



# United Presbyterian

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

Worship Services: Sunday 11:00 am & Thursdays 7:30

March 2024 Newsletter

**If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old things have passed away;  
behold, the new has come into being.  
(2 Corinthians 5: 17)**



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the holy and mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. As always, I trust this message will find you basking in the joy of the Lord and experiencing the peace of Christ that surpasses human understanding.

I trust that God is nurturing your spirit as you observe a holy Lent and journey through Good Friday to Easter or Resurrection Sunday. To that end, I invite you to join the UPC family on Sundays at 7:30 pm via Zoom for our Lenten study. This year's devotional guide is *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by James W. Moore.

Easter or Resurrection Sunday is a celebratory time that reminds believers they are born again. Their past no longer defines them. They are now identified with Christ. The fear and sting of death have vanished. And praise God, they have the assurance of eternal life—perpetual communion with the only wise, authentic, and living God.

The guarantee that nothing can separate us from God's presence fills us with joy and comfort. As believers, we shout 'hallelujah' and echo the psalmist, confident that those who trust in the Lord will be graced with goodness and mercy throughout their lives and reside in the Lord's house for eternity (Psalm 23:6). Similarly, believers find comfort in Psalm 91:1, affirming they are safeguarded by God's eternal presence and omnipotence, transcending even physical death.

May the Lord bless and keep us as we celebrate the Resurrection and new life in Christ.

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>)

**Contemporary Worship Service**

Thursdays @ 7:30pm—Via YouTube\*  
<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>



**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
March 29th @ 6pm

**EASTER SERVICE SUNDAY**  
March 31st @ 11am

In person and via YouTube  
(<https://bit.ly/3jyylpg>)

**LENT: Feb 14, 2024 – Mar 30, 2024**

**Daily Devotional**

Daily @ 6:00am to 6:15am—Via Zoom  
(<https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>)

**Book: Give Up Something Bad for Lent: A Lenten Study for Adults**

Author: James W. Moore

**Join Our Lenten Study**

Sundays, 7:30pm, Ends March 24th  
Via: Zoom (<https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>)

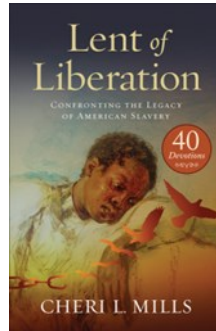


**Sundays @ 10:00 am**

Children and Young Adults —The Hansen Room  
(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Adults (weekly) —The Lind Room

Adults, join this devotional reading and interesting conversation



**Parents:**

Consider dropping your children off and then joining the adult group for interesting studies and conversations.

**Give to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

March		
Date	Time	Event
8		Committee Reports Due International Women's Day
9	10:00am	Administration Committee Meeting
17	12:30pm	Annual Congregational Meeting
		St. Patrick's Day
10		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
20		Session Meeting

April		
Date	Time	Event
13	10:00am	Administrative Meeting
17	7:30pm	Session Meeting
26		Arbor Day

March Contd...		
Date	Time	Event
24		Palm Sunday
28		Maundy Thursday
29	6:00pm	Good Friday Service
30		Easter Egg Hunt
31		Easter Sunday

**HOLY WEEK**

**FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS: TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:**  
<http://www.upcplainfield.org/>

## United Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee

Chair: Mr. Bola Falowo - Submission deadline March 12th

The UPC Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the positions of **Ruling elders** (session members) and **Deacons**. The nominee must be a member of UPC. Submit all nominations, confidentially to Mr. Falowo, chair or to other members of this committee (Avril Lecky, Al Tate or Pastor Hoots) in a sealed envelope. Submissions may also be made via email to Mr. Falowo (bolafalowo@yahoo.com).

### Ruling Elders:

Congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are chosen by the congregation to discern and ensure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.

Ruling Elders participate in governing responsibilities of the church including leadership of the congregation in implementing the principles of participation and inclusiveness in the decision-making life of the congregation, and its task of reaching out in concern and service to the life of the human community as a whole. With the deacons they are to share in the ministries of compassion, witness, and service. In addition to these pastoral duties, they are responsible for sharing in the ministry of the church in councils higher than the session and in ecumenical relationships. There are committees within the Board of Session to assist in carrying out these responsibilities.

