



# United Presbyterian Church

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

**Worship Services: Sunday 11:00 am**

**November 2023 Newsletter**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to you in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray this letter finds you in good health and spirits.

Political rancor and unrest here in the United States and abroad, divisive political rhetoric, heightened tension between ethnic groups, loss of confidence in truth in reporting, disdain for democracy, corrupt political leaders, the Israeli and Palestine conflict, and Russia's war against Ukraine, coupled with our personal trials and those all humans face daily, may make it challenging to look for silver-linings and give thanks. Yet that is what Philippians chapter four, verse eight, instructs us to do. Is it not just like God to ask His followers to do what seems impossible while reminding them, us, that with Him and because of Him, all things are possible, and nothing is impossible?

Philippians 4:8 challenges readers to look beyond circumstances and daunting conditions and focus instead on the good in life. The passage reminds us that we may not have power over events. Praise God, the author of Philippians 4, reminds us that empowered by the Holy Spirit, trouble, no matter how painful or extensive, is a snapshot or snippet in the larger picture of life. Like the late Reverend James Cleveland's song, *This too Will Pass*, Philippians 4 reminds us that trouble does not last forever, and we can find hope and peace amid life's greatest challenges.

Moreover, the passage urges readers to practice the power of positive thinking - "focus on what is true, honorable, correct, pure, lovely, and admirable" while engulfed in trouble. This thinking helps us cope and thrive and gives us perspective beyond our trials.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I invite you to join me in dedicating a little time each day to prayers of thanksgiving and praise. Focus on something you are grateful for, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem. Then, spend time thanking God for it.

Happy Thanksgiving, and Godspeed!

May the grace of the only authentic, wise, and living God continually rest, rule, and abide with and in us. By the power of His Holy Spirit, may we grow in grace and knowledge and experience the joy of the Lord, which is our strength, and the peace of Christ that surpasses all human understanding. I pray in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Peace, love, and blessings,

*Pastor Allegra*

"Fix your thoughts on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."  
(Philippians 4:8)

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/3jyy1pg>)



### Contemporary Worship Service

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>)

### Sunday School

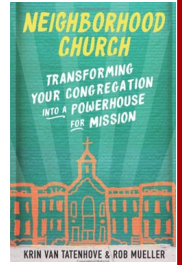
Youth & Young Adults

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

Theme:  
“Neighborhood Church-Transforming  
Your Congregation into a  
Powerhouse for Mission”

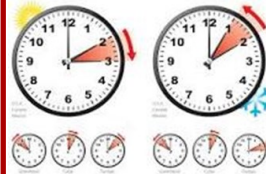
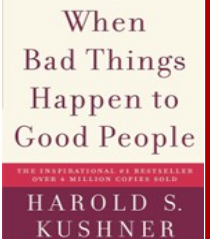
Dates: Sundays @ 10:00 am; Location: Lind Room  
JOIN US!



### Book Club

September 3rd to November 26th

Dates: Sundays @ 7:30pm  
Location: Zoom / <https://bit.ly/3L2YvP8>



Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on  
**Nov. 5, 2023**, when most of the United  
States will move their clocks back one  
hour (remember: it's  
spring forward, **fall back**)

### Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

November			December		
Date	Time	Event	Date	Time	Event
1		All Saints Day	9	10:00am	Administration Committee Meeting
3		World Community Day	10	1:00pm	Christmas Caroling—Join us!
5		Daylight Savings Time Ends	24	11:00am	Christmas Service—Nativity of the Lord
7		Election Day	31	11:00am	New Year's Service
11	10:00am	Administration Committee Meeting	TBA	7:30pm	Joint Session & Deacons Meeting
15	7:30pm	Session Meeting			
23		Thanksgiving Day			

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

## All Saints Day

*"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

Luke 23:42

All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

On November 1, All Saints' Day is a day we celebrate believers of every time. It's often a day we honor the faithful who have died during the past year in our own church communities. It's a day of gratefulness for those that have passed away who shared their faith with us, and a time to reflect on how we can continue to share our faith with others.

The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

### PRAYER

*God of all glory,  
on this first day you began creation,  
bringing light out of darkness.  
On this first day you began your new creation,  
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.*

*On this Lord's Day grant that we,  
the people you create by water and the Spirit,  
may be joined with all your works  
in praising you for your great glory.*

*Through Jesus Christ,  
in union with the Holy Spirit,  
we praise you now and forever. Amen.*

Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 1993) 51.  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/all-aints-day/>



## THANKSGIVING

November 23, 2023

### Is Thanksgiving a Christian Holiday?

Thanksgiving is not only a holiday that began with Christian origins; giving thanks is a requirement central to the Christian faith! Rev. Marjorie Nunes of Hicksville United Methodist Church explains the connection of this American holiday with Christianity, saying: "Thanksgiving is definitely a religious holiday rooted in the Christian tradition of our country. Even though the secularism of our present culture may have turned the focus somewhat, we ought not to forget the history and the religious significance of this American holiday.

