolchin

**Sunday, May 14TH**

**"Dear Mother"**

I'm writing you to tell you that I love you  
Something I hardly ever do.  
I never tell you enough how much I love you and  
It's something I must do.  
I need to let you know mother how much  
You really mean to me  
So I'm telling you now you mean the world to me.  
I need to thank you for all you do for me.  
Your unconditional love toward me means a lot to me.  
You've never turned your back on me and  
I know it's something you'll never do.  
Anytime I need someone to talk to  
You're always there to help me through  
And anytime I need a favor you always seem  
To be there, too  
There's nothing in this world that I could do  
To pay you back for all you do.  
When God gave me to you,  
That's the best thing he could ever do,  
So this poem is dedicated to you  
Because I don't know how else to say  
Thank You.

**HERMAN VYMISLICKY**

woman's day



***Happy Mother's Day!***



## Mental Health Awareness Month

# MAY 2023

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. While mental health is important to address year-round, Mental Health Awareness Month provides a dedicated time for people, organizations, and communities to join their voices to broadcast the message that mental health matters.

### Looking for signs

**Mental illness is just that—an illness. Try to think of your mental health the way you think about your physical health. Here’s what we mean:**

We all experience ups and downs in our physical health. Some days you might feel a little sore, or tired, or sniffly. That doesn’t necessarily mean you’re “sick.”

Mental illness is the same way. The only difference is that instead of looking for physical symptoms, like a runny nose or an upset stomach, you’re looking at your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. Here are some examples of things that might tip you off:

- ◆ You used to be really cheerful and outgoing, but lately all you want to do is sit in your room.
- ◆ Things you used to enjoy have lost their appeal. Food doesn’t taste as good as it used to, and all your favorite music just sounds boring.
- ◆ You’re always falling asleep in class. It’s hard to pay attention and do well in school.
- ◆ Your friend is talking and you’re trying hard to listen, but you can’t concentrate. All you can think about is bad things that might happen.
- ◆ Recently you started hearing voices that no one else seems to hear.
- ◆ You can’t leave the house without checking all the locks several times. You do this so much that it’s making you late for work.
- ◆ You’re always irritated, and you can’t stop snapping at people.

Of course not all of these will apply to you, but they all have something in common: there’s some change in your thoughts, feelings, or behaviors that makes it harder for you to live a normal life.

<https://bit.ly/3Hj24yM>; <https://mhanational.org/science/maintaining-mental-wellness>

### ~ Self-care is not a selfish act ~



#### Special Telephone Services

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| AA-Alcoholics Anonymous.....          | 800-245-1377 |
| AI-ANON.....                          | 888-944-5678 |
| Caring Contact, Inc.....              | 908-232-2880 |
| Child Abuse.....                      | 800-792-8610 |
| Council on Compulsive Gambling ....   | 800-GAMBLER  |
| Domestic Violence.....                | 908-355-HELP |
| HIV Hotline.....                      | 800-624-2377 |
| NA-Narcotics Anonymous.....           | 800-992-0401 |
| NAR-ANON.....                         | 732-591-1827 |
| Nat. Runaway Crisis Line.....         | 800-RUNAWAY  |
| Nat. Suicide Hotline.....             | 800-273-8255 |
| Need Help? Dial 2-1-1.....            | 2-1-1        |
| NJ Connect (Opioid Helpline).....     | 855-652-3737 |
| NJ Hopeline (Suicide Prevention)..... | 855-654-6735 |
| NJ MentalHealthCares Helpline.....    | 866-202-4357 |
| NJ Quitline (Smoking).....            | 866-657-8677 |
| Peer Recovery Warmline.....           | 877-292-5588 |
| Rape Crisis 24 Hour Hotline....       | 908-233-7273 |
| REACH NJ (Opioid).....                | 844-732-2465 |
| 2nd Floor Youth Helpline.....         | 888-222-2228 |



Above: YW/YMCA workers receiving gifts on behalf of UPC.

## Community Service: Helping Homeless Family Initiative

UPC continues to provide needed supplies to the YM/YWCA Helping Homeless Family Initiative in Newark, NJ.



Did you know that homeless individuals from the City of Plainfield are housed in Newark or Elizabeth with the majority in Newark?



Above: DJ and Jahvon organizing some of the donated items in the pastor's office.

Below: Davaughn delivering goods to the Newark Area YM/YWCA Helping Homeless Family Initiative in March.



*Let everything you do be done in love.  
To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.*

*Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength, beauty and happiness.*

*Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.*

<https://bit.ly/3Zq0UHR>

## Upcoming Events

SAVE THESE DATES

### **Flea Market - Saturday, June 10th – 9am to 3pm**

All are invited to be vendors and/or customers. Money raised from this event will continue to fund mission/outreach related projects. This event is open to the community. Please come and buy or sell ~ invite your neighbors.