### Deacons:

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

Deacons ministry is under the supervision and authority of the session. Deacons may also be given special assignments in the congregation, such as caring for members in need, handling educational tasks, cultivating liberality in giving, collecting and disbursing monies to specific persons or causes, or overseeing the buildings and property of the congregation. Deacons shall assume other duties as may be delegated to them by the session, including assisting with the Lord's Supper.

## The Call - Annual Congregational Meeting

March 17, 2024 at 12:30pm—Lind Room & Zoom



The annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at approximately 12:30 p.m. in the Lind Room and via ZOOM, immediately following the 11:00am service. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- To receive annual reports from the committees of the church.
- To review the 2024 Budget.
- To elect church officers: Ruling Elders and Deacons

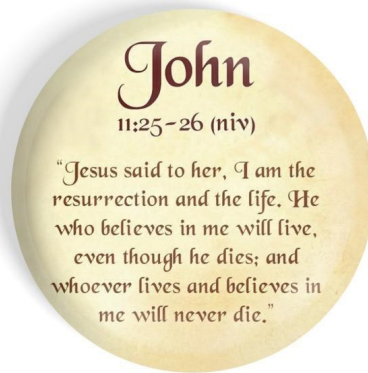
Action of any other matter that may come before the meeting.

**Reports from committees are due to the Church Office by March 8th.**

**Please plan to attend**

*Holy Week—The week leading up to Easter—March 24-30 2024*

<b>Important Dates of Lent</b>	<b>Brief Overview of Significance</b>	<b>2024 Dates</b>
Palm Sunday	Celebrates Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem	March 24,2024
Maundy Thursday	Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.	March 28, 2024
Good Friday	Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.	March 29, 2024
Holy Saturday	Commemorates Jesus' body resting in the tomb.	March 30, 2024
Easter Sunday	Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his victory over death.	March 31, 2024



Dear God,

In this season of Lent we're reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don't see how our circumstance can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf.

Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we've walked through. Allow your power to manifest through our weakness, so that others will recognize it is You who is at work on our behalf. We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for the oil of joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise. We give you thanks today and believe this season of darkness will fade away.

Thank you for being with us in whatever we face and for being greater than this trial. We know and recognize that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good still in store for our future. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

by Debbie McDaniel (crosswalk.com)



### March 24—PALM SUNDAY: Jesus' Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem

John 12:12-13

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! " "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Debbie McDaniel wrote about the significance of Palm Sunday,

"On the heels of Palm Sunday, as we begin this Holy Week, may we constantly be reminded of its significance and value for our lives today. That very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross.

Yet maybe in the midst of busy lives, on the heels of Spring Break, or in all of the upcoming thoughts about Easter, the real meaning of it may, even unintentionally, get missed.

His Word reveals such great truths in every part of this story. Truths that draw us closer towards Christ, reminding us that He alone is King."

***Let us praise God for sending His Son to earth, Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, and our eternal life in Christ through faith.***

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-palm-sunday-bible-story-and-meaning-today.html>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/palm-sunday-bible-verses/#:~:text=John%2012%3A12%2D19,is%20the%20king%20of%20Israel!%E2%80%9D>

#### **Psalm 1:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

#### **March 28—MAUNDY THURSDAY (also known as Holy Thursday)**

Scholars believe that the word "maundy" comes from the Latin word "mandatum," which means "command." It is on this Thursday before his crucifixion that Jesus gives his disciples a new mandate or command to love one another. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper. During this Passover meal, we see Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. As he was washing their feet he stated:

***"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:  
Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).***

Jesus also foretells his betrayal during this time. Maundy Thursday marks an important part of Holy Week; here is what you should know about this day that commemorates the day Jesus submitted His will to that of the Father and prayed "Not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42).

## March 29—FOOD FRIDAY Crucifixion of Jesus



### What's So Good about Good Friday?

Why do we call Good Friday “good,” when it is such a dark and bleak event commemorating a day of suffering and death for Jesus? Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, is the Christian day to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary.

