



October 2020

United Presbyterian Church

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

11:00 a.m. Worship

195 YEARS OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

~ Pastor Allegra Hoots ~

"You will keep them in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you because they trust in you."

-Isaiah 26:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer.

Scripture teaches us God gives hope and promises peace to those who trust in him. At times it can be difficult to remember those promises and remain optimistic about the future, especially amid the daily doses of negative information dispensed by domestic and international news outlets and social media networks. Coupled with the personal challenges we each face, but for the grace of God, such information could overwhelm us.

But, thanks to God, the Holy Bible tells us if we keep our mind on God and believe God's promises, we can experience the kind of peace that surpasses human understanding, even in the current climate of uncertainty and the frequent exposure to disheartening messages we receive from multiple sources (Isaiah 26:3). Furthermore, Romans 8:28 gives us hope by reminding us God "causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose."

May our behavior witness to God's power working through and in us

May the Spirit of the only authentic, wise, and living God continuously encourage us to keep faith in him when we face trials and hear disturbing news. May our behavior witness to God's power working through and in us, and may it inspire others to want to know Christ in the pardon of their sins and the power of his resurrection might. May they then ask, "What must I do to be saved?" Scripture teaches God hears and responds to those who earnestly ask him for help (Psalm 34:6).

Glory to God, and peace and blessings to you!

Allegra S. Hoots, M.DIV.

Transitional Pastor



Sunday Worship
Pastor Allegra Hoots

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**11:00am (in the Sanctuary)**  
**&**  
**12:30pm Livestream (YouTube\*)**

**JOIN US**  
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Adult Education

Topic: The Reformation
Dates: Sundays
9/20/20 through 10/25/20
Location: Lind Room
(Note: the holding of the class in the building will be tentative depending on the prevailing state and local social distancing and building capacity requirements. If the building is unavailable, class will probably be held on Zoom.)

* The link address is available on the church's website: <http://www.upcplainfield.org/>



Noon Day Prayer Monday - Friday, Noon to 1:00pm
Sunday Fellowship 2:00 - 3:00pm via ZOOM



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

BIBLE STUDY: Focus of our study will continue with **Galatians**

Day	Time		Connection	
Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	Bible Study	ZOOM	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/107027928
Saturday	7:00 P.M.	Prayer, Praise and Scripture Reading	ZOOM	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/107027928

Bible Study nurtures spiritual growth and strength through the reading and reflecting on Scriptures, and increases fellowship by gathering to discuss the readings.

Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

October

November

Date	Time	Event
3	1:00pm	Fish Fry
	3:00pm	Jazz on the Lawn
4		World Communion Sunday
16		World Food Day
21	7:30pm	Board of Session Meeting
25		Reformation Sunday

Date	Time	Event
1		All Saints Day
		Day light savings time ends
3		Election Day
6		World Community Day
11		Veterans Day
18	7:30pm	Board of Session Meeting
26		Thanksgiving Day

— YOU ARE INVITED TO —

SATURDAY JAZZ ON THE LAWN



SATURDAY
OCT. 3
2020
3:00PM

LIVE CONCERT FEATURING
TULIVU-DONNA CUMBERBATCH
WITH 'SEASONED ELEGANCE'

PRESENTED BY: THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLAINFIELD
525 EAST FRONT ST., PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060
ON FRONT ST. LAWN • MUST WEAR MASKS • DISTANCING MUST BE OBSERVED
TASTY FISH & CHIPS FOR SALE
— ADMISSION: FREE WILL OFFERING —



Hunger is a problem that has plagued humanity for millennia, and it continues to haunt us. Hunger is the world's leading health risk, with 1 in 3 people worldwide suffering some form of malnutrition, [according to the World Food Programme](#). Every six seconds, a child under 5 dies of hunger-related causes, and 1 in 8 people in the developing world go to bed hungry each night. Join us in prayer for the hungry around the world and others who are working to feed them.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.—Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

Almighty God, it is difficult to see children suffer, especially from hunger. We pray for You to give the hungry daily bread today (Matthew 6:11) and end their persistent hunger. Provide the food they need to grow and thrive. Pour out Your grace on hungry families, especially parents straining to feed their children despite dwindling resources.