### **Vacation Bible School: July 10-15th; 9am to 12pm**

*Theme 2023: Olympic Hopeful*

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a uniquely wonderful time to teach children about God's love at work. At VBS, there seems to be so much more time for imagination and play.

### **Cottage Meetings – July 19th to August 9th @ 7pm**

UPC's Cottage Meetings provide the opportunity for the community to gather and explore areas of interest in a relaxed environment. Topics may be biblical, spiritual, social—any topic that you want to learn more about. Do you have a topic you want to learn more about or to share with us? Let us know.....finalized topics will be available after hearing from all.

### **Health Fair & Bazaar – October 7th**

Working with community health care providers, provide basic preventive health care and medical screening to people in the community. Please save this date and share it with family and friends. Also, please consider ways you may be able to assist UPC present this event.



**Wednesdays in  
July and August  
7:00 pm  
Location—TBD**

UPC's Cottage Meetings is an opportunity for us to gather and explore areas of interest in a relaxed environment. Topics may be biblical, spiritual, social—any topic that you want to learn more about. The meetings are named "Cottage Meetings" because initially, we gathered in individuals homes and they were restricted to members, friends and our guests. Our format has changed to include meeting virtually and in various locations encouraging all to attend. Please share your thoughts and suggestion with the Pastor, any Session member or send an email to [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you.

Suggested topics thus far:

Music from around the world

Virtual Tours of Israel, Nigeria and Jamaica

UPC working in the community—conversation

***What is your suggestion? Have a speaker in mind?***

Call the Church office at 908-756-2666 or 732-742-8762,

Email: [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com)





## Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund

Now Accepting Donations

The Board of Deacons of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield is accepting donations for the Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund for higher Education.

This fund is dedicated to scholarships for any member pursuing an undergraduate degree or working in an undergraduate program which will lead to a specific degree. It may also be used by anyone pursuing a seminary degree.

Donations are accepted and welcomed to this fund at any time 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 "Crawford/Walton Memorial 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 "Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund"

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

### City of Plainfield—Recreation Events

For More information and activities go to: <https://bit.ly/3yvXfxK>



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|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May<br>Tues & Thurs | 6pm                              | <b>Youth Tennis Lessons</b><br>Milt Campbell Field—Tennis Courts \$25<br>Info 908-753-3097 (Plainfield Residents)<br><a href="http://Register.communitypass.net/Plainfield">http://Register.communitypass.net/Plainfield</a>                |
| May<br>Tues & Thurs | 7pm-Beginner<br>8pm-Intermediate | <b>Adult Tennis Lessons</b><br>Milt Campbell Field—Tennis Courts \$25 (Plainfield Residents)<br><a href="http://Register.communitypass.net/Plainfield">http://Register.communitypass.net/Plainfield</a> —Info 908-753-3097                  |
| May<br>Saturdays    | 8:30am                           | <b>Introduction to Pickleball (Ages 18+)</b><br>Milt Campbell Field—Tennis Courts \$25 (Plainfield Residents)<br><a href="http://Register.communitypass.net/Plainfield">http://Register.communitypass.net/Plainfield</a> —Info 908-753-3097 |
| Mon/Wed/Fri         | 9am                              | <b>Walk with Ease</b><br>Hub Stine Sports Complex, 1410 Randolph Road                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Wednesdays          | 6-7:-30pm                        | <b>Girl Scout Troop—Heart of NJ Troop 40954</b><br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: 908-753-3097                                                                                                                         |

*Jesus Christ, our Savior, you live and reign forever at the right hand of God.  
Baptize us with your Spirit, so that we may glorify you, proclaiming the  
gospel to the ends of the earth.*

## EASTER EGG HUNT 2023



On Saturday, April 8, 2023, eighty nine (89) children, their siblings and their parents participated in UPC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. UPC and the community came together in a big way to create an event that was action packed. The event took place on the church grounds with games, activities, beginning and ending inside.

It is with much gratitude that we say "Thank you" to all of you who contributed in any way to our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Special shout out to the prayer warriors, planning and implementation team, sign in table, escorts, parking attendants, kitchen staff, puppeteer, game leaders, and clean up crew - Who went beyond the call of duty!

Thank you to UPC's family and friends and the Boys & Girl's Club youth for their hard work. We could not have done it without each of you playing a part!

UPC Easter Hunt Team 2023

## tithes & offering

Worship the Lord in Giving



### One Great Hour of Sharing

UPCs contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing is currently \$1,000.

**Thank you!**

### THIS IS STEWARDSHIP!

*Our gift, no matter how small, goes a very long way to support the church and the community.*

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 ~*

### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

#### HELP STAR FISH FOOD PANTRY TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR

#### For monetary donations:

Make your check payable to Star Fish

#### For unexpired Food Donations

Drop off your items in the Church Office or Sanctuary or

Call Avril at 732-742-8762 if pick up is needed.