For Christians, Good Friday is an important day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the most momentous weekend in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation. Paul states:

***"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)***

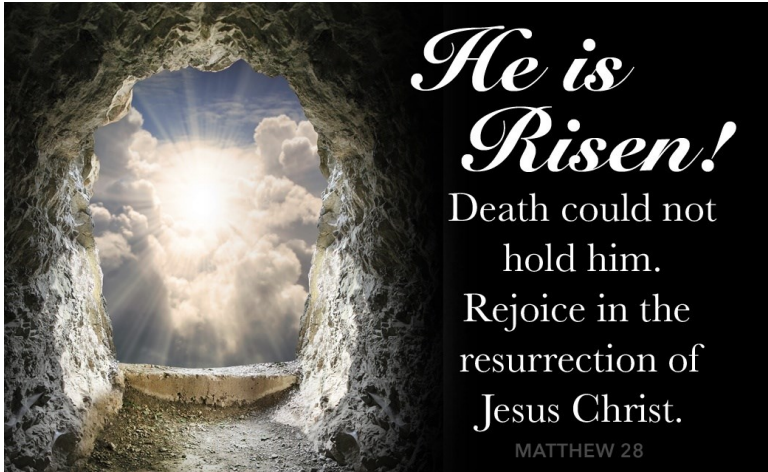
On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). Easter follows it, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (Romans 6:5).

Regardless of the origin, the name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins.

For the gospel's good news to have meaning for us, we first must understand the bad news of our condition as sinful people under condemnation. In the same way, Good Friday is “good” because as terrible as that day was, it had to happen for us to receive the joy of Easter. The wrath of God against sin had to be poured out on Jesus, the perfect sacrificial substitute, for forgiveness and salvation to be poured out to the nations. Without that awful day of suffering, sorrow, and blood at the cross, God could not be both “just and the justifier” of those who trust in Jesus (Romans 3:26). Paradoxically, the day that seemed to be the greatest triumph of evil was actually the death blow in God's gloriously good plan to redeem the world from bondage.

The cross is where we see the convergence of great suffering and God's forgiveness. Psalms 85:10 sings of a day when “righteousness and peace” will “kiss each other.” The cross of Jesus is where that occurred, where God's demands, his righteousness, coincided with his mercy. We receive divine forgiveness, mercy, and peace because Jesus willingly took our divine punishment, resulting from God's righteousness against sin. “For the joy set before him” (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus endured the cross on Good Friday, knowing it led to his resurrection, our salvation, and the beginning of God's reign of righteousness and peace.

***Good Friday marked the day when wrath and mercy met at the cross.  
That's why Good Friday is so dark and so Good.***



## March 31—EASTER SUNDAY Resurrection of Jesus

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. Read the Biblical account of Resurrection Day in Matthew 28, Mark 16, and Luke 24 and more Easter Bible verses.

The early Christians began remembering the Resurrection every Sunday following its occurrence.

### Do Most Americans Celebrate Easter?

Easter is one of the most well-known holidays in modern times, and just like Christmas, Easter is celebrated by Christians and non-Christians. When you think of the Easter holiday, different things may come to mind: church service crosses draped in purple, outreach activities, spring weather, Easter egg hunts, painting eggs, filling baskets with candy and small gifts, and possibly the Easter bunny. Because of the mixture of gospel celebration and commercialism, Easter is celebrated under different definitions by a variety of people all over the world. As with Christmas....

***Easter presents an opportunity for conversation and hospitality to talk about the true meaning of the holiday and why Christians continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.***

We're sinful, but He saves us. He changes us from being cruel, mean-spirited, hateful people, and we discover a desire to be kind, and loving, and gracious. We're lustful and immoral, and He takes those emotions and those desires and changes them by the power of God in us. We become different people. The Bible says, "Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). How does that happen? It happens because Almighty God comes to live within us and fills us with the power of the resurrection.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/easter/when-is-easter.html>

### St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day, the feast day of the patron saint of Ireland, falls on March 17 every year.

**Who was Saint Patrick:** Saint Patrick was born in Britain near the end of the fourth century and was taken prisoner by Irish raiders when he was 16. He spent six years in captivity in Ireland, according to the History Channel, where he eventually became a devout Christian.

