



United Presbyterian Church

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

Worship Services: Sunday 11:00 am

September 2023 Newsletter

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the holy and mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. As always, I trust that this message finds you in good health, in high spirits, and growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Since we last met, a great deal has transpired. First, I have had a much-needed rest, nine or more hours of sleep daily. For this, I praise God and thank you for respecting my time away from active ministry to rest, relax, recuperate, and hopefully return rejuvenated.

Let me update you on some activities planned for the UPC family this month. On Sunday, September 3, at 7:30 p.m., the UPC Book Club discusses the introduction and chapter 1 of Rabbi Harold S. Kushner's book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. (I am developing a worksheet to guide our discussions through this nine-week study.)

Some of you may find the text's beginning challenging to accept and conflicting with your theological beliefs. However, I urge you to continue reading prayerfully to the end.

Begin with the assumption that the book is one person's response to a complex problem. It is not the definitive treatise of a sensitive and timeless subject common to humanity. *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* is Rabbi Kushner's attempt to explain or rationalize complicated theological concepts that can be difficult for the human mind to grasp and reconcile, especially when emotions, beliefs, and reality clash.

The UPC contemporary service resumes via YouTube on Thursday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m. The Westminster Shorter Catechism questions 49-52 will be the focus of our discussion.

Read the Bible with the UPC family by liking and following us on Facebook. If you haven't done so, subscribe to our YouTube channel.

With anxious anticipation, I look forward to engaging with you during our weekly services.

Please continue to pray for my strength in the Lord and the health of the UPC congregation.

Peace, love, and blessings,

Pastor Allegra Hoots

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

Resumes September 14th
Thursdays @ 7:30pm—Via YouTube*
(<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>)

Daily Devotional

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

Noon Day Prayer

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri @ Noon—Via Zoom
(<https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>)

Rally Sunday—September 17th @ 10am
Sunday/Adult programs resumes September 24th

Resumes 9/24 **Sunday School**
Youth & Young Adults

Dates: Sundays @ 10:00am / **Location:** Hansen Room
We encourage you to bring or send your child.
Need transportation, call the Church Office.

Adult Bible Study

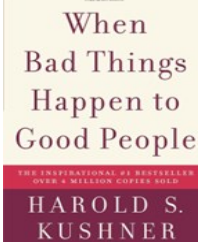
Dates: Sundays @ 10:00 am / **Location:** Lind Room

Book Club

September 3rd to November 26th

Dates: Sundays @ 7:30pm

Location: Zoom / <https://bit.ly/3L2YvP8>



NOTE: Join us on Saturday Sept 16th @ 10:30 AM for a “State of Affairs of the Church” meeting; in person and virtually for those who can not be present. Look for connection information on United's website.

Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

September			October		
Date	Time	Event	Date	Time	Event
4		Labor Day	2		World Communion Sunday
11		Patriot Day & National Day of Service and Remembrance	7	9am-3pm	Health Fair & Bazaar
16	10:30am	State of Affairs of the Church In person & via Zoom	10		Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day
17	10am-10:45am	Rally Day (See page 3)	16		World Food Day
20	7:30pm	Session Meeting	19	7:30pm	Session Meeting
21		International Day of Peace	24		United Nations
24	10-10:45am	Sunday School and Adult education classes resume	30		Reformation Sunday

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION—July 23, 2023



On July 23rd Co-Chairs of education, Mr. Al Tate (Adult Education) and Mrs. Patricia Dawson (Youth Education) recognized and celebrated the leaders (Mr. Davaughn Hoots, Ms. Zorina Bowers, Ms. Sue Terry) and their students.

UPC's leaders are truly dedicated to their students and the life-changing impact the teachings of Jesus Christ have on their lives. Sunday school classes usually precede our Sunday worship service and includes children, teenagers, and adults.



DID YOU KNOW???

Sunday school, also called **church school**, or **Christian education** has been the foremost vehicle for teaching the principles of the Christian religion and the Bible. Although religious education of various types had been known earlier within Christianity, the beginning of the modern Sunday school can be traced to the work of Robert Raikes (1736–1811), a newspaper publisher in Gloucester, England. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Sunday-school>

Rally Day

Kick-off to the start of the church school year and typically occurs in September or early October.

