



United Presbyterian Church

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

February 2019

Adult Education at 10:00 am - Worship & Youth Education at 11:00 am

Do All the Good You Can...

Rev. Jeremy T. Campbell
Stated Clerk—Elizabeth Presbytery

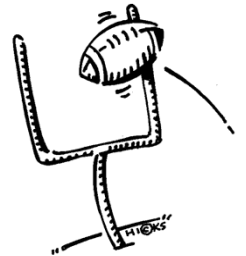
“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”
—Not John Wesley

The quote above is often attributed to John Wesley, and while there is no evidence of him ever saying or writing it, its point is none the less important for us to take to heart. God offers us the invitation to be God’s hands and feet, God’s arms and heart, right where we are, and puts in our lives, and in our communities people who need us to show up on God’s behalf.



We respond to God’s invitation in lots of ways both as an individual and together, as a church. Sometimes, though, it is easy to lose sight of our impact, and as a result to feel small and powerless in the face of the great needs of the people and world around us.

As we prepare for the big football game coming up, I want to share with you a story of some Presbyterian teenagers who decided to respond to God’s call. In 1989 a Presbyterian youth group in South Carolina was having a party for the big game. Now I wasn’t there, but I have always had some southern food envy, so I can image the spread they had prepared... Buffalo wings, seven layer dip, biscuits and gravy, probably one of those 6 foot subs and so on, a spread with all the trimmings. They asked one of the youth to offer a blessing on the meal before everyone dug in. As he began to pray the young man remembered some homeless folks he had seen on the way to the party and prayed “Dear God, as we enjoy this Super Bowl party help us to remember those who don’t even have a bowl of soup to eat.”



That idea stuck with the young man who offered the prayer, and with his youth group and the next year they decided to raise money for a local food pantry. That first year 1990, they raised about \$5,700 in cash and food donations. Word spread about this fun mission project and the youth got other churches in the presbytery involved and 22 churches participated. By 1994, the growth was exponential and churches from over 36 states got involved raising over a quarter of a million dollars in food and cash.

In 1998 for the first time, donations topped 1 million dollars, the next year they eclipsed 2 million and by 2001 three million was exceeded... over the next few years families for former presidents Bush and Carter, owners of some of the NFL Teams and an official Super Bowl Host Committee got involved in the efforts. In 2008, just 10 years after reaching 1 million dollars and less than 20 years from the programs inception, donations for the year topped 10 Million dollars. In 2017 6,563 groups donated almost 5 million pounds of food along with almost 4.5 million dollars in cash donations to more than 4800 local food banks and hunger programs in their communities. Souperbowl of Caring is still led by an all youth board of directors.



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SERMONS—New Visiting Pastors

While working diligently towards finding a new pastor, the Session provided excellent coverage in January by arranging for sermons delivered by Rev. Kenneth Macari, Rev. Jeremy Campbell, Elder Allegra Hoots, and Rev. Doris Glaspy. The “Word” will be delivered by Rev. Campbell (3,10), Elder Hoots (17), and Reverend Jennie Salas (24) in February.

Welcome to the newest members of UPC.
Rev. Jeremy Campbell officiated the confirmation of Mobolaji Falowo, Oladimeji Folowo, Desirae Hemans and Neekah Hinds.



Rev. Jeremy Campbell

Sermon title: I have called you by Name 1/13/2019



The Rev. Jeremy Campbell serves the Presbytery of Elizabeth and the Presbytery of Newton as Stated Clerk. He is a graduate of Moravian College in Bethlehem PA with a BA in Graphic Design and German Language. He completed his M. Div and an MA in clinical counseling at Moravian Theological Seminary and is a Certified Advanced Alcohol and other Drug Counselor (CAADC). In addition to serving as clerk Jeremy is an outpatient addictions counselor. He, his wife Megan, and their seventeen month old daughter Ruby live in Metuchen NJ with their three cats and three fish.

Rev. Doris Glaspy

Sermon title: “Lesson at the Water Gate” 1/27/2019



Rev. Doris Glaspy is honorably retired from Roseville Presbyterian Church, Newark after an eighteen-year pastorate. Prior to entering the ministry, Rev. Glaspy was Court Administrator for the Plainfield Municipal Court for twenty-five years. She received her undergraduate degree at Upsala College, East Orange, NJ, and her Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Rev. Glaspy has served the Newark Presbytery and the larger church on many levels. She has been a long time resident of Plainfield with her husband Jay.

