



United Presbyterian Church

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

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

October 2022 Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALLEGRA HOOTS

*"Without a vision, the people perish."
(Proverbs 29:18)*

Greetings to you in the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer! As always, I trust God that all is well with you and that you are continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

Like the subtle changing of the seasons that has settled upon us, the community around United is also changing. Those changes include the 200-plus luxury apartment complex under construction on East 2nd Street, a few blocks from our front door. The new development provides opportunities for United to continue extending God's love in Plainfield in multiple ways to various demographics.

The vision begins with United's mission statement, a place "Where God is Exalted, Everyone Matters, and You Belong!" To bring that concept to fruition, United must collaborate with like-minded people and organizations whose primary objectives are to improve the quality of life for all people. To accomplish this, United needs each member and friend to use their combined considerable gifts to complete the task.

To move forward, I invite you to commit to meeting with me twice within the next two months. Those meetings aim to strategize ways to achieve our goals of making United an inclusive worshipping community by blanketing the complexes near the church with invitations to join us in worship and for other church-related activities.

The outcome of the first meeting should produce an outline that clearly identifies activities and establishes a realistic timetable for implementing the agreed-upon strategies. The second meeting should conclude with a slimmed-down working document ready for implementation and promises from individuals to share the division of labor.

Beginning October 1, look for meeting dates and times. You will receive the information via email, text message, and phone calls. I hope you will say yes to joining the endeavor to continue growing our presence in the community by showing God's love.

Now, let me update you on the latest UPC mission outreach projects, including the Helping Homeless Families Initiative (HHFI). In September, on behalf of the congregation, friends of United donated one hundred school kits to El Centro's back-to-school festival. The kits contained one box of 12-count colored pencils, one box of 24-count crayons, one eraser, two # 2 pencils, a pencil case, and one 2-pocket homework folder (pictures of the kits are included in this newsletter).

The congregation also completed the pledge to the HHFI by delivering one hundred baby bottles and more than 3,000 baby wipes (2,000 of the wipes were fragrant-free for sensitive skin use) to the Newark "Y," where the homeless shelter is located (see pictures in this newsletter).

Phase two of our HHFI involves collecting 1,000 new bath towels and washcloths for the shelter to distribute to residents. To participate, send donations to the church or drop them off on Mondays or Tuesdays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm until November 15.

Friends may God's face continually shine upon us and guide us in ways to reflect His glory. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray, amen.

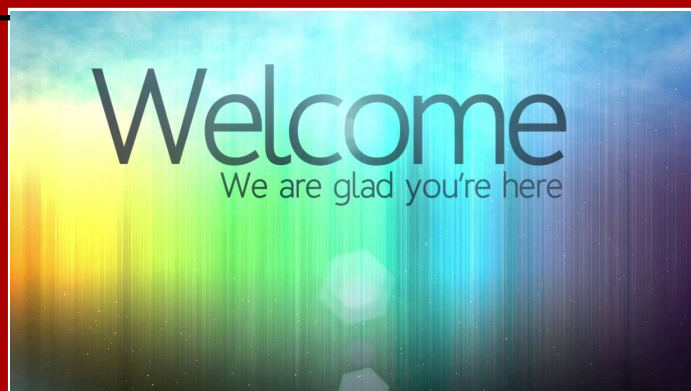
Peace and blessings,

Pastor Allegra

***"Teamwork makes the dream work."
Everyone's help is needed and wanted!***



WORSHIP SERVICES ARE INPERSON & ONLINE



Sunday Worship (Traditional)

Pastor Allegra Hoots
11:00am

In the Sanctuary & Via YouTube

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

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**Contemporary Worship Service**

**Thursdays @ 7:00pm**

**Via YouTube**

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

**Daily Devotional**

**6:00 to 6:15am Daily**  
**Via Zoom**

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

**Sunday School**  
**In-Person**

**Resumes on September 25th at 10am**

**Celebrate the Wonder of all Ages**

Ages 3 to 12

Lesson: Cokesbury Kids Unit 1:

Call September—Hannah 1

Samuel 1:1-28

Middle & High School

Truth or Dare

Lessons that provide Biblical answers  
to some important questions

**- Call the Church Office for more info -**

**Adult Bible Study**

Series Topic:

**“Freedom-Rescue, Justice, and Faithful  
Conversations”**

**Dates:** Sundays @ 10-10:45am

**Location:** Lind Room, 10-10:45am

**Description:**

In our modern world, we think of freedom as the ability to do whatever we want without restrictions. Through the story of the Israelites’ rescue from slavery, we see freedom is about being able to choose without restriction to whom or what we devote ourselves.