According to Patrick's writing, he believed God's voice spoke to him in a dream and told him to leave Ireland – and he escaped. Later in another dream, he wrote an angel told him to return to Ireland as a missionary, and he became a priest after 15 years of study. While many believe St. Patrick was responsible for bringing Christianity to Ireland, the History Channel reports his mission was to minister to existing Irish Christians as well as convert non-Christians.

He became a significant figure in Ireland in part because he chose to incorporate traditional Irish culture and ritual into his practice, like merging the sun (an existing Irish symbol) with the traditional cross to create the famed Celtic cross.

<https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/st-patricks-day-symbols-and-traditions#the->



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLAINFIELD  
PRESENTS

SATURDAY  
MARCH 30TH, 2024

# EASTER *Hunt* EGGS



**EASTER BUNNY  
GAMES & FOOD**

**United Presbyterian Church  
525 E. Front Street  
Plainfield, NJ 07060**

**10:30am-12pm**

**\*Back of the church parking lot.  
Look for balloons and sign in inside\***

**For More Information, call (908) 756-2666**

**UPCPLAINFIELD.ORG**



## GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

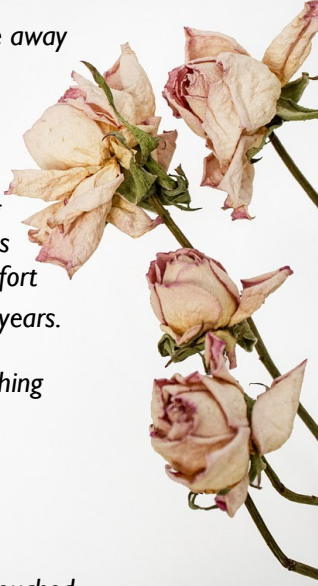
*Don't think of her/him as gone away  
Her/His journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is only one.*

*Just think of her/him as resting  
From the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.*

*Think how she/he must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.*

*And think of her/him as living  
In the hearts of those she/he touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And she/he was loved so much.*

**Ellen Brenneman**



## **Deepest condolences to the Bofah family**

**Mrs. Grace Asuboneng**, Deacon Daniel Bofah's mother, transitioned on February 19th, 2024

*"Our mother was one of the strongest, bravest, and kindest person that we (her children) know of. Without her, we wouldn't be what we are today, we wouldn't be the persons we are, and we wouldn't have the life we have. She is everything to us and more, and there's no way we could ever quantify the importance she's held in our lives. Our mother was the best mother a person could ask for. The love she had for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren was awesome. She treated everyone as her own.*

*Our hearts are heavy and we are grieving for her transition which took us by surprise. Mother you will forever be missed!"*

Based on the customs and traditions of her home country, Ghana, arrangements will be made accordingly.



## **International Women's Day 2024 Theme is 'Inspire Inclusion'**



When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world.



And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment.

Collectively, let's forge a more inclusive world.

With well over a century of history and change, the first International Women's Day (IWD) was held in March 1911. IWD isn't country, group or organization specific. It's a day of collective

global activism and celebration that belongs to all those committed to forging women's equality.

*When women aren't present, we must ask: "If not, why not?"  
When women are discriminated against, we must call out poor practice.  
When the treatment of women is not equitable, we must take action.  
And we must do this each time, every time.*

To truly include women means to openly embrace their diversity of race, age, ability, faith, body image, and how they identify. Worldwide, women must be included in all fields of endeavour. On an individual basis, it's important to understand, value and seek out the inclusion of women and girls. Additionally, sharing this knowledge, support and encouragement with others is key.

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme>

Father God, Your Word says the prayer of faith shall heal the sick. We come to You today in faith asking that you heal us from every sickness, disease, and illness. We receive our healing by faith. In Jesus name amen.