Elder Ms. Allegra Hoots

Sermon title: “So what’s Normal?” 1/20/2019



Elder Hoots received her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, Massachusetts and is a Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A. She currently serves on an administrative commission for the Presbytery of Newark. She is also an educator and holds a NJ teaching license.



*Sing a joyful
song unto our
Lord*



Interested in joining the Choir? **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

Only the desire to serve and sing to our Lord! You do not have to be a member of the Church.

Let our Choir Director, Mr. Ronn Daniels know by speaking with him or contacting the church office.

Black History Month



OPEN MIKE
"The Spoken Word"

Dreamhouse Theater Productions continues its observation of :

Black History Month

by providing an OPEN MIKE EVENT, on:

Friday, February 8, 2019
6-9 p.m.
United Presbyterian Church
Friendship Hall
Cost: FREE

All are welcome to present in word, song, and dance. United Presbyterian Church members and friends are encouraged to support this event by attending.

A UPC Outreach Sponsored event.



BINGO NIGHT PRIZES NEEDED

Boy Scout Troop 5 is running bingo night at **Arista Care at Norwood Terrace** the first Monday night of the month. They are looking for prizes for the residents. They can use toiletries, jewelry, lotions, shampoo, razors. Leave your donation in the church office. Any questions contact: Carl or Wanda.

Lamentations 3:22-23
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Exercise Class for Seniors

The Plainfield Recreation Department holds an exercise class for seniors here at UPC as follows:

When: Tuesday's 11:30 am—12:30 pm &
Thursday's 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Room: Friendship Hall

For more information call the Plainfield Recreation Department at 908-753-3097

Outreach Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 17th immediately following Church Service in Room 309

Results of the committee's survey of programs and events, and their future implementation will be discussed. All are invited—your opinion matters!

UPC Emergency Notification

In the event of potential storms or hazardous conditions that may affect Sunday worship, the procedure is as follows:

1. An announcement will be placed on the Church's website (www.upcplainfield.org) by 7 AM Sunday morning.
2. The Board of Deacons will make telephone calls to members and friends on the affected Sunday morning.
3. An email will be sent by 7am to those on the UPC email list.

You do not have to be a member to be included.

If you are not on the Church's mailing list, please send your name, telephone number and email address to upcplainfield525@gmail.com.



SCOUT SUNDAY Troop 5

On **February 10th**, this church will celebrate Scout Sunday, combining Boy Scout and Girl Scout Sunday. The scouts will usher, do the liturgy and process in under their flags. This has been a tradition since 1980.

The service will be followed by a reception in the Lind Room, in honor of our scouts, and a way of saying thank you for the congregation's sponsoring Troop 5 for the past 107 years.

Please join us.!

Do All the Good You Can...

Rev. Jeremy Campbell

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All of this came from one ordinary prayer at one regular youth group one regular presbyterian church... Normal people following God's call on their lives having no idea what their work would lead to.

So the invitation remains, God wants you, wants us as a congregation to be God's hands and feet, God's arms and heart here in this community. What might God be inviting us to do and to be to show God's love here and now? How might we begin to change Plainfield and maybe the world by loving God's people in need?

I leave you with a quote from the Talmud "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." May we ordinary Presbyterians do our part, with what we have, where we are, and in doing so show forth the fullness of God's love, for the sake of the Gospel, and for the sake of the World.

Amen.

Church Administrators

Director of Music: Ronn Daniels

Executive Assistant: Pat Perry

Sexton: Pete Hansen

Session Members (Elders)

Al Tate (Clerk)

Emory Dawson

Patricia Dawson

George Hansen

Avril Lecky

Marcia Marsh-Hinds

James Plummer

Church Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

Board of Deacons

Helen Foerster - Moderator

Maggie Anglin

Daniel Bofah

Thelma Fleming

Kayode Falowo

Virginia Hansen

Barbara Hyney - volunteer

Jim Plummer—Session Representative

Neekah Hinds (in training)

Desirae Hemans (in training)

Tania Hemans (in training)

Contact the deacons for assistance.
Call the church office at 908-756-2666

Pulpit Supply—February 2019

We have been blessed to have the Word delivered to us by a group of awesome ministers of God!

