



United Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

May 2024 Newsletter

Pastor's Message **Allegra Hoots, MDiv**



Dear Friends,

Greetings in the mighty and holy name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. I trust God that this message finds you rejoicing in the joy of the Lord and enveloped in the peace of Christ—a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Serving as your pastor and spiritual guide for the past five years has been a profound honor. Your prayers, coupled with God's guidance, have been the bedrock of my strength. The wisdom, goodwill, encouragement, and cooperation you have so generously shared, along with the selfless offering of your time and talents, are treasures I hold dear. I am deeply grateful for our growth—modest in numbers but significant in spirit—and even more so for our collective deepening faith walk.

In the bustling heart of our downtown urban neighborhood, our congregation stands as a beacon of hope. Our commitment to nurturing deep connections within this dynamic community and beyond remains unwavering. Through outreach efforts like food distribution and no-fee comprehensive services for families in transition, we are living testimonies of God's boundless grace and favor. To God be all the glory!

Looking ahead to the coming months, I am excited about the collaborative work I hope to undertake with the Session and worship committee. We will complete officer training and welcome new officers into their roles. Additionally, I am diligently working to fulfill a request from the Newark, New Jersey YM/YWCA to offer a series of no-fee life-skills workshops to displaced residents—a mission we hope to accomplish between July and October. Furthermore, in response to a request from one of our ministry partners, Davaughn is crafting a series of no-fee technology-centered classes for seniors, which is anticipated to take place this summer.

Our virtual services have expanded our reach and deepened our impact, providing a meaningful spiritual lifeline for our devoted online followers. I extend heartfelt thanks to these cherished worshippers on behalf of our entire congregation. Despite not having the opportunity to meet face-to-face, their unwavering dedication to our ministry is a shining example of faith in action. Their active participation in our virtual services, prayers, and other contributions enrich our spiritual walk.

As we continue this journey, let us walk hand in hand, heart in heart, united in our purpose and uplifted by our shared vision. May the love of Christ continue to guide us, and may our fellowship remain a source of comfort and inspiration.

Peace, love, and many blessings,

Pastor Allegra

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Church Office: Tele: 908-756-2666

Sunday Worship Service

Pastor Allegra Hoots

11:00am

In the Sanctuary & Via YouTube

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



Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays @ 7:30pm—Via YouTube*

<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>

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## Daily Devotional

Daily @ 6:00am to 6:15am—Via Zoom

(<https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>)



Sundays @ 10:00 am

Classrooms are on the lower level

CLASSES: MAY 5TH & 19TH

### Elementary Classes:

Studies will be focused on :

The Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

### Middle/High School:

Objective: Understanding who Jesus Christ is, His message to us and living a Christ-centered life.

### Adult Education

The Lind Room

We will continue the “Esther Study” through May 19th, our final class for this year. Classes will resume in the fall.

## Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

| May  |        |                        |
|------|--------|------------------------|
| Date | Time   | Event                  |
| 2    |        | National Day of Prayer |
| 9    |        | Ascension of the Lord  |
| 12   |        | Mother's Day           |
| 15   | 7:30pm | Session Meeting        |
| 19   |        | Pentecost Sunday       |
| 27   |        | Memorial Day           |

| June |         |                        |
|------|---------|------------------------|
| Date | Time    | Event                  |
| 1    | 10:00am | Administrative Meeting |
| 8    |         | FLEA MARKET            |
| 16   |         | Father's Day           |
| 19   | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting        |

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

## Sunday School Schedule (Children and Youth)



- ◆ Regular Sunday School classes will be held on May 5 and May 19 at 10am
- ◆ Mother's Day (May 12<sup>th</sup>): Special Youth Presentation
- ◆ Father's Day (June 16<sup>th</sup>): Special Youth Presentation
- ◆ Church School Recognition Sunday--June 16<sup>th</sup>

During this time our children, youth and church school leaders are recognized.