**NOTE**

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

Leroy Anglin  
Emory Dawson  
Helen Foerster  
O'Harold Hoots  
BJ Klikus  
Frank Klikus  
Liz Mangan  
Vilvurn Marsh  
Winnie Neal

Errol Neil  
Bobett Neil  
Sheila Neil  
Yvonne Neil  
Marianna Perry  
Pat Perry  
Brenda Rodgers  
Gail Stokes  
Izaiyah Stokes

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



**May God fulfill your dreams and keep you happy**

**March**

1 Desirae Hemans  
6 George Hansen  
16 Wanda Breitenbach  
17 Rev. Dottie Morris  
21 Tom Robinson  
24 Alaric Tate

**April**

5 Zorina Bowers  
18 Jean Scott  
Mark Mettle  
20 Kevin Scott

**THANK YOU!**



*A special thank you to our Pastor and the congregation for the hospital and home visits, the wonderful flowers, cards, phone calls, and get well wishes. I really appreciate your kindness.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Helen Foerster*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

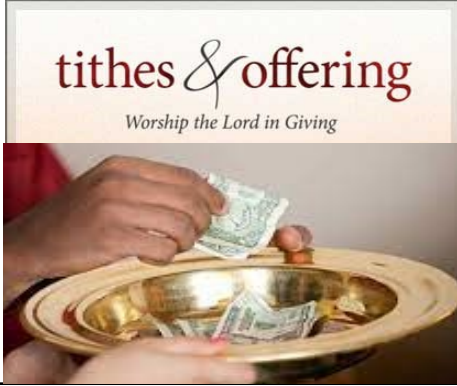
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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Board of Deacons*



**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 ~

**2024 UPC's Liturgists**

A liturgist assists the pastor in leading worship. They may lead congregational participation such as the Call to Worship and the Opening Prayer. Their role is outlined by the Pastor.

January	George Hansen
February	Bola Falowo
March	Al Tate
April	Jean Scott
May	Pat Dawson
June	Avril Lecky
July	Daniel Bofah
August	JoAnn Edwards
September	Marcia Marsh Hinds
October	Sue Terry
November	Liz Mangan
December	Yetunde Falowo

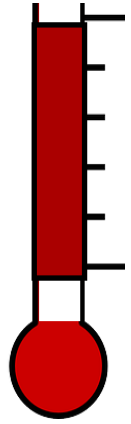
## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

As of 3/1/2024 the total collected is \$13,543



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 the maintenance of the facility which ensures the health and safety of the occupants of our facility.

13,543



This building fund originated in 2021. Our facility was built in 1952 and, despite our faithful maintenance efforts, the facility is showing the signs of 71 years of wear and tear. The performance of our investment accounts, collection of rental fees and the faithful and generous giving our members and friends have provided the funds for our maintenance.

Our maintenance costs, however, are mounting to a point where we need to continue our appeal to the generosity of our church community and friends. Whether a UPC member or a friend of United, we ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Building Fund, where 100% of your contribution will be dedicated to defraying the cost of accomplishing United's goal of ensuring a healthy and safe facility.

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

## Have you considered a bequest to United Presbyterian Church?

Over 60% of U.S. adults have no estate planning documents in place. It has been reported that every week about \$100 million is left by people who die without a will.

Your greatest gift is often your legacy gift. People who have been blessed by the United Presbyterian Church have left legacy gifts through their estate. A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. As you create or update your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance, you can specify that a gift goes to United Presbyterian Church.



### What is a religious bequest?

A bequest is a gift of part of your estate made in your Will. Your estate is the total of all your assets and possessions when you pass away. By making a bequest, you will provide support for many ministries provided by the Church. Your gift may be for general Church use or for a specific purpose within the Church.



### Benefits of a charitable bequest

- A bequest gift can lower your taxable estate
- Based on your net worth, you may be able to **reduce the amount of taxes** that your family is obligated to pay. Leave a lasting legacy gift to Focus on the Family, yielding eternal impact

*Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many individuals.*

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/04/11/67percent-of-americans-have-no-estate-plan-heres-how-to-get-started-on-one.html>