Actually, the first Thanksgiving Day observance originated in Virginia.

On Dec. 4, 1619, 38 English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation on the James River. The settlement's charter required that the day of arrival be commemorated with thanksgiving to Almighty God. After they arrived on the shores of the James River, the settlers got on their knees and gave thanks for their safe passage. Hence, America's first Thanksgiving was about prayer and thanksgiving to God."

### Prayer for Thanksgiving Dinner

*O Heavenly Father, we thank You for this food and remember the hungry. We thank You for our health and remember the sick. We thank You for our friends and church and remember the friendless.*

*We thank You for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to serve others in loving You so that your gifts may be used for others. Amen.*

### Why Do We Celebrate Thanksgiving?

As you can guess by its name, the annual holiday of Thanksgiving centers around a tradition of giving thanks for the people, prosperity, and divine blessings in our lives. Christianity.com explains the historical origins and development of this renowned celebration: Pilgrims and Puritans who migrated in the early 17th century from England brought the tradition of "Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving" with them to the New World of America. The present Thanksgiving holiday custom is inspired by a notable gathering from 1619 in Virginia and a lesser recorded 1621 festival at Plymouth in modern Massachusetts.

In 1619, English settlers arrived in Virginia rejoicing a successful journey with a celebration of thanksgiving as directed by the

group's charter from the London Company. The charter then ordered that the date of their arrival to Virginia "...shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God." The 1621 Plymouth feast was prompted by a great harvest, which the Pilgrims joined with Native Americans, who helped them get through the preceding winter by providing them food in that time of hardship.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/thanksgiving/when-is-thanksgiving-date-and-history.html>  
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On Saturday October 7th, 2023 the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield held its annual health fair / flea market. The weather forced the event indoors but that did not dampen the enthusiasm for the event. Included in the health fair were 20 groups providing information and services including free COVID and flu shots, blood pressure checks, cancer support, stroke risk assessment, breast cancer screening, pap smear, Heimlich and CPR practice and emergency preparedness. Groups participating included Hackensack Meridian Health, Hoboken Family Planning, RWJ Bar-nabas Health, Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ, New Jersey Family Care, City of Plainfield Division of Health and Union County office of Health Management and Division of Social/Human services. The United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield is proud to coordinate and present this annual event in the Fall as it provides access to vital health and personal services, particularly to those who may not have ready access to such information. UPC is grateful to those groups participating in the health fair as well as those who attended.

Sincerely,  
Avril, George & Kay

*John 3:5 - Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you.*



## ELECTION DAY—November 7, 2023

### Why Voting Is Important

*“Voting is your civic duty.” This is a pretty common sentiment, especially each November as Election Day approaches. But what does it really mean? And what does it mean for Americans in particular?*

### Why Your Vote Matters

If you ever think that just one vote in a sea of millions cannot make much of a difference, consider some of the closest elections in U.S. history. Your vote may not directly elect the president, but if your vote joins enough others in your voting district or county, your vote undoubtedly matters when it comes to electoral results.

### A History of Voting in the United States

Today, most American citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to vote in federal and state elections, but voting was not always a default right for all Americans. The United States Constitution, as originally written, did not define specifically who could or could not vote—but it did establish *how* the new country would vote.

Article I of the Constitution determined that members of the Senate and House of Representatives would both be elected directly by popular vote. The president, however, would be elected not by direct vote, but rather by the Electoral College. The Electoral College assigns a number of representative votes per state, typically based on the state’s population. This indirect election method was seen as a balance between the popular vote and using a state’s representatives in Congress to elect a president.

Because the Constitution did not specifically say who could vote, this question was largely left to the states into the 1800s. In most cases, landowning white men were eligible to vote, while white women, black people, and other

disadvantaged groups of the time were excluded from voting (known as disenfranchisement).

While no longer explicitly excluded, voter suppression is a problem in many parts of the country. Some politicians try to win reelection by making it harder for certain populations and demographics to vote. These politicians may use strategies such as reducing polling locations in predominantly African American or Latinx neighborhoods, or only having polling stations open during business hours, when many disenfranchised populations are working and unable to take time off.

It was not until the 15th Amendment was passed in 1869 that black men were allowed to vote. But even so, many would-be voters faced artificial hurdles like poll taxes, literacy tests, and other measures meant to discourage them from exercising their voting right. This would continue until the 24th Amendment in 1964, which eliminated the poll tax, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which ended Jim Crow laws. Women were denied the right to vote until 1920, when the long efforts of the women’s suffrage movement resulted in the 19th Amendment.