- ◆ Vacation Bible School (Intergenerational) - July 15-19<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30pm. Theme: Parables

Vacation Bible School, or VBS, is a fun-filled program usually offered during the summer ("vacation") months, to connect with children and their families. VBS is an outreach meant to bring in children who don't normally attend church and to teach them the gospel. As an evangelistic tool, VBS helps churches to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19).

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

### Coming in the Fall:

- ⇒ Rally Day - September 15<sup>th</sup>: First day of classes for all ages for the new year.

This is the celebration of the start to the new church year (liturgical) with a renewed effort in involving children, youth, and adults in Sunday morning classes for Christian education.

- ⇒ Confirmation Class: These classes will be incorporated into the regularly scheduled classes

Confirmation class is preparation during which the candidates participate in church activities and reflect on questions of faith and life. This is an opportunity to pause on the verge of adulthood and examine our beliefs and explore how faith might be a good life-long partner.

If you were baptized as children or infants, it is our parents who initially accept the vows on our behalf. Confirmation then becomes our opportunity to personally reaffirm those baptismal vows and claim the grace offered by Christ in baptism. Confirmation is a reaffirmation of our baptismal vows.

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### *Prayer*

*God who transcends all difference, help us to confront fear, dispute, and prejudice within ourselves and within our community.*

*Where difference is disliked, help us to bring understanding and healing.*

*Wherever there is temptation, to overlook racism, sexism, and violence.*

*Let your justice reign instead.*

*Let peace become our way of life.*

*Amen.*

*Author—Unkown*



**United Presbyterian Church**

**(908) 756-2666**

**ANNUAL**

# **FLEA** market



**Saturday, June 8th, 2024 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**525 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060**

**JOIN US**

**Info: 732-742-8762**



### The Seven Gifts of The Holy Spirit



## PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday and the 10th day after Jesus' ascension. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

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### WHY DO CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE PENTECOST?

The description in Act 2 states that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4). This unusual event drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ (Acts 2:14). By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, the Church grew by 3,000 people (Acts 2:41). This is why Christians still celebrate Pentecost.

John Gill expresses the significance in his commentary: "Through this baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, the apostles became more knowing, and had a greater understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel, and were more qualified to preach it to people of all nations and languages."

### A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

*Dear Heavenly Father, on this day, 2000 years ago, you inaugurated the church by having the Holy Spirit indwell in your believers. We rejoice that you have allowed us, men and women, Jew and Gentile, to experience new life. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our comforter, our guide, and so many other things. And may we continue to celebrate this day until you return again. Amen.*

<https://bit.ly/4dh1MXf>

## 2024 National Day of Prayer

May 2, 2024

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

### LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

2 Samuel 22:29-31



Text '2024States' to (833) 259-8648  
to receive a weekly prayer prompt for  
each U.S. state and territory!



### Join Pastor Hoots for Daily Devotional

6:00am to 6:15am—Via Zoom

(<https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>)

## Ascension of the Lord - May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

*Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that according to his promise he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the world; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Ascension of the Lord is an important event for believers.



### A short history:

In the Gospel it is written that the Son of God was resurrected and at that time was among his flock. He gathered all the apostles on the Mount of Olives, where he blessed his disciples and ascended to heaven. It was then that angels appeared and announced that Jesus Christ would return to earth to his disciples.

What does the feast of the Ascension of Christ mean, four main points:

1. The ascension of Christ is His spiritual presence everywhere, without which there would be no gift of the Holy Spirit;
2. Christ ascended to heaven to "prepare a place for his followers", for those who "in Christ" hope to be with their Master one day;
3. The ascension of the Son of God proves that the sacrifice was not in vain and was accepted by God;
4. Ascension means that there is a person in heaven who sympathizes with all living things on Earth and is also able to be his deputy.

Christ is an example for mankind. He went through all the stages of life's experience—birth, growing up, earthly temptations, suffering, and death.

### Commonly-Asked Questions

Is the Ascension the same as Pentecost?

The Ascension and Pentecost are not the same, though they are connected. It was 10 days after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven that the Holy Spirit was able to descend upon His disciples. Pentecost signals the end of the Easter season and is also the day we recognize as the birth of the Church.