## City of Plainfield—Recreation Events

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



Mon & Wed 4/3-4/26 Tues & Thurs 4/4-4/27 Tues & Thurs 4/4-4/27	Time varies 6-7pm Time varies	<b>Youth Tennis</b> (Time varies based on age) <b>Junior Tennis</b> (Ages 11-17) <b>Adult Tennis</b> (Time varies based on experience) Milt Campbell Tennis Courts, 1322 E. 3rd Street
Saturdays 4/1-5/20	8:30-9:30am	<b>Pickle Ball</b> (Men & Women Ages 18+) \$25 Milt Campbell Tennis Courts, 1322 E. 3rd Street
Registration Deadline March 15th		<b>Baseball—Tee-Ball &amp; Minor Leaguers: Sign-up NOW</b> <a href="https://register.commjnitypass.net/plainfield">https://register.commjnitypass.net/plainfield</a> ; Info 908-753-3097
		<b>Introduction to Baton Twirling for ages 5 and up \$25</b> Washington School, 427 Darrow—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097
Mon & Wed Saturdays	11am-12pm 9-9:45am	<b>Yoga for Adults FREE</b> <b>Yoga For Adults \$25</b> Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097
Wednesdays	6-7:30pm	<b>Girl Scouts</b> Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097
Tues & Thurs	11am-12pm	<b>Seniors on the Move - Cardio Class FREE</b> Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097
Tuesdays Apr 9-May 28	6-7pm	<b>Adult Zumba</b> Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097

# plainfield PUBLIC library

## March 2023 Teen Programs

**Cardinal  
music tech workshop**  
Wed. March 1  
4:00-5:00 pm  
Computer Lab A

**Bring Your Own Book  
Book Club**  
Thurs. March 2  
4:30 to 6:00 pm  
Room 5

**Sorcery:  
An Adventure Game**  
Wed. March 8  
4:30-5:30pm  
Room 5

**Digital Collage:  
Button-Making**  
Wed. March 15  
4:00 to 5 pm  
Room 2

**Video Game Day**  
Sat. March 18  
12:00-2:30 pm  
Computer Lab A

**Here Comes the  
SUNcatchers**  
Thurs. March 23  
3:30 to 4:45 pm  
Room 2

**Print Your  
Own T-Shirt**  
Thurs. March 23  
3:30 to 4:45 pm  
Room 2

**More March programs:**

- Painting Thursday: Glass Painting, 3/9
- Groundbreakers: Black Moviemakers, 3/11
- Chess Club, 3/11
- Growing Sprouts & Microgreens, 3/22
- TechBridge TinkerGirls, 3/18 & 3/25
- Girls Who Code Club Tuesdays
- Coloring Mondays 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
- Financial Literacy for Children and Families, 3/29

**Bookbinding  
for tween and teen  
beginners**  
Wed. March 29  
4:30-5:30 pm  
Room 5

All programs are free & include all supplies.

Email: [ref@plfdpl.info](mailto:ref@plfdpl.info) or call 908-757-1111, ex. 112  
[www.plainfieldlibrary.info](http://www.plainfieldlibrary.info)



# NOW SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

## BECOME AN AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER

Providing supplemental security and traffic safety service to our residents. You will provide traffic safety for special events, patrol and secure public parking areas. If you are up for the challenge, come to the Plainfield Police Department 200 E. Fourth St. Plainfield, NJ 07060 on Thursday March 30, 2023.

**APPLICANTS MUST:**

- BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE
- HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
- HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR G.E.D.

**DATE AND TIME:**  
MARCH 30, 2023  
6 PM  
200 E. FOURTH ST.  
PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060

**MORE INFO:** 908-753-3225  
\*PLAINFIELD RESIDENTS PREFERRED\*



## March 2023 Children's Programs



**CHILDREN'S HOURS**  
MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM-8:45 PM  
FRIDAY 9:00AM-4:45PM  
SATURDAY 11:00AM-2:45PM

**Baby and Me**  
Songs, rhymes & playtime  
Mondays  
3/6, 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27  
11:00am  
Children's Room

**Children's Movie:  
Girl Rising**  
Join us in our big screen!  
Monday 3/6  
1:30pm  
ALD Room

**Sensory Friendly  
Storytime with the  
Union County Board  
of Commissioners**  
Monday 3/6  
4:00pm  
Children's Room

**Storytimes**  
3/11 12:00pm  
3/22 4:00pm  
Children's Room

**Chess Club/Class**  
Saturday 3/11  
1:00pm  
Room 2

**Children's  
Craft**  
Thursday 3/16  
3:30pm  
ALD Room

**TechBridge Girls  
TinkerLab**  
Saturdays  
3/18 & 3/25  
12:00pm  
Room 2

**Making a Budget!  
How to Introduce  
Financial Literacy  
to Children**  
Wednesday 3/29  
6:00pm  
Room 2

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten**  
Have an infant, toddler, or preschooler? Enroll them in this ongoing program and earn a finger puppet for every 100 books read. Visit our website to learn more!