**Upcoming Events**

See calendars for more activities and events

| October |         |                                      | Nov. 27th @ 7pm Advent Study begins (see page 3) |         |                                  | November |      |       |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|------|-------|
| Date    | Time    | Event                                | Date                                             | Time    | Event                            | Date     | Time | Event |
| 2       |         | World Communion Sunday               | 1                                                |         | All Saints Day                   |          |      |       |
| 8       | 10:00am | Administration Committee Meeting     | 4                                                |         | World Community Day              |          |      |       |
| 10      |         | Indigenous People’s Day/Columbus Day | 6                                                |         | Daylight Savings Time Ends       |          |      |       |
| 16      |         | World Food Day                       | 8                                                |         | Election Day                     |          |      |       |
| 19      | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting                      | 12                                               | 10:00am | Administration Committee Meeting |          |      |       |
| 20      | 11:00am | Lunch with the Pastor                | 17                                               | 11:00am | Lunch with the Pastor            |          |      |       |
| 24      |         | United Nations                       | 21                                               | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting                  |          |      |       |
| 30      |         | Reformation Sunday                   | 24                                               |         | Thanksgiving Day                 |          |      |       |
|         |         |                                      | 27                                               |         | First Day of Advent              |          |      |       |

**FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS:**

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

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

ADVENT  
IN  
PLAIN  
SIGHT

A DEVOTION  
THROUGH  
TEN OBJECTS

JILL J.  
DUFFIELD



ADVENT & ADVENT STUDIES BEGINS NOVEMBER 27, 2022

**Date:** Sunday, November 27, 2022

**Time:** 7:00 pm each night through the Season.

**Book:** "Advent in Plain Sight" by Jill Duffield

is the book that will be used and is available through multiple vendors.

During Advent, Thursday evening services will be suspended.

*Open to the public and the church family with an RSVP*

You're Invited . . .



If you missed September's lunch, the theme was:

*Without a vision, the people perish.*

Proverbs 29:18

Time spent included fun while eating, learning and engaging.

**Don't miss the next one on....**

**October 20, 2022**

**Theme:**

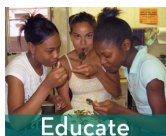
*Do everything as unto the Lord.*

Colossians 3:23

RSVP to the Church Office—We want to be sure to have enough food for all.

**WORLD FOOD DAY/WEEK (Oct. 16th)**

*Envision a world where everyone has enough affordable, healthy and culturally appropriate food where no one is hungry, and where all who work in the food chain are fairly compensated, respected and celebrated!*



Educate



Worship

The Global Food Week of Action includes World Food Day (Oct. 16), International Day for Rural Women (Oct. 15), and International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (Oct. 17).

**2022 Food Week of Action**



Act

**People and Planet First** is the theme of this year's Oct. 10–17 Food Week of Action.

'People and Planet First' mean prioritizing family farmers, fishers and others producing in harmony with nature – agroecologically – and achieving food sovereignty. As communities continue to face the pandemic and vulnerable food chains, we realize the necessity of building resilient agricultural systems that protect and cool the planet and put farmers and workers first. This year's Food Week will highlight groups and initiatives that are building an equitable and sustainable food systems, while also tackling the economic and racial drivers of hunger, poverty, and oppression.