#### HELP SOMEONE IN NEED—GIVE!



#### \* NEED HELP BUYING GROCERIES? \*

Check to see if you are eligible for food assistance (SNAP), cash assistance (WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA), and health insurance (NJ Family Care/Medicaid). From here you can apply for services or learn about additional resources.

Click on this link: <https://www.njhelps.org/>

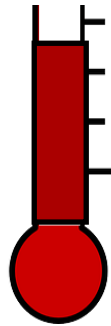
## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

As of 4/29/2023 the total collected is  
**\$12,350**



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.

**12,350**



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

Remember our brothers and sisters listed below.  
Call them if you are able to.

**Psalm 34:18-19**

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."

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|----------------|----------------|
| Leroy Anglin   | Vilvurn Marsh  |
| Ronn Daniels   | Bobett Neil    |
| Emory Dawson   | Sheila Neil    |
| Karen Edmonds  | Winnie Neal    |
| Helen Foerster | Marianna Perry |
| O'Harold Hoots | Pat Perry      |
| BJ Klikus      | Gail Stokes    |
| Frank Klikus   | Izaiyah Stokes |
| Liz Mangan     |                |

Send your Prayer requests to the Church Office  
You will be placed on our 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 Garzinsky

**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*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

### Jesus Is the Way

- Theme:** We can only come to God through Jesus.
- Object:** Four signs with different directional arrows. (one up arrow, one down arrow, one left arrow, one right arrow.)
- Scripture:** John 14:1-14

Today I brought with me four directional signs. Each has different arrows. (Show the signs.) Let's see how good you are at following the arrows. As I hold up each arrow sign, look the way the arrow is pointing. (Go through each of the four signs slow, then fast to try to catch them not looking the right way.) You did pretty good. Now as I share about today's Bible lesson, see if you can follow instructions and look the right way when you see a sign.

Stop and imagine how Jesus' disciples felt in our Bible lesson today. Jesus knew that the day of his crucifixion was coming and that He would soon return to His Father in heaven. He was trying to prepare His disciples for the time when He would no longer be with them.

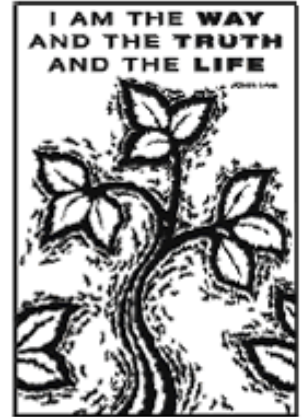
"Don't worry," Jesus said, "I am going to prepare a place for you. When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will be with Me. You know the way to where I am going."

- ⇒ (Show the up arrow sign and have kids look up.) - "No, we don't," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
- ⇒ (Show the right arrow sign and have kids look right.) - Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."
- ⇒ (Show the up arrow sign and have kids look up.) - Philip, another of the disciples spoke up, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."
- ⇒ (Show the right arrow sign and have kids look right.) - Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." Jesus wanted his disciples to know He and the Father were one, and that if they put their trust in God and in Him, they would one day join Him in Heaven.
- ⇒ (Show the up arrow sign and have kids look up.) - Sometimes life can be very confusing and we don't know where to turn or what path to take. It seems that every path we take leads to a dead end.
- ⇒ (Show the down arrow sign and have kids look down.) - When that happens, we just need to remember that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." If we will keep our eyes on Jesus and follow his teaching, we will find the path to our goal -- eternal life in Heaven with him. We can only come to God through Jesus.
- ⇒ (Show the up arrow sign and have kids look up.) -

***Dear God, help us keep our eyes on Jesus because we know that  
He is the way -- the only way to You.  
In Jesus' name, amen.***