What happened between the Ascension and Pentecost?

For ten days, Jesus' disciples and Mary patiently and prayerfully waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

## Christ is Lord

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

In that John Calvin's theology placed great importance on the ascended and regnant Christ, Ascension Day is in some ways *the* Presbyterian feast day. Christ is Lord of the world and head of the church, we proclaim. Christ's ascension, therefore, concerns us not only with ecclesiastical matters but also with social and political ones. If Christ has ascended, then there are no other rulers – all others are merely pretenders. Christ reigns supreme.

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

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feast\\_of\\_the\\_Ascension](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feast_of_the_Ascension)

<https://hallow.com/blog/feast-of-the-ascension-of-the-lord/#:~:text=When%20is%20the%20Ascension%20of,the%20sixth%20week%20of%20Easter.>

<https://www.online.ua/en/may-9-ascension-of-the-lord-876865/>

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



## Thank you to ALL MOTHERS!

You don't have to give birth to be a mother. Whether you are a mother by adoption, an aunt, cousin, friend, etc., you're nurturing and mothering is truly appreciated. If you are a mother who have not been present, it's never too late. God forgives us all! God is a patient and forgives us all.

Our young people need the village to help them grow into responsible adults.

Being the humble human we are, although it's nice to hear 'thank-you', we don't need it because we know who we are and the good we've done. God Blesses!



*My Mother kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart.  
She planted all the good things  
That gave my life its start.  
She turned me to the sunshine  
And encouraged me to dream.  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.  
And when the winds and rain came,  
She protected me enough.  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.  
Her constant good example  
Always taught me right from wrong.  
Markers for my pathway  
That will last a lifetime long.  
I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy.  
And I hope today she feels the love  
Reflected back from me.  
—Unknown*





## MEMORIAL DAY

May 27, 2024



Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. It was recognized by all northern states by 1890. Differently, the South refused to acknowledge the day and honored their dead on separate days. This went on until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War

to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

### History and the Meaning of Memorial Day: Red Poppies

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:



*We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies that blood of heroes never dies.*

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. See more on the significance of the Red Poppy.

<https://www.usmemorialday.org/history-of-memorial-day>

## Desirae Hemans

Temple University Class of 2027



Desirae entered the Miss Caribbean Queen pageant as Ms. Jamaica at Temple University. She didn't win the crown but she represented well in all areas including the talent portion with her archery skills.

She made us all proud representing her parents' country, Jamaica WI which she takes as her own with that big, beautiful smile that we all know. She took home best talent and fan favorite awards. This is while maintaining her grades and keeping God in the center.

You go Desirae—your Church family is with you.





Left to right: Pastor Hoots, Ms. Maggie Gordon



Left to right: Ms. Jean Scott, Ms. Maggie Gordon



Ms. Wanda Breitenbach

### Farewell Celebration for Maggie Gordon

On April 21st we had a farewell celebration for **Ms. Maggie Gordon**, a long time member of United who is relocating to a distant state. We will miss her! We shared a tasty lunch sponsored by the Fellowship committee. She was toasted by members and fiends. Farewell Maggie! May God continue to be your source and continue to protect you and your family.

We Took the opportunity to thank **Ms. Wanda Breitenbach** for her longtime role as Interim Chair of the Administration and Building and Grounds Committee. There was a standing ovation for Wanda who has humbly given of herself for these years when a leader was needed. Although she is stepping down as interim chair, we are blessed to continue to have her worshipping and working with us.

**Ms. Jean Scott**, recently celebrated a special birthday that we felt was in need of lifting up. Ms. Scott, not only coordinated the celebration for Maggie but spearheaded the overall effort as she usually does for most events. She has been a master at the helm of this congregation and quietly moves to the beat of God's voice and direction.

This congregation thanked Maggie, Wanda and Jean for all they do or have done for us.