With these amendments removing the previous barriers to voting (particularly sex and race), theoretically all American citizens over the age of 21 could vote by the mid 1960s. Later, in 1971, the American voting age was lowered to 18, building on the idea that if a person was old enough to serve their country in the military, they should be allowed to vote.

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/why-voting-important/>

*<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

*Philippians 4:4-9 (ESV)*

## God's Mysteries

Beverly Taylor (Arizona, USA)

### *Today I will celebrate the mystery of God.*

[God said to Job,] "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand." - Job 38:4 (NIV)

I know the basic principle at work when I place a dish of food in the microwave — atoms and energy create waves that vibrate to heat my food — but I cannot pretend to fully understand the complex science behind it. However, this lack of knowledge does not prevent me from using my microwave. I am just happy my food warms quickly!

Similarly, I do not understand the mysteries of God, but my lack of knowledge does not prevent me from trusting God. In today's scripture reading, God poses a series of questions to Job concerning the complexities of creation. Like Job, I don't understand how God created our world. I don't understand exactly how my belief in Jesus gives me a personal relationship with an unseen God. I don't understand how the Holy Spirit intervenes in my life, offering abiding peace through scripture and prayer. As the apostle Paul said, we see things dimly now, like a cloudy reflection in a mirror, but someday we will understand (see 1 Cor. 13:12).

***I do not have to understand something to know that it is so.*** My immediate surroundings hold countless instances of mystery that nudge me toward the awesomeness of God. In spite of incomplete understanding, spiritual life is born in and nourished by faith.

#### PRAYER

Dear Creator, thank you for guiding us to you through the mystery and wonder of the world around us. Amen.

<https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals/en-2023-10-04>

*We've written about how love and hope are part of our work, but the story wouldn't be complete without faith. Faith calls us to belief and action, and when we are discouraged or weary, faith reminds us that we're not in this alone. Our God, who's even more passionate about justice than we are, stands with us and gives us strength.*

## Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund

The Board of Deacons of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield is accepting donations for the Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund for higher Education.

This fund is dedicated to scholarships for any member pursuing an undergraduate degree or working in an undergraduate program which will lead to a specific degree. It may also be used by anyone pursuing a semi-nary degree.

Donations are accepted and welcomed to this fund at any time and may be accomplished in the following ways:

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

~ OR ~

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

**Invest in our children's future**

## 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 United Presbyterian, yielding eternal impact

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

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

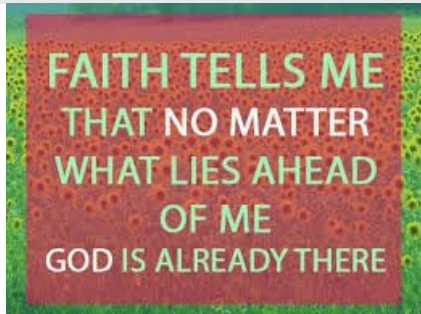
## City of Plainfield—Recreation Events

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



Mon/Wed/Fri	9am	<b>Walk with Ease</b> Hub Stine Sports Complex, 1410 Randolph Road
Sat Nov 19th		<b>COVID-19 Food Distribution—Union County</b> Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union NJ (Drive Thru Event)
Thurs Nov. 10th	10-11:30am	<b>Plainfield Bowls</b> - On site sign in begins at 9:30am Must pre-register at <a href="http://register.communitypass.net/plainfield">http://register.communitypass.net/plainfield</a> or 908-753-3097
Wednesdays	6-7:30pm	<b>Girl Scout Troop—Heart of NJ Troop 40954</b> Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: 908-753-3097
Saturdays Oct to Dec	9-9:45am	<b>Yoga</b> Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave. / For more info: 908-753-3097
Tuesdays	6-7pm	<b>Zumba</b> Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave. / For more info: 908-753-3097
Thur/Fri/Sat	Thur & Fri 1-5pm Sat 9am-2pm	<b>Community Coat Festival (You must bring the child)</b> Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave. / For more info: 908-753-3097
Classes begin Nov 15th <b>Deadline to apply is Nov. 8th</b>	Not available	<b>Plainfield Ultimate Sound Academy / FREE</b> —Hands on sound & recording program Email <a href="mailto:erica.brown@plainfieldnj.gov">erica.brown@plainfieldnj.gov</a> for application

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



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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



**November**

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

**December**

- 10 Macy Robinson
- 13 Javin Scott
- 16 Yetunde Falowo
- 18 Avril Lecky
- 22 Patricia Dawson
- 24 Pat Perry
- 26 Crystal Awobue
- 27 Gabrielle Greene
- 28 Ginni Hansen
- 29 Jennifer Youngsam

**Congratulations to Michael and Nicole Sutton**  
Who became one through marriage on October 14, 2023



*Through the power of Christ, may you grow together through faith.*

Nicole is the daughter of our sister, Gail Stokes and mother to Izaiyah, Tumani and Truth

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

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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 ~

### 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/>

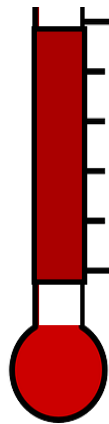
## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

As of 11/1/2023 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.