RALLY DAY—Christian Education

Date: Sunday, September 17, 2023; 10-10:45am; Lind Room

Intergenerational—Friends & Family invited; All ages will meet together in the Lind Room.

Activities

Adults, Youth, and Children will describe their Christian education experiences, what they may have learned previously, why they believe Christian education is important, and what they hope to learn in the upcoming year.

Art & Crafts

- participants will list what they know about Jesus and what they would like to learn on poster boards.

Regular Sunday Morning Classes—begin September 24, 10am

Junior/Senior High - Elementary - Adults

JOIN US!



Unite in Service. *Never Forget.*



Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance September 11, 2023

It's been more than two decades since 9/11. Honor and commemorate the sacrifices made that day by remembering the heroes, armed forces, first responders, and countless others' acts of service to defend our nation's freedom.

On the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, Americans of all ages and backgrounds are invited to join and lead community service projects to honor the lives and service of those we lost on September 11. Cross divides, differences, and ideologies to serve with neighbors and strangers alike to build important bridges in your communities.

On December 18, 2001 Congress designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day," and on April 21, 2009 approved the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance." Hence Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Note: AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism.
<https://bit.ly/44yDRx9> & <https://americorps.gov/serve/volunteer/911-day>

The International Day of Peace September 21st

Theme: *Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals*



Each year the International Day of Peace (IDP) is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Never has our world needed peace more.

This year's theme is **Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals**. It is a call to action that recognizes our individual and collective responsibility to foster peace. Fostering peace contributes to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will create a culture of peace for all.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said, "Peace is needed today more than ever. War and conflict are unleashing devastation, poverty, and hunger, and driving tens of millions of people from their homes. Climate chaos is all around. And even peaceful countries are gripped by gaping inequalities and political polarization." Read more at <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>.



LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4, 2023

Labor Day is a holiday most Americans can get behind! Yeah, it sadly means that summer is coming to a close, but it's also a day that holds so much meaning. For one, it's just another excuse to eat our favorite grilled foods, host a pool party, and put those fun summer Instagram captions to good use. And while it's certainly a day worth celebrating for all those reasons, there's a bit more history behind the meaning of Labor Day, too. So, here's everything you need to know about the summer holiday, including when is Labor Day in 2023?

Labor Day celebrates the women and men who campaigned tirelessly for workers' rights in the labor movement of the late 19th century. Their hard-fought wins are the reason for many of the rights we enjoy and take for granted today, such as a 40-hour work week, safe work conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. Those workers saw that there could be no freedom and liberty in this country without economic freedom for the working class. The holiday honors the source of this nation's strength—American workers, unions, and labor leaders. No matter how you decide to celebrate Labor Day 2023, take some time to reflect and pay tribute to all the laborers, past and present, who helped build America and make it the country it is today.

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/a36597519/when-is-labor-day/>

To the UPC Scholarship Committee and Congregation,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible opportunity you have given me over the past four years as a recipient of the Crawford/Walton Memorial Scholarship Fund. As a recent college graduate, I can't help but reflect on the impact that this scholarship has had on my time at the university.

When I first received the news that I had been selected as a scholarship recipient, I was filled with both joy and relief. I knew that without this scholarship, I would have been strained in my pursuit of a college education. Your generous donation has allowed me to focus on my studies, engage in extracurricular activities, and develop meaningful relationships with my peers and mentors.

Moreover, this scholarship has been a constant source of motivation for me. Knowing that I had the support of the UPC family behind me has given me the confidence to pursue my passions and work hard toward greater goals. It has been an honor to represent the Crawford/Walton Memorial Scholarship Fund and the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield in all of my endeavors.

*God Bless,
Mobolaji Falowo*

Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund

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:

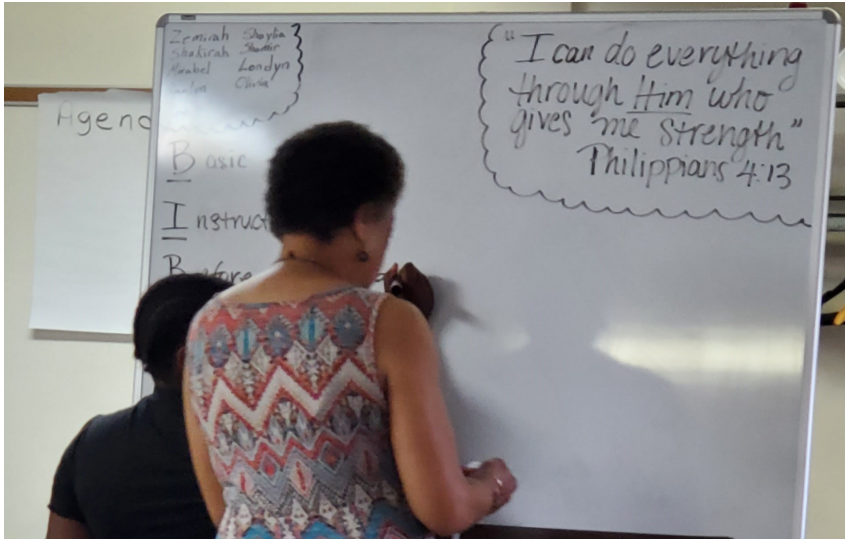
1. Sending a check, made out to the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, to Treasurer, 525 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 with "Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund" written in the memo section of the check.

~ OR ~

2. Contributions can be made through the "Give Now" button located at the UPC website at www.upcplainfield.org Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 10 to 14, 2023



Philippians 4:13 (ICB)

I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was great fun with children and youth ranging in age from 4 to 14 years old. We learned about Paul's journey, memorized Bible verses, participated in recreational activities, games, crafts, music, and other activities (prize box surprises for children, etc.).

Our church family supported the VBS in a big way! We are grateful for the planning

team, teachers, teachers' assistants, volunteers, and all who were there in person or in spirit for those five days, July 10th to 14th.

Praise and worship started each day with Pastor Allegra Hoots starting us off on the first day. This created an environment for intergenerational participation throughout the day which was a rewarding experience for all.

On the last day of VBS the parents, young people, UPC teachers and volunteers participated in the closing ceremony with certificates and t-shirts presented, a pizza party, and a wonderful time of sharing with each other.

The attendees and their families are willing to continue their relationship with United as demonstrated by their disappointment with the cancellations, due to weather, of the Community Fun Games and activities that were planned for July 14 and July 29.

The spirit of working and studying together of children, youth, young adults, and older adults will be the tone of Rally Day, Sunday, September 17th at 10:00 am in the Lind Room (See page 3). This will be the start of our Church school year and the start of our Church School. Please join us!

Respectfully,
Patricia Dawson

HOW TO INSTILL PROPER VALUES IN YOUR CHILDREN

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



Let us not fool ourselves - without Christianity, without Christian education, without the principles of Christ inculcated into young life, we are simply rearing pagans.

Peter Marshall

www.idlehearts.com

Black Women & Maternal Health: A Multi-Generational Conversation

Black women in New Jersey are up to 7 times more likely to die from childbirth-related complications than White women. This urgent health crisis continues to destroy our families and our communities.

The Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey has partnered with several leading ladies for a multi-generational conversation. We will share first-hand accounts of the impact of this crisis, critical resources, and opportunities to advocate for Black women and our families.



Saturday, September 9, 2023
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Mt. Zion AME Church
630 E. Front St, Plainfield, NJ 07060



Register by scanning or clicking the code below:



Or visit: <https://prco.de/BlackMaternalHealth>

LIBRARY IS CLOSED 9/2 & 9/4



September 2023 Children's Programs

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

LIBRARY IS CLOSED 9/2 & 9/4

800 Park Ave. Plainfield NJ, 07060
908-757-1111 x129
yp@plfdpl.info
www.plainfieldlibrary.info



Cooking with
Ms. Jailene:
Pancakes

Wednesday 9/13
3:30pm
Room 2



Movie & Popcorn:
Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Monday 9/25
1:30pm
ALD Room



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!



Did you know your library gives you FREE access to ABC Mouse? Access it from your personal device or home computer! scan to learn more



Baby and Me
Songs, rhymes &
playtime

Mondays
9/18 & 9/25
11:00am
ALD Room



Guess how many goldfish are in the jar. If you get it right, you get to take it home.

Raffle will be in the Children's Room all month long!

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL
LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH!

SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD &
RECEIVE A FREE BOOK!



SCAN TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT OUR
PROGRAMS!