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern:*

*Tender and loving Creator, we are all part of the delicate web of life. When one thread is plucked, the ripples are widely felt, stronger closer to the epicenter, still felt toward the outer reaches. May the uncertainties and concerns we hold close to our hearts be gentled by the love we have of you, and the support of each other. Amen.*

[https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2022-05/2022\\_all-my-relations\\_Indigenous-service.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2022-05/2022_all-my-relations_Indigenous-service.pdf)

## NATIVE AMERICAN, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S OR COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 10, 2022

**NOTE:** Indigenous People's Day 2022 is a state observance in 30 states and a state holiday in 3 states and 1 federal district .



Indigenous Peoples Day: Why it's replacing Columbus Day in many places

*Columbus Day celebrations in the United States – meant to honor the legacy of the man credited with “discovering” the New World. The earliest known Columbus Day celebration took place on Oct. 12, 1792, on the 300th anniversary of his landing. But since the 1990s, a growing number of states have begun to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day – a holiday meant to honor the culture and history of the people living in the Americas both before and after Columbus’ arrival.*

*In the following Q&A, Susan C. Faircloth, an enrolled member of the Coharie Tribe of North Carolina and professor of education at Colorado State University, explains the history of Indigenous Peoples Day and what it means to American education.*

### **First, why is Columbus Day a problem?**

For many Indigenous peoples, Columbus Day is a controversial holiday because Columbus is viewed not as a discoverer, but rather as a colonizer. His arrival led to the forceful taking of land and set the stage for widespread death and loss of Indigenous ways of life.

### **When did Indigenous Peoples Day come about?**

In 1990, South Dakota – currently the state with the third-largest population of Native Americans in the U.S. – became the first state to officially recognize Native Americans’ Day, commonly referred to as Indigenous Peoples Day in other parts of the country.

### **How does Indigenous Peoples Day change things?**

Indigenous Peoples Day offers an opportunity for educators to rethink how they teach what some have characterized as a “sanitized” story of the arrival of Columbus. This version omits or downplays the devastating impact of Columbus’ arrival on Indigenous peoples. Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity to reconcile tensions between these two perspectives.

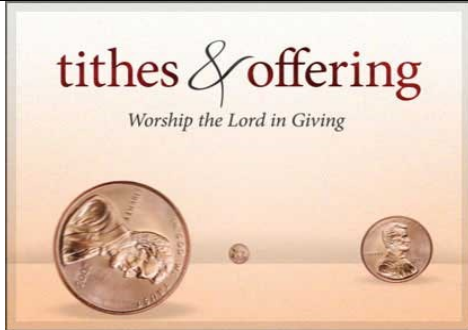
Research has shown that many schools do not accurately represent Indigenous peoples when they teach history. I think this is true not only on Indigenous Peoples Day, but throughout the school year. Researchers have found that K-12 schools tend to teach about Native Americans as if they existed only in the past. By revising the curriculum to better reflect both past and current histories and stories of Native peoples, educators can more accurately teach students about their cultures, histories and traditions.

### **Has there been any pushback?**

Yes, the shift from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day has met resistance from communities across the country. In 2021, parents in Parsippany, New Jersey, protested the local school board’s decision to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day in place of Columbus Day. Among other things, they cited lack of community input, failure to honor the legacy of Italian immigrants and the need for a “more balanced picture of Columbus.” In response, the school board removed the names of all holidays from its calendar. Now the holidays are just referred to as “days off.”

### **What resources do you recommend for Indigenous Peoples Day?**

For more information, go to: <https://theconversation.com/indigenous-peoples-day-why-its-replacing-columbus-day-in-many-places-167849>  
<https://nationaltoday.com/native-american-day/>



## THIS IS STEWARDSHIP!

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

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)*



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 ~*

## Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations



The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations has a long history in the global community. Active in the United Nations since its formation in 1945, the church has held special consultative status through the UN Economic and Social Council since 1998. This allows the Presbyterian voice to be heard by the global audience and contribute to its agenda by attending conferences, making statements and taking part in advocacy and networking.

Amid the restless spirits and often-tough diplomacy of the United Nations, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations helps inspire, equip and connect Presbyterians for ministry as faithful disciples of Jesus in the global community. We educate with the

hope of helping individuals live out God's call in Christ to live with compassion, seek peace, and pursue justice wherever they go.