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

### I've Just Seen Jesus

**Theme:** The Resurrection of Jesus

**Object:** Jesus' Face Handout - one per child

**Scripture:** John 20: 1-28

Stare at the four dots in the center of this picture until I say stop. (Count to 30 slowly.) Now, close your eyes and wait for an image to appear. What did you see? Did you see an image of Jesus? Some people see the image of Jesus and some don't. It's just like it is in real life. Some people don't see Jesus because they're looking for Him in the wrong places.

Have kids follow the motions to help tell what happened.

That is what happened in our Bible verses today. Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. (Walk in place.) She found that the stone was rolled away from the entrance. She ran (Run in place.) and found Simon Peter and another disciple, John. She told them, (Cup hands around mouth.) "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put Him!"

Peter and John started out for the tomb. (Run in place.) They were both running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. (Bend down.) Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He noticed the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then John saw and believed (Put hands over heart.) -- for until then, they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Mary stayed behind, weeping. (Pretend to cry.) As she knelt down and looked inside the tomb, she saw two angels dressed in white. (Kneel.) They asked her why she was crying. She told them she didn't know where they had taken Jesus. (Hold arms up like "I don't know.") Then, Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her. It was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize Him. She thought He was the gardener. Then Jesus called her by name and, when she heard His voice, she recognized Him. (Show a surprised face.) After she saw that it was Jesus, she went to the disciples and said to them, "I've just seen Jesus! He is alive!" (Jump up and down in excitement.)

Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in a grave or on a cross. He isn't there! He is risen and is seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. If you want to see Jesus, look in His Word, He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did to Mary!



***Dear God, we thank You that Jesus, our Savior, is not in a grave. He is alive! We serve a risen Savior! Hallelujah! In Jesus' name, amen.***

### The Resurrection Jumble



"He has risen! He is not here."  
Mark 16:6

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### Bible Memory Verse

"Don't be alarmed," he said.

"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.  
He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