“For he ... fills the hungry with good things.” —Psalm 107:9 (NIV)



There are many ways that you can assist in feeding the hungry worldwide.

Examples are:

Star Fish, Inc.
(A Plainfield based organization)

Presbyterian Hunger Program, PC(USA)

Food First

Check on your neighbor help them if you can or direct them to an organization can help.

World Communion Sunday—October 4, 2020

Season of Peace started on Sept. 6th and ends with World Communion Sunday on Oct. 4th

2020 Season of Peace is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. We are invited to define and deepen our calling as peacemakers. This season is a time of encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education.

Reflections and prayers will help grow the faith and witness of the whole church. Throughout this year's Season of Peace, we are invited to reflect upon ways to practice.

Food Week of Action (Oct. 11-18) and World Food Day (Oct. 16)

Presbyterian Hunger Program encourages participation in Food Week of Action and World Food Day each year. It also includes International Day for Rural Women (Oct. 15) and International day for the Eradication of Poverty (Oct. 17).

We 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!

GROW, NOURISH, SUSTAIN.

Today only nine plant species account for 66% of total crop production, despite the fact that there are at least 30 000 edible plants. We need to grow a variety of food to nourish people and sustain the planet.

TIME FOR ACTION

A steady increase in hunger since 2014 together with rising obesity, clearly indicates the need to accelerate and scale up actions to strengthen food systems and protect people's livelihoods

A HUNGRY PLANET

Over 2 billion people do not have regular access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food. The global population is expected to reach almost 10 billion by 2050.

COVID-19 FUELS HUNGER

Nearly 690 million people are hungry, up 10 million since 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic could add between 83-132 million people to this number, depending on the economic growth scenario.

HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING HUNGER IN OUR TOWN, NATION, THE WORLD?

Reformation Sunday October 25, 2020

I have heard it said that when we pray for God's kingdom to come we are also praying that we let go of our own. That is the real test of how well our reformed tradition has soaked into us: We worship God, the Triune God, not a denomination or a structure or a book. The God who is through all, in all, and over all is also the God of our conscience. We seek God's disruption of our corrupt ways of worshipping other gods with our lives. The leaders of the Reformation would rather we honor God than them.

Commemorate Reformation 500: Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther¹ presented his 95 theses about the church and its need for reform. Five centuries on is an exciting time to reflect on what we bring forward from the past that strengthens us and future generations for the coming 500 years of ministry of the gospel of Christ.

Why reform? Although the phrase "*ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda, secundum verbum Dei*" ("the church reformed, always being reformed, according to the word of God") does not originate in the Reformation, we return to it as a watchword because it is accurate to that watershed moment. In times of crisis, challenge, and conflict—then and now—God calls us to be transformed by the Word and Spirit.

As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as *Presbyterian* is in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit's ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals. We are called to worship the triune God alone, to claim Jesus Christ as Lord of the church, and to seek the ongoing sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

God's ongoing sanctification of us is a gift for how we live together as the church, responding to God. This is why serious study of scripture for all people is an ongoing practice, in addition to communal worship and celebration of the sacraments. This is why we place such a high value on communal discernment in committees and sessions and decision-making. And while we have so much to learn, it is why our habits of conversation push us to listen to every single voice God brings into our midst.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/worship-reformationsunday/>

¹ **Martin Luther**, (1483-1546) German theologian and religious reformer was the catalyst of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation. Through his words and actions, Luther precipitated a movement that reformulated certain basic tenets of Christian belief and resulted in the division of Western Christendom between Roman Catholicism and the new Protestant traditions, mainly Lutheranism, Calvinism, the Anglican Communion, the Anabaptists, and the Antitrinitarians. He is one of the most influential figures in the history of Christianity. (<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Martin-Luther>)



[Coronavirus/COVID-19 Resources for Congregations and Members](#)

Church notices and worship sites/locations can be found on the church's website:

**<http://www.upcplainfield.org>
or call the Church Office at 908-756-2666**

"... faith without works is dead also." James 2:26

Dear Brothers and Sisters, greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. Earlier this month, the Session of the United Presbyterian Church voted to return to in-person indoor worship on Sunday mornings, beginning September 20.

We are committed to the health and safety of every worshiper. So, to reduce the possibility of transmitting COVID-19 during our indoor service, we have implemented the following measures.