Learn how Presbyterian Church USA is working with the United Nations is responding to many issues: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/un/>



## Reformation Sunday (October 30, 2022)

**Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.**



November 1st was an important day for the selling and buying of indulgences known as All Saints Day on the church's calendar. The day before a German Monk named Martin Luther posted a list of 95 Theses – 95 reasons that he objected to this practice of selling indulgences. Along with other writings by Martin Luther, those 95 Reasons went viral.

Luther insisted that we are not forgiven because of anything we do – including the buying of Indulgences or doing enough good work. *Instead, we are forgiven because of who God is.* We are loved and forgiven because God is full of grace and mercy.

His teachings and writings got Martin Luther kicked out of the church. But he didn't go alone. Others agreed with him, and after his death those who agreed with Luther became known as Lutherans and also as Protestants.

Every Protestant church traces their roots back to this moment in history.

### **Why Does Reformation Sunday Matter?**

October 31st, 1517 was a long time ago. Why does it continue to matter and be remembered in our churches today?

#### **1. Reformation Sunday gives us a chance to tell our story – a chance to remember.**

We all have a family story – how we got to this point in history. Stories about parents and grandparents, about the things that have shaped our families over the years. Reformation Sunday is a day when we remember and re-tell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do.

#### **2. Reformation Sunday reminds us of the most important things.**

Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing – the thing that compelled Luther and others to risk their lives.

On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: *God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.*

#### **3. Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better**

Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better.

We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God.

In the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached, there is a wonderful painting. In it Luther stands in the pulpit on the right hand side, and the people stand on the left. In between people and the preacher is Christ on the cross. Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith – the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for our faith and for this community that we call "church."

***Happy Reformation Sunday!***

<https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/presbyterian-history/reformation-sunday>  
<https://sojoy.org/reformation/>

### **Romans 15:4** ESV

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Pastor Hoots, on behalf of UPC, delivers baby bottles and wipes to the Newark YM/YWCA. The drop-off marks the completion of the UPC HHFI that focused on assisting homeless families with small children.



school kits donated by friends on behalf of United to El Centro in support of their back-to-school festival.

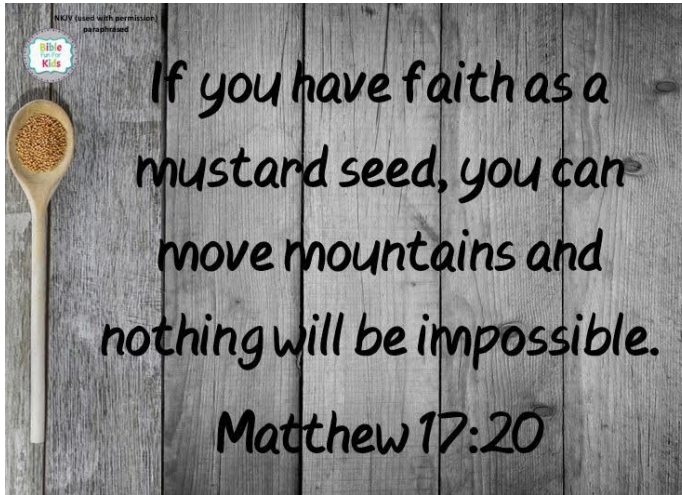


UPC'S  
MISSION  
PROJECTS

HELPING  
HOMELESS  
FAMILIES  
(HHFI)

EL CENTRO

YMCA



**FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

**HELP  
STAR FISH FOOD PANTRY  
TO HELP OTHERS**

**For monetary donations:**  
Make your check payable to Star Fish

**For unexpired Food Donations  
& YOUR EMPTY EGG CARTONS**  
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? \***

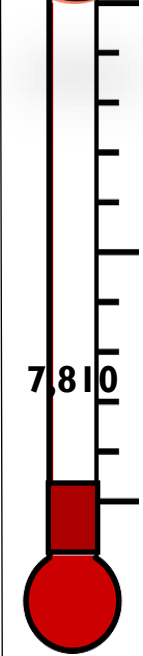
Check to see if you are eligible for food assistance (SNAP), cash assistance (WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA), and health insurance (NJ Family Care/Medicaid). From here you can apply for services or learn about additional resources.

