



United Presbyterian Church

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

April 2020

11:00 a.m. Worship



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the blessed name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Hallelujah, “He is risen!”

“Hallelujah, “He is risen!” Jesus is gone up on high! Burst the bars of death asunder; Angels shout, and men reply: He is risen, He is risen, Living now, no more to die.”

Amid the devastating news about the toll COVID-19 is having on individuals, families, neighborhoods, states, our country, and the world, there is good news! Despite the havoc COVID-19 is wreaking across the globe., we are not overwhelmed by the news because we know, “All things work together to the good of those who love the Lord and are called according to God’s purpose. “(Romans 8: 28). God’s great love for creation demonstrated by Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection gives us hope that, like other catastrophes the world has overcome, the coronavirus pandemic shall pass. We will return to some sense of normalcy.

Bliss, Philip Paul, (1838 – 1876) “Hallelujah, He is risen”

Thank God for local and state elected officials, and healthcare professionals who have developed multiple strategies to save lives and to try and curtail the spread of coronavirus. The stay-at-home mandate issued by governors and mayors, coupled with the recommendation to keep at least six feet between people, have changed our behavior. While the temporary changes are uncomfortable and inconvenient for some, they also provide unexpected silver linings.

Cooperation and neighborliness are more evident than usual. Strangers at grocery stores and pharmacies wish each other well, and many offer to help the elderly without expecting anything in return. Getting proper rest and enough sleep are other unintended benefits of staying home and keeping distance between ourselves and others.

Social-distancing has also presented a unique way for us to show God’s love. In essence, by agreeing to adhere to social-distancing, we sacrifice our freedom of movement to protect the health and welfare of others. That, my sisters and brothers, is a godly way to behave, and it exemplifies Jesus’ commandment for us to love one another.

Praise God for those who choose the welfare of people over profits, and for people of goodwill!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Hoots

“A new commandment I give to you that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”

John 13: 34 (NLT)



Please! Stay at home, practice social distancing of 6 feet or more when you must go out, wash your hands frequently, and encourage others to perform healthy practices.



Holy Week



April 5th: Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday falls one week before Easter Sunday. Christian worshippers celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, which took place the week before his death and resurrection. For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday, often referred to as Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

<https://www.learnreligions.com/what-is-palm-sunday-700775>



April 9th: Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday, the Thursday before the celebration of Easter Sunday. Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment." In the context of Holy Week it refers to the commandment Jesus gave to his disciples while washing their feet, as recorded in John 13. Specifically, the commandment in John 13:34-35:



April 10th: Good Friday

Good Friday is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. It is a day when people remember Jesus' death on the cross. Many people, mostly Christians, celebrate this day by attending a Good Friday service where they read the biblical accounts of Jesus' death on the cross. (Read Luke 19.)

<https://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/good-friday.htm>



April 12th: Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD

Key Takeaways

- In the Christian belief, according to Scripture (Isaiah 53), Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah and Savior of the World.
- The resurrection refers to Jesus coming back to life or being raised from the dead three days after his death on the cross.
- By laying down his life, Christians believe that Jesus paid the full penalty for sin, a perfect, spotless sacrifice.
- Subsequently, by raising from the dead, Jesus defeated the power of sin and death and purchased, for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter>

Church Administrators	Church Office Hours	Board of Deacons
<p>Pastor Allegra Hoots Director of Music: Ronn Daniels Executive Assistant: Pat Perry Sexton: Sue Terry</p>	<p>Mon-Fri 9am-3pm</p> <p>By Telephone until further notice</p>	<p>Helen Foerster - Moderator</p> <p>Maggie Anglin Daniel Bofah Kayode Falowo Thelma Fleming Virginia Hansen</p>
<p>Session Members (Elders)</p> <p>Al Tate (Clerk) Emory Dawson Patricia Dawson Avril Lecky Marcia Marsh-Hinds</p>	<p>Schedule of Pastor's Office Hours</p> <p>Monday 1:30 – 4:30 Tuesday 8: 30 – 4:30 Wednesday 8: 30 – 3:30</p>	<p>Desirae Hemans (in training) Tania Hemans (in training)</p> <p>To contact the deacons for assistance Call the church office at 908-756-2666</p>

Sunday Worship
Sundays at 11:00 am
Pastor Allegra Hoots



Youth Ministry:
Time will be announced

**Lenten Study
Bible Study**
See below

JOIN US via YouTube*

* The link address will be emailed to you on Sunday morning and available at the church's website: <http://www.upcplainfield.org/>

BIBLE STUDY:

Day	Time		Connection	
Tuesday	2:30 P.M.	Lenten Study	ZOOM	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/107027928 —ends April 14th
Wednesday	2:30 P.M.	Bible Study	Conference call	Telephone #: 425-436-6366 / Access code#: 883517
Thursday	6:30 P.M.	Lenten Study	ZOOM	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/107027928 —ends April 16th
Saturday	7:30 P.M.	Bible Study	Conference call	Telephone #: 425-436-6366 / Access code#: 883517

Lenten Study is a seven-week study that takes participants through the Gospel of Matthew.