*Thank You!*

"Make me well, O Lord,  
and I will be well;  
be my saviour,  
and I will be safe:  
for you are my hope"  
Jeremiah 17:14 (NIV)



**NOTE**

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

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

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

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



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

**May**

9 Jeffrey Barnes  
16 Eunice Sadler  
21 DJ Hemans  
24 Marianna Perry  
28 Mobolaji Falowo  
29 Robert Dawson  
Maggie Anglin  
Osquit Vanderstoop  
30 Davaughn Hoots

**June**

4 Sharon Stemple  
10 Daniel Bofah  
12 Susan Terry  
17 Pastor Allegra Hoots  
20 Michael Robinson  
21 Emory Dawson  
22 Donna Garzinsky



**Flower Ministry**

With your donation of \$25 or more to the Flower Fund, the Deacons will provide a beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. After worship, the arrangement will also brighten the day of a member or friend of UPC who is unable to join us for worship.

Flowers may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. Honoree names will be listed in the church bulletin.

You may complete the form below or add your information to the flower chart in the Narthex.

*Blessings,  
Zorina Bowers*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

*Board of Deacons*



## 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 ~

### 2024 UPC's Liturgists

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

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

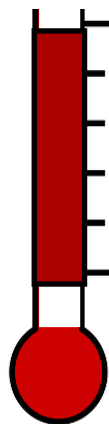
## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

As of 5/1/2024 the total collected is \$13,543



The UPC administration committee wants to be certain all UPC members and friends are aware of the establishment of the Building Fund at UPC to which contributions can be made to help defray the cost of the maintenance of the facility which ensures the health and safety of the occupants of our facility.

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

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

Contributions to the Building Fund are welcome anytime and may be accomplished in the following ways:

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

OR

2. Contributions can be made through the "Give Now" button located at the UPC website at [www.upcplainfield.org](http://www.upcplainfield.org) Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Building Fund".

Administration Committee

## UNION COUNTY

### “Jersey Fresh” Farmers’ Market Voucher Program for Seniors

Farmers Market vouchers for eligible seniors (Age 60 and older. A single person’s annual income cannot exceed \$2,095 per month and a couple’s combined income may not exceed \$2,823 per month) are available. Each eligible senior can obtain five, \$6-dollar vouchers for a total of \$30.00 to purchase “Jersey Fresh” fruits, vegetables and herbs at Farmers Markets. For voucher application call the Union County Division on Aging at 908-527-4870 or 888-280-8226, weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. For Union County programs and services visit [ucnj.org](http://ucnj.org); call the Public Info Line, 877-424-1234; email [info@ucnj.org](mailto:info@ucnj.org) or use the online Contact Form.

**Recycling: Hazardous Waste** (<https://ucnj.org/recycling/household-special-waste/>) i.e. aerosol cans, batteries, Oil Based Paints/Varnishes, etc.

| Day    | Date     | Location      | Street                  | City     | Notes                  |
|--------|----------|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Sunday | June 2nd | Union College | 1033 Springfield Avenue | Cranford | Parking Lots 5A and 5B |

### Mobile Paper Shredding

(<https://ucnj.org/recycling/mobile-paper-shredding/>)

|        |          |                  |                  |                 |                               |
|--------|----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Friday | May 17th | Hillside Pool    | 1209 Central Ave | Hillside        | Hillside Pool parking lot     |
| Sunday | May 19th | Berkeley Heights | 29 Park Ave      | Berkley Heights | Municipal Complex Parking Lot |

**Scrap Metal** (<https://ucnj.org/recycling/scrap-metal/>) This includes microwaves, washing machines, etc.—1st Thursday & 3rd Saturday each Month - 9am to noon.

|                      |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |
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| Thursday<br>Saturday | May 2nd<br>May 18th | Visit either of these locations on either day:<br>Rahway River Park in Rahway (service yard); Rahway River Park (St. Georges Avenue), Rahway 07065<br>Emergency Services Complex 151 Kenilworth Blvd, Cranford 07016 |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT <https://ucnj.org/calendar/>**