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

## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND



As of 9/20/22 the total collected is \$7,810



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.upeplainfield.org](http://www.upeplainfield.org) Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Building Fund".

Wanda Breitenbach  
Administration Committee, Acting Chair



### What If?

Friend, what would happen if we had a loving attitude that covers others' wrongs and faults? When we hear juicy details about what someone said or did, what if instead of magnifying it and spreading the negative thing around, we cover it? What if we don't go around telling anyone what we know that they don't know? When you cover a person's faults, you're on God's side. When you expose them, when you use that to discredit them, you're on the wrong side.

Everyone can make mistakes, and everyone has faults and weaknesses. But it's wrong to talk behind other people's backs, to gossip about them, to make them look bad, and even to stir up trouble and sow discord. What they did or said may not be honoring to God, but they're still made in the image of Almighty God. When you speak against them, you're coming against the God who created them. Stay on the high road. If you cover for it, you'll see blessings and favor.

Negativity Makes You Ugly..



### A Prayer for Today

“Father, thank You for loving me, forgiving me, and approving me just as I am. I ask You for the love that covers others' offenses and weaknesses so I can honor You in everything I do. Help me to disconnect from anyone who sows discord and gossip and finds faults. In Jesus' Name, Amen.”

Shared by a friend

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*I should count my blessings, large or small, every day. God has promised never to leave us alone and to guide our path every step of our way. So now, whatever problem I face, I am comforted by the fact that God and the good people of our world will see me through it.*

***Each new day is a gift from God***

Upper Room, July 16th

### City of Plainfield—Recreation Events

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



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|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat., Feb & Mar 2023<br><b>REGISTER NOW!</b>         |               | <b>Interactive Stem Program (Ages 8-13)</b><br><b>- FLYER ON NEXT PAGE—FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!!!</b>                                                                   |
| Mon/Wed/Fri                                          | 9am           | <b>Walk with Ease</b><br>Hub Stine Sports Complex, 1410 Randolph Road                                                                                                  |
| October to November<br><b>Register by Sept. 28th</b> | 6:30pm<br>8pm | <b>Intro to Fencing Fall Camp</b><br>Performing Arts Center— <a href="https://register.communitypass.net/plainfield">https://register.communitypass.net/plainfield</a> |
| Sat. Oct. 8, 2022                                    | 3-9:00pm      | <b>Food Truck Festival</b><br><b>Plainfield Train Station (North &amp; Gavett Pl.)</b>                                                                                 |
| Sat. Oct. 29, 2022                                   | 12pm          | <b>Free Doggy Howl Dog Costume Contest</b><br>Dog costume contest—Register by 12:15pm<br>Plainwood Square<br>1432 South Ave., Plainfield                               |



## INTERACTIVE STEM PROGRAM



The Plainfield Grassroots CDC is happy to announce our new **Out of the Box** science club program starting in **February 2021**. In this ALL NEW STEM program, administered by Mad Science, students are introduced to science using hands-on, inquiry-based approach in a fun and entertaining way.

The club meets virtually weekly, for 8 weeks. Class is open to children ages 8-13. Classes are offered strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. **Please look at the days and dates carefully, as there are no makeup classes for individual absences. Makeup classes will only be scheduled for cancelled classes.**

### The Mad Side of Science

Classes will meet on Saturdays from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

*Class Dates: 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27*

Cost: \$25/student\*

Kids learn about how wide a field science is. They can take a look at how Detectives catch the bad guys, how do 3-D movies work, and learn how the weatherman predicts the weather.

Your child will receive a package with weekly take-home projects that we will do during the class. Before the class begins we will send the Zoom link and a list of simple items from home that will help your child get the most from our program.

**Registrations are handled directly through the [Mad Science website](https://www.madscience.org) on a first-come, first-served basis.**

*\* This program is generously supported by the Plainfield Grassroots CDC through donations, grants, and fundraisers. The \$25 charge is a nominal fee for participation. Package for your child will be sent to Plainfield Grassroots CDC for distribution.*

[northeastnj.madscience.org](https://northeastnj.madscience.org)  
(201)236-1400

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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.