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PUBLIC
library

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

**DEAR LORD, THANK YOU FOR LETTING
ME LEAN ON YOU. FILL MY HEART
WITH YOUR HEALING LOVE AND
THE POWER OF YOUR STRENGTH
SO THAT I MAY LIVE THE LIFE YOU
PLANNED FOR ME.
-IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.**

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

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



September

- 1 Jennel Darius
- 5 Thelma Fleming
- 6 Danielle Greene
- 11 Gwen Snyder
- 13 Joanne Edwards
- 15 Gail Stokes
- 21 Jahvon Moore
- 22 Helen Foerster
- 28 Barbara Snyder

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.



**Remembering
Karen Edmonds**

Beloved wife of O'Harold Hoots, Sr., mother of
O'Harold Hoots, Jr., and sister-in-law of Pastor
Allegra Hoots transitioned to immortality.

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She was a loving wife and devoted mother who  
loved the Lord., the church, and gospel music. She  
will be missed.

**Romans 14:8**

"For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we  
die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we  
live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

**The Good News:** Devoting yourself to God in  
life is the way to live an honest and happy life.  
All the choices you make in your life should be  
made for His honor.

**Winnie Neal**

**99**

**Years Blessed!  
Happy Birthday**





*As Christians, we are in a continuous process of growth in relationship with God, each other, and self. This is especially true of those who have been called to service in the ordered ministries of the church.*

### ***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*

### ***Who are the Deacons in our Church?***

Deacons are called to be servants by caring for persons in need, deacons reflect the heart of Christianity

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.

Deacons may also be charged with educational tasks, cultivating liberality in giving, collecting and disbursing monies to specific persons or causes other duties as may be delegated to them by the session, including assisting with the Lord's Supper.

Deacons are men and women elected by the congregation from among its members.

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### **Consider donating to the Deacons Fund.**

**You may specify how you would like your donation to be used i.e. assisting those in need, to the sick, educational scholarship, etc.**

United Presbyterian Church Presents

# ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

+  
**Flea Market/Bazaar & Children's Play station**



Participants:

+Hackensack Meridian Health +Hoboken Family Planning +Union County +City of Plainfield +Rutgers Cancer Institute +El Centro Hispanoamericana +Hopes Org. +Maternal & Child Health CareFinders Total Care & others

**AT OUR HEALTH FAIR, YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR:**

- Blood Pressure & Total Cholesterol checks
- Pulse & Stroke Risk Assessment
- Cancer Screenings: Prostate, Breast/Colon, Pap Smears
- Cancer research and clinical trials
- Nutrition
- Communicable Diseases
- Voter Registration
- COVID Testing and vaccination
- Prenatal, Early Childhood and Teen programs
- Home health care and job placement
- Immigration Services
- Home Utility Assistance Program (PSE&G)
- Giveaways and more !

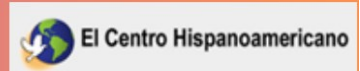
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2023**  
**10 AM - 2PM**

**525 E. FRONT STREET PLAINFIELD, NJ**

**PHONE: 732-742-8762**

**EMAIL: [UPCNEWS525@GMAIL.COM](mailto:UPCNEWS525@GMAIL.COM)**

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# ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND BAZAAR



ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2023**

**9 AM - 3PM**

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## tithes & offering

Worship the Lord in Giving



### 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/>

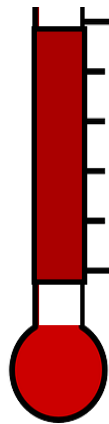
## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

As of 8/31/2023 the total collected is \$13,443



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.

13,443



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

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Wanda Breitenbach  
Administration Committee, Acting Chair

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

### Moses and the Burning Bush

**Theme:** God speaks to us.

**Object:** Bible; green bulletin board paper; red, yellow, and orange construction paper; clear tape; scissors; markers

**Scripture:** Exodus 3:1-15

Pre-cut the construction paper into flame shapes. Cut the bulletin board paper into a bush shape and hang it on the wall where kids can reach.

Shoes come in all types and sizes. There are dress shoes like we might wear to church. There are athletic shoes like we wear when we play sports. There are sandals or flip-flops for summer. Show everyone the shoes you have on now. (Pause.) We have all kinds of shoes!