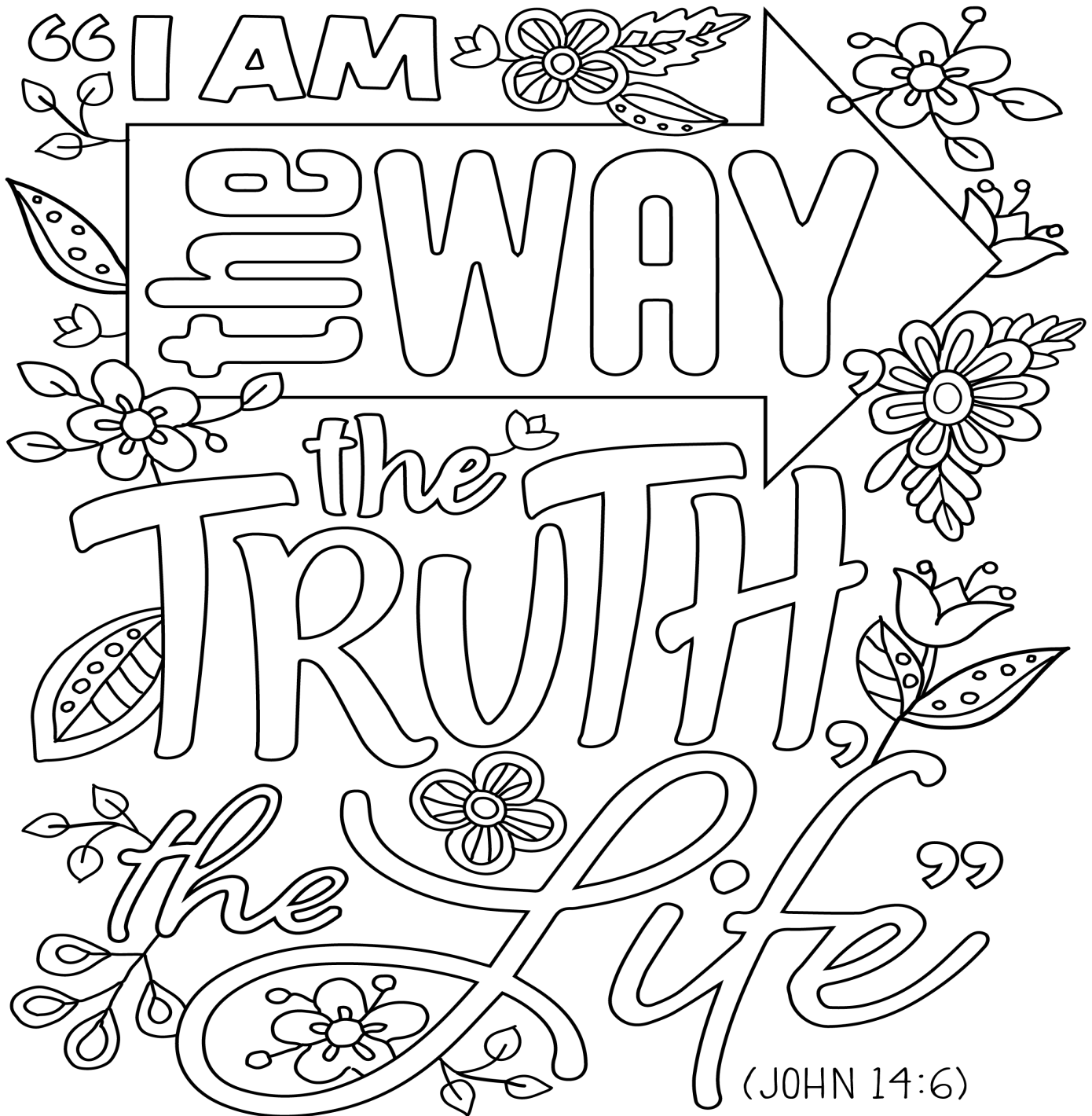
# Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6  
Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- \_\_\_ 1. To accept something as being true  
A. truth B. house C. believe D. way
- \_\_\_ 2. To get ready for something that will happen in the future  
A. leave B. prepare C. believe D. way
- \_\_\_ 3. A building in which people, usually one family, live  
A. church B. school C. house D. store
- \_\_\_ 4. Areas in a building that have their own walls, floor, ceiling, and door  
A. windows B. rooms C. house D. life
- \_\_\_ 5. The male parent  
A. brother B. sister C. mother D. father
- \_\_\_ 6. The period between birth and death  
A. time B. believe C. life D. day
- \_\_\_ 7. The actual facts about something  
A. truth B. way C. life D. prepare
- \_\_\_ 8. The route or path to follow to get to a place  
A. truth B. way C. rooms D. life

## Jesus Is the Way—Coloring Page



(JOHN 14:6)

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### I Am the Way (John 14:5-7)

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

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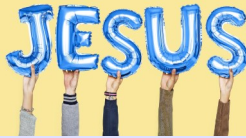
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| SUNDAY                                                                                  | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY                    | WEDNESDAY                                        | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | FRIDAY                     | SATURDAY                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | 1                                          | 2                          | 3                                                | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5                          | 6                                             |
|         | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service<br>NAT'L DAY OF PRAYER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>10am Admin. Mtg |
| 7                                                                                       | 8                                          | 9                          | 10                                               | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 12                         | 13                                            |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>Communion Service                     | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                    |
| 14                                                                                      | 15                                         | 16                         | 17                                               | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 19                         | 20                                            |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person/Livestream<br>Youth Sunday<br>MOTHER'S DAY            | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:30pm Session Mtg | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service<br>ASCENSION OF THE LORD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                    |
| 21                                                                                      | 22                                         | 23                         | 24                                               | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 26                         | 27                                            |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>INTERCULTURAL CHURCH SUNDAY           | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                    |
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