Bible Study - To nurture spiritual growth and strength through the reading and reflecting on Scriptures, and to increase fellowship by gathering to discuss the readings.

Upcoming Events

April

Date	Time	Event
Lenten Study Continues to April 16th Tuesdays @ 2:30pm & Thursdays @ 6:30pm		
8	10:00am	Administration Meeting
12	12:30pm	Deacon's Meeting
15	7:30pm	Board of Session Meeting

May

Date	Time	Event
2	TBA	Church Retreat
10	11:00am	Youth Sunday
	12:30pm	Mothers Day Deacon's Meeting
20	7:30pm	Board of Session Meeting

June

6 Annual Flea Market

See calendars for more activities and events

SAVE THE DATE

UPC CHURCH RETREAT

Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 † 10am to 3pm

A Message From The UPC Stewardship Committee

The UPC Stewardship Committee would like you to be aware that there are two methods for you to submit donations/pledges to United Presbyterian Church:

Method 1: You may mail a check to:

*United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield
525 East Front Street
Plainfield New Jersey 07060*

Attention: UPC Stewardship Committee

Be certain to write the reason for the contribution (ex. weekly pledge, Deacon's fund, Easter offering etc.) in the "memo" or "for" section of the check to ensure your contribution gets correctly appropriated. For convenience, you might consider contacting your bank to request automatic payments from your account be made to United by check on weekly or monthly intervals. United's mail is being held at the Plainfield post office. The mail is picked up three times a week and deposits to United's bank account are done weekly.

Method 2: Using your credit card/Pay Pal

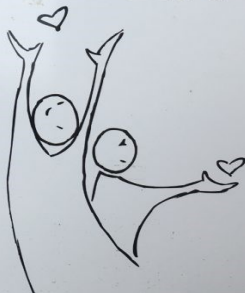
Visit United's website (www.upcplainfield.org). There, you will see a "Donate" button. You may make your contribution to United by clicking on that button and using your credit card. Funds contributed in this way are collected by PayPal and then distributed weekly to United's bank account. Please note that contributions made in this manner are subject to a 3% transaction fee by PayPal. In other words, the actual money's collected by United are 3% less than the actual amount you contribute. If you desire, you may calculate that 3% and add it to your initial contribution in order for United to get your full contribution.

You have likely already received an email explaining these procedures. Feel free to reach out to me at upcplainfield525@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Blessings! StayWell,

George Hansen
UPC Stewardship Committee Chair

This church is
OPEN



please feel free to
come inside

[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

Note: Telephone response may be slower than usual





Ms. Jean Scott (right), Chair of Personnel and Fellowship, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Ms. Tasha Vaughn, in appreciation for Ms. Scott's service and support of others.

MY NOTES FROM MARCH 22ND SERMON

- ◆ **Pray without ceasing and pray about everything:** In prayer we acknowledge that God is solemn. Develop a spiritually healthy heart. Thank you God for waking me up; for preparing this meal, etc. Pray for God's anointing on everything we do.
- ◆ **Pray for a clean heart and a right spirit**
- ◆ **Live by the golden rule—"Treat others exactly the way you want to be treated by God and others:** Do unto others exactly as you want God to do to you. Always consider the impact of our actions on others.
- ◆ **Practice justice tempered with mercy and remain humble:** Do not think of yourself better than others. Do the right things for the right reasons. If someone steps out of line give the person a second chance. God gives us multiple chances. Do not think more highly of ourselves
- ◆ **Love unconditionally**—That love that makes one say I'll be quiet, even though I know that I'm right and don't want to listen. Do not repay evil for evil. Forgive always and quickly. Things in our past does not have to frame or define us. Don't put conditions on people for loving them. This does not mean accepting abuse—it's ok to love from a distance.
- ◆ **Forgive always and quickly.**

You can do all the right things but if not being done for the right reason, God does not accept it.

Create a sacred space in your home for reading of the word, singing and praying.