But why are we talking about shoes you might be wondering. Well, shoes protect our feet, but they can also serve another purpose. Raise your hand if you wear your shoes inside most of the time. (Pause.) Raise your hand if you take your shoes off when you're inside. (Pause.)

People might take off their shoes to keep from tracking dirt inside. And in some places, people always take off their shoes and leave them at the door when they enter a house as a sign of respect. Respect means to show someone you think that person is important. And that reminds me of today's Bible lesson.

God told a man named Moses to take off his shoes (Exodus 3:5). To get ready to hear about what happened to Moses, let's take off our shoes now. I think that'll help us understand why God told Moses to take off his shoes. I'm going to do that. If you wish, join me.

Take off your shoes and show children the "bush" paper on the wall. Explain that they'll make a "burning bush" by adding color and flames.

God called Moses from a burning bush to get his attention and talk to him. God had an important job for Moses. He told Moses to take off his sandals because he was standing on holy ground. Let's hear what happened.

Give each child a cut-out flame and a marker. As you read aloud Exodus 3:3-6, have kids write their name or draw a picture on their flame.

At first, Moses was confused and wasn't sure God could really be speaking to him. God wanted Moses to lead His people, but Moses wasn't sure he was the right guy for the job. But God wanted to get Moses to pay attention.

Move kids to the bush on the wall. Have kids choose where to add construction paper flames while you tape.

Why did the burning bush get Moses to pay attention to God?

You didn't know how our bush would turn out, but you listened to my instructions. God did the same thing with Moses—he gave Moses *important instructions*. *Just like God spoke to Moses, God speaks to us, too.*

#### PRAYER:

*God, thank You for giving us instructions. Thank You for speaking to Moses and for speaking to us. Help us remember to listen to You. In Jesus' name, amen.*

## Moses and the Burning Bush — Decoder

# Moses and the Burning Bush

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:5 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 14-12-18-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-15-14-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-5-18-9-19 \_\_\_\_\_

SANDALS  
MILK

BURN  
BUSH

HOLY  
MOSES

LAND  
FIRE

GROUND  
HONEY



## Moses and the Burning Bush - Coloring Page

### THE BURNING BUSH



“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.”

**EXODUS 3:2**

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## Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

### 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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Mr. Davaughn Hoots

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Virginia Hansen  
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Tania Hemans (in training)  
Maggie Anglin (Volunteer)  
Zorina Bowers (Volunteer)

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## September 2023

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | MONDAY                                                                                                     | TUESDAY                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                             | THURSDAY                                                   | FRIDAY                                                      | SATURDAY                                                                                      |
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| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br><br>Communion Service<br><br>7:30pm Book Club                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm<br><br>Labor Day                               | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm                           | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>10:30am Admin. Meeting                                      |
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| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br><br>Youth Sunday<br><br>7:30pm Book Club                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm<br><br>Patriots Day & Nat'l Day of Remembrance | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm                           | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>7pm Contemporary Worship | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>10:30am; State of Affairs of the Church<br>In-person & Zoom |
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| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br><br>10am RALLY DAY<br><br>7:30pm Book Club                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm                                                | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm<br><br>7:30pm Session Mtg | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>7pm Contemporary Worship | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                                                    |
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| 1<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>Communion Service<br>World Communion Sunday<br>7:30pm Book Club            | 2<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm                                             | 3<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm                            | 4<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>7pm Contemporary Worship  | 6<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm  | 7<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>10:30am Admin. Meeting |
| 8<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br><br>Youth Sunday<br>7:30pm Book Club                                       | 9<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm<br><br>Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day | 10<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm                           | 11<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>7pm Contemporary Worship | 13<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm | 14<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                              |
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| 29<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person/Livestream<br>Reformation Sunday<br>7:30pm Book Club                                      | 30<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm                                            | 31<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><br>Noonday Prayer<br>12-12:15pm                           | Computer Logon Info —<br>Sunday Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3jyylpg">https://bit.ly/3jyylpg</a><br>Daily Devotion: <a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a><br>Noonday Prayer: <a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a><br>Contemporary Service: <a href="https://bit.ly/3J7whly">https://bit.ly/3J7whly</a> |                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                               |

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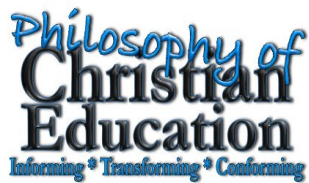
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