1. Wearing a face mask is required from the moment you enter the building and throughout the service.
2. Your temperature will be taken before entering the sanctuary.
3. Upon entering the sanctuary, an usher will seat you, starting at the front.
4. Pews are marked to denote where people should sit to ensure compliance with CDC guidelines for social distancing.
5. There will be no passing of the peace, no live music, and no coffee hour. Any form of touching is discouraged, except among members of the same household.
6. When leaving, please file out starting from the rear of the church and leave the building immediately.

Despite our best efforts to keep worshipers safe during indoor services, we are acutely aware of the science that suggests the virus is particularly dangerous to those with underlying health conditions, including obesity. For that reason, I urge those with chronic illnesses or weakened immune systems not to attend our indoor gatherings.

However, for those managing chronic health conditions who want to attend in-person indoor services, please consult your healthcare professional about whether attending in-person service is right for you. If, after consulting your physician, you decide to join in-person indoor worship, please adhere to the following guidelines.

- Wear a face mask, a face shield, gloves, and a head covering that can be removed and discarded as soon as you leave service.
- Before entering your car or home after service, remove and sanitize your shoes, discard your gloves, and disposable face mask.
- When you get home, wash your clothing and reusable face mask.

The good news for those of you apprehensive about attending indoor service, you can still worship with us on our YouTube Livestream Sundays at 12:30pm.

I strongly urge anyone living with chronic illnesses not to attend an in-person indoor service.

Peace and blessings,

Allegra S. Hoots, M.DIV.
Transitional Pastor

FROM THE ARCHIVES

THE BEGINNINGS OF HOPE CHAPEL

By Carl Foerster



Most members of the congregation know that Grant Avenue Presbyterian Church started as Hope Chapel, but where did Hope Chapel get its name? In the 1880's Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church established three Mission Sunday Schools in the area, the first being the Bethel Sunday School, (later Bethel Presbyterian Church) established in 1884. The building used for the Sunday School was at Fifth Street and Roosevelt Avenue, and had been previously been a schoolhouse, and then used as a church by a German congregation. By 1888 the Sunday School outgrew the building and it was decided to move the building to a new foundation on Fourth and John Streets. This property originally housed a saloon. There Crescent Avenue planned to establish a new Sunday School for the West End of town. The story goes that as one of the Committee in charge of establishing the Sunday School was digging the foundation 8 boys joined him in the trench. He described the Sunday School plan and 5 agreed to attend. They did, and became part of the nucleus of Hope Chapel. They decided to call the Sunday School "Hope Chapel", because "as yet there was nothing in sight but hope." They used the building until 1927 when the church moved to the building on sixth Street and the property on Fourth Street was sold to the Moorland Branch of the YMCA. Neighborhood House currently occupies the site.

Star Fish Friend:

We have benefited greatly from many of our friends who are not residents of Plainfield. This indicates truly multi-community support that recognizes good work being done by others.

We have an opportunity to help our friends in North Plainfield. Holy Cross Church is hosting a Community Pumpkin Patch, with 1000 pumpkins being delivered on October 10. They need help unloading.

They purchased the pumpkins through a Navajo Native American tribe. The pumpkins are grown in the high desert on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico. The company employs 700 seasonal workers, mostly from the reservation, and a year-round staff of entirely Native Americans.

This is a perfect service opportunity for us, our families and friends to support not only Holy Cross but also our Native Americans.

Please contact Janice Allen via email - npmayor46@gmail.com - or by phone - 908-753-1151 - if you are able to help. And share the attached photo.

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Michael Townley
Secretary and Asst. Treasurer



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www.starfishplainfield.org - 908-755-8888 - Email - webadmin@starfishplainfield.org

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

The Ten Commandments

Theme Obeying God's commandments

Object "The 10 Commandments Coloring Page" -
two copies (picture on following page) & crayons

Scripture Exodus 20:1-17

Color one picture carefully, staying in the lines. Color outside the lines on the other picture, making a colorful mess.

Do you remember when you first started to learn how to color? If you were like most children, you probably colored all over the page without staying in the lines. I imagine that some of your pictures looked a lot like this. (Show kids the messy picture.)



As you got older, your pictures probably looked more like this. (Show kids the neat picture.) You began to stay in the lines and your color choices were much better too.