[How about sharing your notes or words of inspiration with our readers?](#)

Submitted by A. Lecky

Star Fish Food Pantry

In order to address restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 outbreak, Star Fish have suspended their normal operations. If you need emergency food assistance, contact Plainfield Action Services at 908-753-3519 or one of their [Partner Agencies](#).

Many are in need of food items, please consider donating to an agency.



2020 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Your annual Per Capita is \$45.00 and is shared as follows: General Assembly \$8.95, The Synod of the Northeast \$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. ****

Editors of the UPC Newsletter

Avril Lecky
George Hansen
Pastor Allegra Hoots
Hugh Lecky
Pat Perry
James Plummer

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Email: upcplainfield525@gmail.com
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Blessings

April

- 5 Ebere Awobue
- Zorina Bowers
- 18 Mark Mettle
- Jean Scott
- 20 Ronn Daniels
- Kevin Scott

May

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

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*



- Carl Foerster
- Helen Foerster
- BJ Klikus
- Frank Klikus



- Gail Stokes
- Izaiyah Stokes
- Jamie Sweeney

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

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



Call our members & friends



Our Condolences to the family of our beloved

Barbara Hyney

Who went to eternal rest on Thursday, April 2nd. She will be dearly missed

Postponements & Cancellations

Jazz Concert
postponed; new date to be determined

Easter Egg Hunt
Cancelled

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

June 2020 will be the 195th Anniversary of United Presbyterian Church.

How would you like to celebrate this milestone anniversary?

Let one of your Session Members know.

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2020

We are the church, together participating in **One Great Hour of Sharing Amidst a Pandemic**

February 26 - April 12, 2020

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors.

TO DONATE:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/>

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

**You shall
be called
repairers
of the
breach**

— ISAIAH 58

 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



Resourcing communities working to



Providing relief to those affected by natural disasters

David Barnhart

Let us pray,

*Draw all people together,
gracious God, and make us your
house. Let our gifts to One Great
Hour of Sharing create a home
and a wholeness for people in
need, so that the whole human
family will know your love.*

Amen.



Providing food to the hungry

your impact

Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry, Empowering the Oppressed

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 2:30pm Bible Study	2 Lenten Study 6:30-7:30	3	4 7:30pm Bible Study
NOTE: ALL MEETINGS ARE BY TELEPHONE OR COMPUTER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.						
5 11am Worship PALM SUNDAY	6	7 Lenten Study 2:30-3:30	8 2:30pm Bible Study	9 Lenten Study 6:30-7:30 MAUNDY THURSDAY	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 10:00am Administration Mtg 7:30pm Bible Study
12 11am Worship EASTER SUNDAY	13 	14 Lenten Study 2:30-3:30	15 2:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Session Mtg	16 Lenten Study 6:30-7:30	17	18 7:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Bible Study
19 11am Worship	20	21	22 2:30pm Bible Study EARTH DAY	23	24	25 7:30pm Bible Study
26 11am Worship	27	28	29 2:30pm Bible Study	30	NOTE: ALL MEETINGS ARE MANAGED REMOTELY CALENDAR EVENTS MAY CHANGE BASED ON THE STATES POLICY ON GROUPS MEETING. CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.	

The calendar reflects regularly occurring events and subject to change. Check with the Church Office for changes

Committee Meetings (unless stated otherwise):

Communion & Deacon Sunday — 1st Sunday Monthly
 Dedication Sunday — 4th Sunday Monthly

Administration Mtg as announced
 Session Meeting: 3rd Wednesday: 7:30pm

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3	4	5	6	7	1/8	2/9
11am Worship Communion Sunday		11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	2:30pm Bible Study 7pm A/A	10:00am Seniors Exercise Class	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	
7:30pm Bible Study 7pm A/A 9th: 10: :00am Admin- istration Mtg						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10am Adult Education 11am Worship - Youth Sunday 12:30 Deacons Mtg MOTHERS DAY		11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	2:30pm Bible Study 7pm A/A	10:00am Seniors Exercise Class		7:30pm Bible Study 7pm A/A
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Adult Education 11am Worship 7:30pm A/A		11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	2:30pm Bible Study 7pm A/A 7:30pm Session Mtg?	10:00am Seniors Exercise Class		7:30pm Bible Study 7pm A/A
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am Adult Education 11am Worship 7:30pm A/A	Memorial Day	11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	2:30pm Bible Study 7pm A/A	10:00am Seniors Exercise Class		7:30pm Bible Study 7pm A/A
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