Leroy Anglin  
Emory Dawson  
Karen Edmonds  
Helen Foerster  
Sharon Graham  
O'Harold Hoots  
BJ Klikus  
Frank Klikus

Vilvurn Marsh  
Bobett Neil  
Sheila Neil  
Marianna Perry  
Pat Perry  
Gail Stokes  
Izaiyah Stokes

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



**October**

1 Caitlin Snyder  
4 Thelma Barnes  
5 Yolanda Braswell  
7 Jarius Rudolph  
13 Ian Dawson  
24 Charles Bishop  
Gregory Barnes  
30 Chris Awobue, Jr.

**November**

1 Nneoma Awobue  
6 Sheila Neil  
10 Liz Mangan  
13 James Plummer  
15 Dorothy Farmer

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

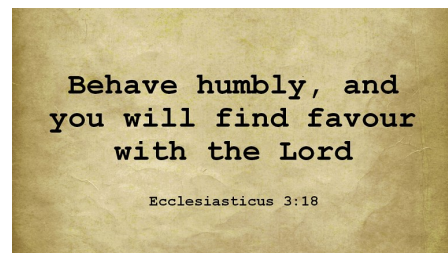
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*Board of Deacons*



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

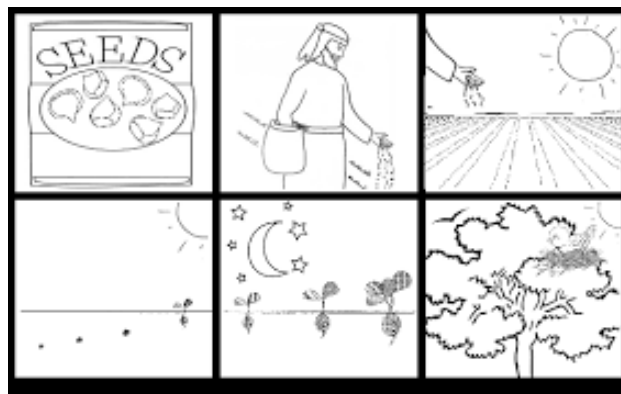
Parents, please read this to your younger child(ren)

### A Mustard Seed Faith

**Theme:** Faith in God

**Object:** A Bible; mustard seeds; a plant

**Scripture:** Luke 17:5-10



Have you ever seen a mustard seed? (Pause.) The mustard seed is one of the smallest of all seeds. (Let kids pass around some mustard seeds so they can all see and feel the size.)

Some people think of faith when they think of mustard seeds. Faith is when we believe in God and His power.

- What do you know about why people use mustard seeds as a symbol of faith?

The reason some people use mustard seeds as a symbol of faith is because of something Jesus said in the Bible.

(Open your Bible.) When Jesus' friends asked Him how they could have stronger faith, Jesus said, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!"

Wow! (Hold up one mustard seed and look closely at it.) Jesus said that God is so powerful that if our faith is even as small as this little seed, then we can do incredible things with His power.

Maybe we should try that. (Place the plant in front of the children.) If Jesus said we could pray and ask God to move a tree from our front yard to the sea, then we need even smaller faith to just move this plant a little bit. (Invite kids to discuss whether they can do it. If some would like to try it, then decide on where they'd like to move the plant, and lead them in all saying prayers to move the plant.)

Jesus didn't say someone with the faith of the mustard seed can move trees to the sea so that a bunch of people would start uprooting trees. That wasn't His point. He was teaching us that it doesn't take a great faith for great things to happen. Why? Because what happens doesn't depend on us, but instead on God. God has the power to do anything, and God is *for* us so we can trust whatever He does.