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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".

Wanda Breitenbach  
Administration Committee, Acting Chair

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

### Practice What You Preach



**Theme:** Do what you tell others to do.

**Object:** none

**Scripture:** Matthew 23:1-12

Lead kids through a couple rounds of Simon Says. In Simon Says, the leader tells kids things to do but they have to listen closely. If you say, "Simon says," then kids do the motion. If you don't say, "Simon Says," kids don't do the motion.

After a few rounds of Simon Says, say: You guys did a great job playing Simon Says. Let's play it the opposite way. You still need to listen to me say, "Simon Says" before you do a motion. But, in this Opposite Simon Says, you will do the opposite of what I say. If I say, "Simon says, 'don't touch your head,' you will do the opposite and touch your head." Let's try this.

Simon says, "don't clap your hands." (Kids should clap their hands because they're doing the opposite thing.)

Say these things for kids to do the opposite:

- "Simon says, 'Stand up.' " (Kids will sit.)
- "Stand up." (Kids should not move.)
- "Simon says, 'Sit down.' " (Kids will stand up.)
- "Simon says, 'Don't pat your head.' " (Kids will pat their head.)
- "Simon says, 'Don't stop patting your head.' " (Kids will stop.)
- "Pat your stomach." (Kids should not move.)
- "Simon says, 'Don't practice what you preach.' " (Kids will be confused.)

Have kids sit down.

Practice what you preach. What does that mean? (Pause.) I think it means that if you tell someone to do something, you need to do it, too. Practice what you preach means don't do the opposite thing that you say. Instead do what you say others should do.

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus had something to say about "practicing what you preach." Jesus was talking about the teachers of the law and the Pharisees in the synagogue where people went to worship. Jesus said that everything that they did was done so that others would see them and think how great they were. But they didn't do what they told other people to do. In fact, they did the opposite!

What did Jesus tell us to do about teachers like these? (Pause.)

You might think Jesus would say, "Don't listen to them! You don't have to do what they say." But He didn't. Jesus said, "Obey these teachers and do everything they say. But do not do what they do, because they do not practice what they preach." When it comes to living the Christian life, we need to make sure we do what we say.

Here's a little poem that would be good to remember.

*You can know a lot of Scripture  
And have the gift to teach,  
But what is more important --  
Is to practice what you preach!*

**PRAYER:** *Dear God, help us be people who do what we say so that others can see the love of Jesus in us. In Jesus' name, amen*

## Practice What You Preach

### Jumble



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It is hard to be this when  
you think you are great!

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**Words Used:** Teacher, must, obey, preach, must

## I Want to Do What's Right Coloring Page



**DO YOU SEE A MINISTRY WHERE YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE? JOIN US!**

**Important:**

**Deadline is the 20th of each month** for the Newsletter. Leave your news in the Church Office or email it to [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com)

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

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

**Church Administrators**

**Pastor's Office Hours**

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

Please call the Church Office for an Appointment or to contact the Pastor

**Pastor Allegra Hoots**  
Director of Music: Mr. Ronn Daniels  
Treasurer:  
Ms. Wanda Breitenbach  
Administrative Assistant:  
Mr. Davaughn Hoots  
Custodian: Mr. Charles Rivers

**Session Members**

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

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NOV. 5TH  
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK**

## November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Computer Logon Info — Sunday Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3jyylpg">https://bit.ly/3jyylpg</a> Daily Devotion: <a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a> Noonday Prayer: <a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a> Contemporary Service: <a href="https://bit.ly/3J7whly">https://bit.ly/3J7whly</a>			1	2	3	4
			6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm ALL SAINTS DAY	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm World Community Day	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream Communion Service DAYLIGHT SAV. ENDS	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm ELECTION DAY	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 10:30am Admin. Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream Youth Sunday 10am Sunday School/ Adult Educ.	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm 7:30pm Session Mtg	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream 10am Sunday School/ Adult Educ.	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion THANKSGIVING DAY	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion
26	27	28	29	30		
11am Worship Service In-person & Livestream 10am Sunday School/ Adult Educ. Dedication Sunday	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion Noonday Prayer 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7pm Contemporary Worship		

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Communion — 1st Sunday Monthly  
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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<b>11am Worship Service</b> In-person / Livestream <b>CHRISTMAS SERVICE</b> 31 New Years Eve <b>NEW YEAR'S SERVICE</b>	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  <b>Noonday Prayer</b> 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  <b>Noonday Prayer</b> 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  <b>Noonday Prayer</b> 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  <b>7pm Contemporary Worship</b>	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  <b>Noonday Prayer</b> 12-12:15pm	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion

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