Join us!

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- 17 Elder Allegra Hoots
- 24 Rev. Jennie Salas

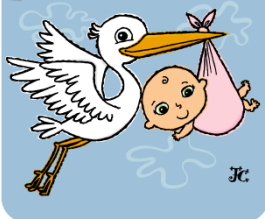
SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 10:00 am
(before Worship Service) in the Lind Room
Be sure to attend this
motivating and spiritual experience

2019 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT (Please submit by March 1st)

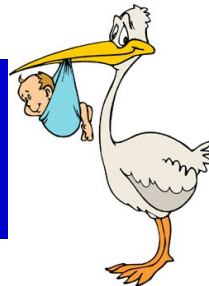
Your annual Per Capita is \$40.45 and is shared as follows: General Assembly \$8.95, The Synod of the Northeast \$4.10, The Presbytery of Elizabeth \$27.40. Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d). There is an offering envelope for 2019 dedicated for the per capita payment.

Welcome to our Babies!



Jophiel Emefa Yenn-Batah was born to proud parents LaThelma and Samuel on January 24th,

Congrats to BJ and Frank Klikus who are proud great-grandparents to their first, a great grandson.



Concerns

Call or visit our members below:

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|----------------|----------------|
| Joseph Belin | BJ Klikus |
| Janice Boot | Frank Klikus |
| Ronn Daniels | Fred Robinson |
| Carl Foerster | Gail Stokes |
| Helen Foerster | Izaiyah Stokes |
| Barbara Hyney | Jamie Sweeney |



Barbara Hyney celebrated 87 years young on January 11th at Whispering Knoll Assisted Living in Edison, NJ. Barbara has been a resident of Whispering Knoll since April 6th of last year. She is still able to attend Church services at times.

Happy Birthday Barbara!



February

- 5 Tania Hemans
- 7 BJ Klikus
- 27 Kayode Falowo

March

- 1 Desirae Hemans
- 6 George Hansen
- Peter Hansen
- 14 Helena Pfeifer
- 16 Wanda Breitenbach
- 17 Dottie Morris

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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<http://upcplainfield.org>



We've got big news! NOAH is setting sail into movie theaters for a special nationwide event for three days only, April 9, 11 and 13th! We invite you to board one of the world's best-known voyages with your family and friends, joining people all across the country as this extraordinary Bible story comes to life on a big screen near you.

Contact our Outreach Chair, Mr. Jim Plummer at (908) 757-1426 for ticket and transportation information.

Submitted by Ginni Hansen

Are you eligible for tuition free college at Union County College?

Find out by going to:
<https://www.ucc.edu/tuitionfree/>

The site includes:

- Eligibility guidelines
- Grants
- Key dates
- Financial Aid
- FAQ

Send us info on college opportunities for surrounding counties for us to share.



“A TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL”

Open auditions were held on February 1st for the Play, *A Trip to Bountiful* which is scheduled to be performed on May 17th and 18th.

This 1953 play is about an unhappy woman who lives with her son and daughter-in-law in Houston, TX and runs away by bus to her childhood home, Bountiful.

The play is being produced by Dreamhouse Theater Productions, Inc. and sponsored by UPC's Outreach Committee.

Look for more information and how to get tickets.

The Writers Workshop

Next meeting February 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. In Room 309. Enter from the Ramp – back parking lot

THE WRITERS WORKSHOP, led by Lenore Bunton of Dreamhouse Theater Productions had its first workshop on January 9, 2019 in the Chapel Lounge. This workshop is designed to give encouragement to writers of various elements of the written word, including short stories, novels, poetry, children literature and more. The workshops are open to anyone who likes to write and share their work.

Eight writers attended the first workshop. After informal introductions, a forty minute creative writing exercise was the highlight of the night. It was delightful hearing the different styles of expression, from very basic to Impressively sophisticated. Some current participants are working on short stories. Several have poetry they've been collecting for years. One person is writing a novel, while another a children's book. Others are attending simply because they like to write.

All members of 525 E. Front Street, family, and friends who like to write, are encouraged to attend the next workshop.

Memory Verse

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Five Ways God Uses Problems

Rick Warren

Five Ways God Uses Problems

The problems you face will either defeat you or develop you - depending on how you respond to them. Unfortunately, most people fail to see how God wants to use problems for good in their lives. They react foolishly and resent their problems rather than pausing to consider what benefit they might bring.