#### PRAYER:

God, we ask for a mustard seed sized faith. Help us to believe and never doubt Your mighty power. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Multiple Choice

# A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- \_\_\_ 1. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel  
A. pharisees B. apostles C. angels D. troops
- \_\_\_ 2. To make greater or larger  
A. obey B. shrink C. seed D. increase
- \_\_\_ 3. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea  
A. obey B. deny C. hope D. faith
- \_\_\_ 4. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant  
A. leaf B. branch C. seed D. twig
- \_\_\_ 5. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches  
A. honey B. pickles C. jam D. mustard
- \_\_\_ 6. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves  
A. tree B. flower C. bush D. ivy
- \_\_\_ 7. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land  
A. river B. sea C. pond D. pool
- \_\_\_ 8. To do what you are told or expected to do  
A. tattle B. gossip C. lie D. obey

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

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

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**Schedule of Pastor's Office Hours**

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

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Marcia Marsh-Hinds

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**Director of Music:** Mr. Ronn Daniels  
**Administrative Assistant:**  
Mr. Davaughn Hoots  
**Custodian:** Mr. Charles Rivers

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Daniel Bofah  
Thelma Fleming  
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## October 2022

| SUNDAY                                                                                                      | MONDAY                                                                            | TUESDAY                       | WEDNESDAY                                                  | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | FRIDAY                        | SATURDAY                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2                                                                                                           | 3                                                                                 | 4                             | 5                                                          | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7                             | 1 & 8                                                             |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person &<br>Livestream<br><br>Communion Service<br><br>WORLD COMMUNION<br>SUNDAY | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                                     | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                              | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                     |
| 9                                                                                                           | 10                                                                                | 11                            | 12                                                         | 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 14                            | 15                                                                |
| 11am Worship Ser-<br>vice<br>In-person &<br>Livestream<br><br>YOUTH SUNDAY                                  | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br>INDEGENIOUS<br>PEOPLE'S DAY/<br>COLUMBUS DAY | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                              | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br>10am Administra-<br>tion Mtg |
| 16                                                                                                          | 17                                                                                | 18                            | 19                                                         | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 21                            | 22                                                                |
| 11am Worship Ser-<br>vice<br>In-person &<br>Livestream                                                      | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                                     | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br>7:30pm Session<br>Mtg | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                     |
| 23                                                                                                          | 24                                                                                | 25                            | 26                                                         | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 28                            | 29                                                                |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person &<br>Livestream                                                           | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br>UNITED NATIONS<br>DAY                        | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                              | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br>7:00pm<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                     |
| 30                                                                                                          | 31                                                                                |                               |                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |                                                                   |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person &<br>Livestream<br><br>Dedication Sunday                                  | 6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                                     |                               |                                                            | Computer Logon Info —<br>Sunday Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3jyylpg">https://bit.ly/3jyylpg</a><br>Contemporary Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3vapmjf">https://bit.ly/3vapmjf</a><br>Daily Devotional: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JuXrzD">https://bit.ly/3JuXrzD</a> |                               |                                                                   |

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| SUNDAY                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                             | TUESDAY                                                 | WEDNESDAY                                                            | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | FRIDAY                                                                           | SATURDAY                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                          |                                                    | 1                                                       | 2                                                                    | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4                                                                                | 5                                                         |
|                                                                                                          |                                                    | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br><b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                           | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br><b>WORLD COMMUNITY DAY</b>                        | 6-6:15am Daily Devotion                                   |
| 6                                                                                                        | 7                                                  | 8                                                       | 9                                                                    | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 11                                                                               | 12                                                        |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br>Communion Service<br><br>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS<br>TIME ENDS | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br><b>LABOR DAY</b> | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br><b>ELECTION DAY</b>   | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                           | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br><b>DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR PASTOR'S LUNCH</b> | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>10am Administration Mtg |
| 13                                                                                                       | 14                                                 | 15                                                      | 16                                                                   | 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 18                                                                               | 19                                                        |
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| 27                                                                                                       | 28                                                 | 29                                                      | 30                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                           |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person & Livestream<br><br>Dedication Sunday<br><br>FIRST DAY OF ADVENT       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                         | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                              | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                           | Computer Logon Info —<br>Sunday Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3jyylpg">https://bit.ly/3jyylpg</a><br>Contemporary Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3vapmjf">https://bit.ly/3vapmjf</a><br>Daily Devotional: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JuXrzD">https://bit.ly/3JuXrzD</a> |                                                                                  |                                                           |

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