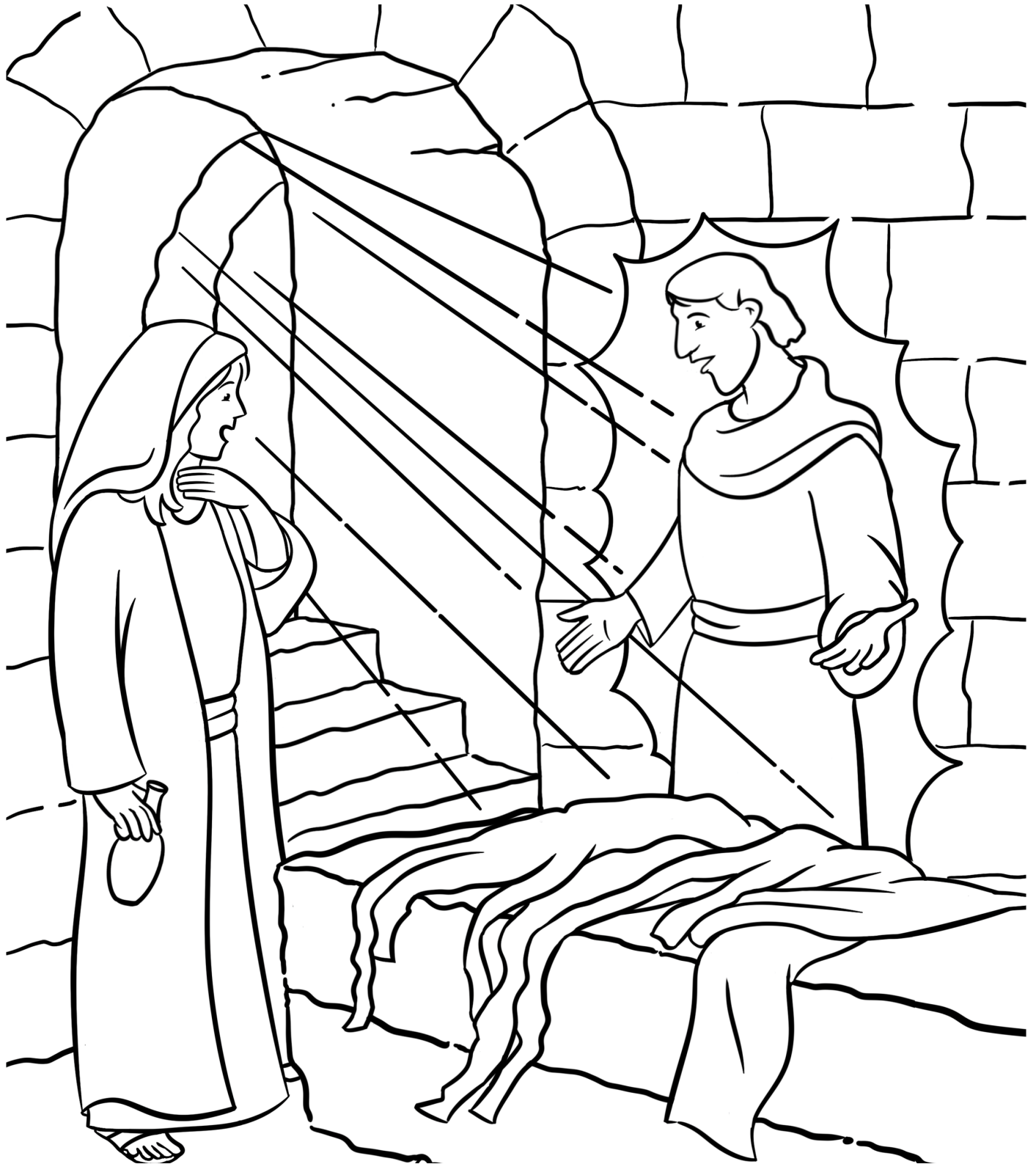
Mark 16:6 (NIV)



### ANSWERS

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**He Is Risen – Coloring Page**  
"He is not here, he is risen!" (Matthew 28:1-10)





### Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund

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".

**Invest in our children's future**

#### 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)

**Have information that you would like to share? A poem? A prayer request? A new child/grandchild?**  
**SEE BELOW**

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

#### Church Administrators

#### 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

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Custodian: Mr. Charles Rivers

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Alaric Tate (Clerk)  
Emory Dawson  
Patricia Dawson  
Avril Lecky  
Marcia Marsh-Hinds

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## March 2024



		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Computer Logon Info — Sunday Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3jyylpg">https://bit.ly/3jyylpg</a> Daily Devotion: <a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a> Noonday Prayer: <a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a> Contemporary Service: <a href="https://bit.ly/3J7whly">https://bit.ly/3J7whly</a>			1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream Youth Sunday 7:30pm Lenten Study	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  7pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream 12:30PM UPC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG 7:30pm Lenten Study	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  7:30pm Session Mtg	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  7pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
PALM SUNDAY 11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream Dedication Sunday 7:30pm Lenten Study	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7pm Contemporary Worship	GOOD FRIDAY 6pm Service 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  EASTER EGG HUNT
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Communion — 1st Sunday Monthly  
 Youth Sunday — 2nd Sunday monthly  
 Dedication Sunday — 4th Sunday Monthly

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14 11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream 10am Sunday Sch/Adult Ed YOUTH SUNDAY	15 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	16 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	17 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Session Mtg	18 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7pm Contemporary Worship	19 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	20 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion
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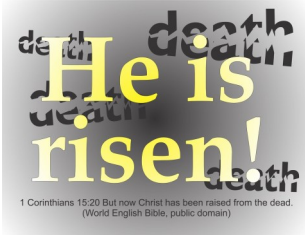
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