## City of Plainfield—Events

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

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|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday-5/11<br>(Every 2nd Sat monthly) | 12pm        | Storytime with Former Councilman Barry Goode<br>Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Ave., 908-757-7777 /ext 129                                                                                 |
| Tues & Thur<br>4/15-6/13                 | 6:30-8:30pm | <b>Coed Volleyball (9th grade to adult) (\$25)</b><br>Plainfield High School Gym, 950 Park Ave., 908-753-3097                                                                                   |
| Wednesday<br>May 15th                    | 12-3pm      | <b>Community Baby Shower</b> (Registration required/Limited space) Call number below for more info.<br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Action Services @ 908-753-3519 |
| Saturday<br>June 1st                     | 9-11am      | <b>Family Fishing Derby</b> (Registration begins at 8am)<br>Cedar Brook Park / For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                                     |
| Saturdays<br>4/1-5/20                    | 8:30-9:30am | <b>Pickle Ball</b> (Men & Women Ages 18+) \$25<br>Milt Campbell Tennis Courts, 1322 E. 3rd Street                                                                                               |
| Wednesdays                               | 6-7:30pm    | <b>Girl Scouts</b><br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                                                         |
| Thurs                                    | 11am-12pm   | <b>Seniors on the Move - Cardio Class FREE</b><br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                             |
| Tuesdays<br>Apr 9-May 28                 | 6-7pm       | <b>Adult Zumba</b><br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                                                         |
| Saturdays<br>Apr 6-May 25                | 6-7pm       | <b>Adult Yoga 8 classes \$25</b><br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                                           |
| Sunday<br>May 26th                       | 8am-3pm     | <b>2024 NJ State Bicycle Championship</b><br>515 Watchung Ave                                                                                                                                   |



## Elders and Deacons 2024-2025

The following is a revised list of Elders and Deacons voted in at the annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Their term will officially start on September 1st.

**NOTE; Michael Robinson's name was inadvertently omitted from the previous list for which we apologize.**

### Board of Elders (Session) and Trustees

Emory Dawson, President of the Corporation  
Alaric Tate, Clerk of Session  
Patricia Dawson  
Bola Falowo  
Tania Hemans  
Avril Lecky  
Marcia Marsh Hinds

### Board of Deacons

Ginni Hansen, Chair  
Daniel Bofah  
Zorina Bowers  
Yetunde Falowo  
Thelma Fleming  
Michael Robinson  
Osquit Vanderstoop  
Helen Foerster, Deacon - Emeritus

Treasurer: Wanda Breitenbach



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

**Over 60% of U.S. adults have no estate planning documents in place.**

It has been reported that every week about \$100 million is left by people who die without a will.

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

### What is a religious bequest?

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



### Benefits of a charitable bequest

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

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

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



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

### Pentecost

**Theme:** The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost.

**Object:** A windsock; a strong fan

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-21

You probably know this is a windsock or a type of kite. It was invented many years ago in Japan and was flown on "Boys Day." Families would hang one windsock for each son in their family. You might've seen one at an airport, too. They show pilots which way the wind is blowing so they can take off and land safely. They're even used to help guide the Space Shuttle pilots.



No one can see the wind, but we know the wind is there because it moves the windsock. But just because we can't see the wind, that doesn't mean it's not important. The wind helps us cool off when we get hot; it cleans the air from smog; and it can even be used to power our homes. What other things can you think of that the wind does? (Pause.)

God's Spirit is kind of like the wind. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is very important and always with us. What is something else you can think of that you can't see but is still very important? (Pause.)

When God sent His Holy Spirit to be with His people for the first time, it was like a mighty, rushing wind. (Lead kids in making a "whoosh!" sound.) Many churches still celebrate that special day. It's called the day of Pentecost. A bunch of believers were all gathered together. (Turn on the fan, and blow it on the children.) When the loud wind came, they saw what looked like tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them, and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. How would you feel if you saw fire coming down on your head? Would you be scared? (Pause.)