Here are five ways God wants to use the problems in your life:

1. God uses problems to DIRECT you.

Sometimes God must light a fire under you to get you moving. Problems often point us in a new direction and motivate us to change. Is God trying to get your attention?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

2. God uses problems to INSPECT you.

People are like tea bags... if you want to know what's inside them, just drop them into hot ever water! Has God tested your faith with a problem? What do problems reveal about you?

"When you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy, because you know that these troubles test your faith, and this will give you patience." James 1:2-3

3. God uses problems to CORRECT you.

Some lessons we learn only through pain and failure. It's likely that as a child your parents told you not to touch a hot stove. But you probably learned by being burned. Sometimes we only learn the value of something by losing it.

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes." Psalm 119:72

4. God uses problems to PROTECT you.

A problem can be a blessing in disguise if it prevents you from being harmed by something more serious. Last year a friend was fired for refusing to do something unethical that his boss had asked him to do. His unemployment was a problem - but it saved him from being convicted and sent to prison a year later when management's actions were eventually discovered.

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good" Genesis 50:20

5. God uses problems to PERFECT you.

Problems, when responded to correctly, are character builders. God is far more interested in your character than your comfort. Your relationship to God and your character are the only two things you're going to take with you into eternity.

"We can rejoice when we run into problems... they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady." Romans 5:3-4

Here's the point:

God is at work in your life - even when you don't recognize it or understand it. But it's so much easier when you surrender to his plan for your life.

Contributed by,

Bola Falowo

God's word teaches us that love is patient and kind. The Bible says that **God IS LOVE!** The greatest example we have of love is Jesus Christ who laid down His own life for us.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength

Deuteronomy 6:5



Mon Bon Valentine
Marcia L. Marsh Hinds

Valentine Valentine will you be my love tonight.
Always be my lover, always be my knight.
Love me too forever and let perpetual light so shine.
Ectstasy will be our guide understanding our master.
Now our lives together we'll make eternally one.
Tenacity is the key.
Impatience has no place.
No bound of love surrender, but chains of hate we'll break.
Eternity will be our answer, so just be my Valentine.



The National Library of Poetry—
Through the Hourglass

This is a published poem by Ms. Marsh Hinds

Couples	Years Married
Ebere / Chris Awobue	27
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Marcia / Derrick Hinds.	25
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Sorry if we missed you on this list. Share your info with us and we'll be sure to include you in the future.



Your Heart is in mine.
"We love because he first loved us." [1 John 4:19]

Thanks to everyone who participated in the publication of this edition of our newsletter. Without your articles, notes, poems, quotes; without our editors and distributors, it would not be possible to share with all, some of the things we are doing. **One Love!**

Send your submission to upcnews525@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.
Submissions after this date will appear in the following month's edition.

Children's Corner

What Is Love?

If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15



A N G R Y D H I T Z F H U I W
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Love Is....

protecting
patient
truthful
faithful
helpful
forgiving
kind

Love is not....

mean
angry
evil
proud
rude
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>					1	2 7pm A/A
3 10am Sunday School/ Adult Education 11am Worship Communion- Agape (Love) Meal	4 7:30pm Boy Scouts	5 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	6 7pm A/A	7 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class	8 6pm Open Mike	9 3pm Writers Work- shop 7pm A/A
10 10am Sunday School Adult Education 11am Worship **Youth Sunday 12:30am Deacon Mtg 7:30pm A/A	11 7:30pm Boy Scouts	12 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	13 7pm A/A	14 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class 7pm Admin Mtg	15	16 7pm A/A
17 10am Sunday School/ Adult Education 11am Worship Budget Presentation follows 12:30pm Outreach Mtg. 7:30pm A/A	18 7:30pm Boy Scouts	19 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	20 7pm A/A	21 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class 7:30pm Session Mtg	22	23 7pm A/A
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Deacon & Communion Sunday—1st Sunday Monthly

Youth Sunday—2nd Sunday monthly

Dedication Sunday—4th Sunday Monthly

2nd Sunday: 9:00am Worship Committee

11:30am Deacons Meeting

2nd Thursday: 7:00pm Administration Meeting

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