These pictures remind me of the way some people live their lives. God gave us the Ten Commandments to tell us the things that we should and should not do. (Show the neat picture.) Some people don't pay any attention to these guidelines that God has drawn for them. (Hold up the messy picture.) They just do whatever they want to do; that's called sin. Often their choices are not very good. They color outside the lines. They think their life is beautiful, but when God looks at it, He sees that it's just a big mess.

(Hold up the neat picture.) There are other people who read the Bible and follow God's rules. They try to stay within the guidelines that God has set. Oh, they may still get outside the lines at times; getting outside the lines is called sin. That is why we all need Jesus. None of us stay inside the lines 100% of the time.

Do you want your life to be like this one? (Hold up the neat picture.) Or do you want it to look like this one? (Hold up the messy picture so you're holding up both.)

God wants us to obey His Ten Commandments. The great news is we have a Savior in Jesus who loves us even when our lives are messy. When we trust Him as Savior He is our help and gives us strength to obey His laws. Let's ask God to help us obey Him.

*Dear Lord, help us to remember that You set boundaries for us. Help us to stay within those boundaries so that our lives will be pleasing to You.
In Jesus' name, amen.*



The Ten Commandments Coloring Page

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(EXODUS 19:20-20:17)



And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery" Exodus 20:1-2 (NIV).



Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

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| Carl Foerster | Jack Perry |
| Helen Foerster | Marianna Perry |
| BJ Klikus | Gail Stokes |
| Frank Klikus | Izaiyah Stokes |
| | Jamie Sweeney |

Passing of Elijah White

Please keep in prayer Morena & Stanton White and their family in the tragic passing of their grandson, Elijah White. Elijah passed on August 31.



Happy Birthday

October

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

November

- 1 Nneoma Awobue
- 6 Sheila Neil
- Gil Wildridge
- 10 Liz Mangan
- 13 James Plummer
- 15 Dorothy Farmer
- 27 Carl Foerster

NOTICE:

Because we are not able to meet in the Church building, donations received for flowers will be used when we are able to congregate again.



Give to the 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

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

195 Years

Celebrate this milestone!

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2020

2020 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT Never too Late!

Your annual Per Capita is \$45.00 and is shared as follows: General Assembly \$8.95, The Synod of the North-east \$4.10, The Presbytery of Elizabeth \$31.95. Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d).

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

Important:

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

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

Schedule of Pastor's Office Hours

Monday 12:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday 8: 30 – 3:30
Sunday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Please call the Church Office for an Appt. or to contact the Pastor

Session Members (Elders)

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

John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

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Fish Fry starts @ 1:00pm						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11am Sanctuary 12:30pm Livestream Communion Services WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	Noon Day Prayer	Noon Day Prayer	Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study —Zoom	Noon Day Prayer	Noon Day Prayer	7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
11am Sanctuary 12:30pm Livestream Worship Services YOUTH SUNDAY	Noon Day Prayer COLUMBUS DAY	Noon Day Prayer	Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study —Zoom	Noon Day Prayer	Noon Day Prayer WORLD FOOD DAY	7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
11am Sanctuary 12:30pm Livestream Worship Services	Noon Day Prayer	Noon Day Prayer	Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study —Zoom	Noon Day Prayer	Noon Day Prayer	7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom UNITED NATIONS DAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Committee Meetings (unless stated otherwise):

Communion & Deacon Sunday — 1st Sunday Monthly

Youth Sunday — 2nd Sunday monthly

Dedication Sunday — 4th Sunday Monthly

2nd Sunday following Worship: Deacons Meeting


3rd Wednesday @ 7:30pm: Session Meeting

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1 11am Sanctuary 12:30pm Livestream Communion Service ALL SAINTS DAY	2 Noon Day Prayer	3 Noon Day Prayer ELECTION DAY	4 7:00pm Bible Study —Zoom	5 Noon Day Prayer	6 Noon Day Prayer WORLD COMMUNITY DAY	7 7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV. 1ST—CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS						
8 11am Sanctuary 12:30pm Livestream Worship Services	9 Noon Day Prayer	10 Noon Day Prayer	11 Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study —Zoom VETERANS DAY	12 Noon Day Prayer	13 Noon Day Prayer	14 7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING						

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