The Holy Spirit helped them share God's message of love with everyone around by speaking other languages! When we believe, God puts His Holy Spirit in us, too. (While still feeling the wind from the fan, invite children to say "I believe!" and say an affirmation over each child, such as "God's Holy Spirit lives in you!")

There are so many ways the Holy Spirit helps us every day. You might say, "He is the wind in your socks!"

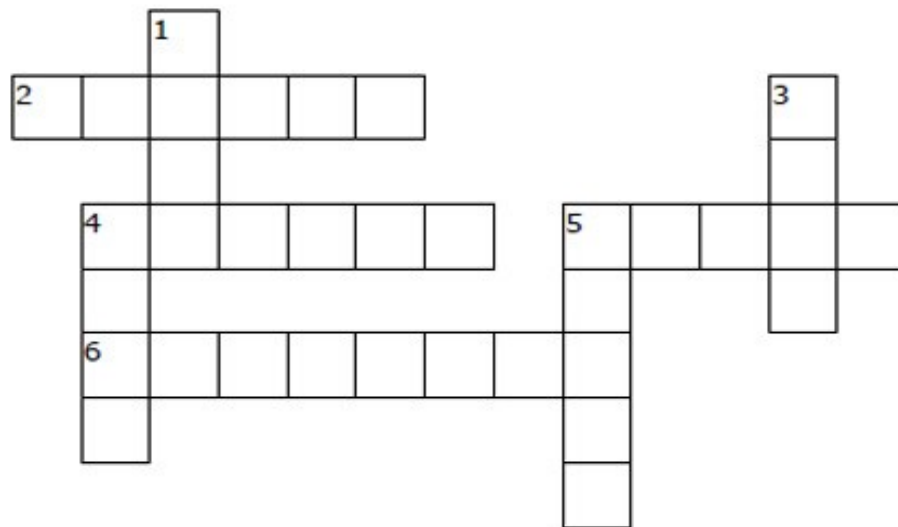
**Dear God, we thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to comfort us, guide us, and live within us. In Jesus' name, amen.**



# The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



## ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

## DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE  
SPIRIT

FIRE  
HEAVEN

HOLY  
SOUND

WIND  
SPEAK

## Pentecost—Coloring Page

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)



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~ OR ~

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## May 2024

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY                    | WEDNESDAY                                        | THURSDAY                                                                        | FRIDAY                     | SATURDAY                                     |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |                            | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship                          | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>10am Admin Mtg |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6                                          | 7                          | 8                                                | 9                                                                               | 10                         | 11                                           |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>Communion Service                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship<br>ASCENSION OF THE LORD | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                   |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 13                                         | 14                         | 15                                               | 16                                                                              | 17                         | 18                                           |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>Youth Sunday<br>MOTHER'S DAY                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:30pm Session Mtg | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship                          | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                   |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 20                                         | 21                         | 22                                               | 23                                                                              | 24                         | 25                                           |
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| 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 27                                         | 28                         | 29                                               | 30                                                                              | 31                         |                                              |
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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | MONDAY                              | TUESDAY                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                  | FRIDAY                              | SATURDAY                                                           |
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| 2<br><b>11am Worship Service</b><br>In-person / Livestream<br><br>Communion<br>Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion  | 4<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion  | 5<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                                  | 6<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br><b>7pm Contemporary<br/>           Worship</b>  | 7<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion  | 8<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                 |
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| 23<br><br><b>11am Worship Service</b><br>In-person / Livestream<br><br><b>DEDICATION SUNDAY</b><br><b>(4th Sunday)</b><br><br>30<br><b>11am Worship Service</b><br>In-person / Livestream                                                                                                                                                               | 24<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 25<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 26<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                                 | 27<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion<br><br><b>7pm Contemporary<br/>           Worship</b> | 28<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion | 29<br>6:00-6:15am Daily<br>Devotion                                |

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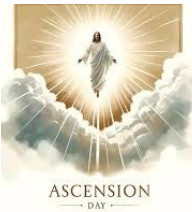
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