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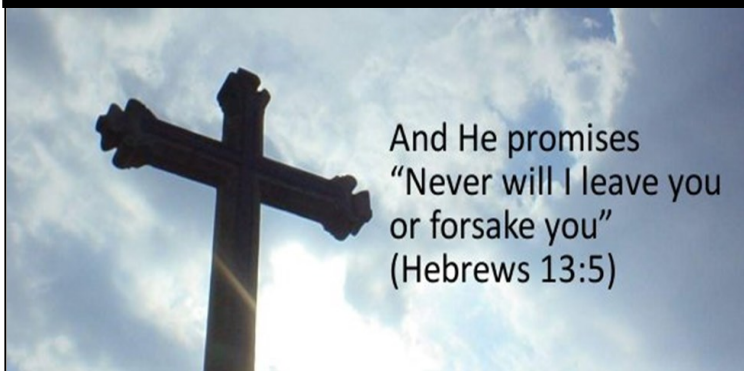
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Where God is exalted, Everyone matters, and You belong!

September 2020

11:00 a.m. Worship

Newsletter



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

~ Pastor Allegra Hoots ~

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus

Christ, our blessed Redeemer! I trust God all is well with each of you and your extended families. I also hope you are experiencing the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding.

I want to update you on the 31-day spiritual journey that a small group of us started at the end of July and concluded on August 30 following a six-hour overnight vigil of prayer and praise. Each day we gathered at 5:30 AM and engaged in intercessory prayer, Scripture reading, and silent meditation. As a result, we have rekindled the old-fashioned practice of beginning our day with pre-dawn devotions, a discipline observed by religious people the world over since ancient times.

The Holy Spirit led us to pray fervently for our congregation's continued spiritual growth, the health and welfare of humanity, and for our nation's healing. We anxiously await God's response to our prayers.

By the time our journey ended, we had read through the book of Genesis and the first twelve chapters of Exodus. Although our daily readings were without commentary, several biblical themes emerged. The following summary highlights five of those lessons, which I hope will encourage and inspire you, especially when you face hardships that seem insurmountable or when guilt overwhelms you.

Biblical Themes for Your Consideration and Encouragement

- God is faithful and sovereign – therefore, keep faith that God will fulfill His promises.
- God uses the most unlikely people and unusual circumstances to bring about His will; know that God's ways are not the same as mortals.
- Deception and violence beget violence and deceit – we reap what we sow, so do good.
- God forgives; however, there are consequences for doing wrong, and those consequences can and usually do adversely affect innocent people.
- "It is always darkest right before dawn." (The preceding quote is attributed to Thomas Fuller, a 17th-century English theologian, and historian. It was inspired as a biblical theme by our reading of Exodus chapters five and six. The thought reminds us that things sometimes seem worse before they improve.) Keep faith in God! Do not give up trusting God.

The 31-day spiritual journey has ended. However, I hope you will join me on Saturdays beginning September 5 at 7:00 PM for 30-minutes of prayer and praise, and on Sundays at 11:00 AM for our weekly worship service. In the meantime, God be with you until we meet again.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Hoots



195 YEARS OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

Sunday Worship
Sundays at 11:00 am
Pastor Allegra Hoots

JOIN US
via YouTube*

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***Fellowship Hour***  
**12:30**  
**via Zoom\***



***Adult Education***

Topic: The Reformation

Dates: Sundays @ 10:00 am  
9/20/20 through 10/25/20

Location: Lind Room

(Note: the holding of the class in the building will be tentative depending on the prevailing state and local social distancing and building capacity requirements. If the building is unavailable, class will probably be held on Zoom.)

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

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

| Day         | Time      |                                      | Connection |                                                                                                                 |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday** | 7:00 P.M. | Bible Study                          | ZOOM       | The site will be emailed to you and will also be available on the UPC website or you may call the Church Office |
| Saturday    | 7:00 P.M. | Prayer, Praise and Scripture Reading | ZOOM       |                                                                                                                 |

\*\* All Wednesday except the 3rd Wednesday each month

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

**Upcoming Events**

**See calendars for more activities and events**

**September**

| Date | Time    | Event                                                            |
|------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    |         | World Day of Prayer                                              |
| 7    |         | Labor Day—Office Closed                                          |
| 16   | 7:30pm  | Board of Session Meeting                                         |
| 20   | 11:00am | Services resume in the Sanctuary<br>(pending State restrictions) |
| 21   |         | International Day of Peace                                       |
| 22   |         | Native American Day                                              |
| 27   |         | Evangelism Sunday                                                |

**October**

| Date | Time   | Event                    |
|------|--------|--------------------------|
| 4    |        | World Communion Sunday   |
| 16   |        | World Food Day           |
| 21   | 7:30pm | Board of Session Meeting |
| 25   |        | Reformation Sunday       |

### *Season of Peace*

Begins Sept. 6th and ends with  
World Communion Sunday on Oct. 4th

2020 Season of Peace is a four-week pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. This may be done through daily reflections for children and families, Bible and book studies, an intergenerational peace fair, and other ways. We are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers. This season is a time of encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education.

This year's theme returns to a text that the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program has used for a number of years to guide its work. It is the concluding hope of the second letter to the Thessalonians: "May the God of peace grant you peace at all times in all ways." (2 Thessalonians 3:16) It is our hope that you will be enriched, renewed and enlivened in all the times and ways of your peacemaking and global witness.

This year's A Season of Peace is designed to help us explore practices for building peace on every scale. From the personal level to global issues, reflections and prayers will help grow the faith and witness of the whole church. Throughout the 29 days of this year's Season of Peace, we are invited to reflect upon ways to practice:

Week 1 September 6-12: Peace Within  
Week 2 September 13-19: Peace in Relationships  
Week 3 September 20-26: Peace in Community  
Week 4 September 27-October 4: Wholistic Peace

### *Labor Day*

Labor Day is a creation of the *labor* movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

"Social Creed of the Churches"

Presbyterian and ecumenical leaders speak to why and how the church has used its voice and built structures for economic, racial, women's and environmental justice. A section looks at how the Social Creed can help address new challenges to Christian social witness in the 21st Century. More information is available at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/acswp/social-creed/>

**Pray by faith  
to receive the  
answer of peace.**

### *International Day of Peace*

International Day of Peace, is also known as "Peace Day." For the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), every day should be Peace Day, but this is a special day, set aside by a unanimous U.N. resolution in 1981 and observed around the world. It provides "a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace."

It is interesting that the U.N.'s International Day of Peace and the PC(USA)'s Peacemaking Program are about the same age. It was in the early 1980s that the Commitment to Peacemaking, "Peacemaking Congregations," and the Peacemaking Offering (now the Peace and Global Witness Offering) were begun among Presbyterians. It was a time when both the international community and the church community sensed a need to focus on peace as a priority.

Let us pray:

God of Peace, your world is well-acquainted with the pain of violence, the misery of poverty, the curse of racism, the brokenness of enmity and the destruction of creation. Place us in the midst of these, make us your instruments and guide us in the way of peace. Amen.

### *Evangelism Sunday*

Vital Congregations may be identified by seven Bible-based ideals or "marks." One of the marks suggests that the congregation have a clear focus on Intentional Authentic Evangelism. Too often the asks of sharing the good news of living as Jesus did is relegated to an "Evangelism Team." Some even think it is solely the pastor's responsibility. Evangelism Sunday is a time when we are reminded of our equal responsibility to live as Christ did, so that we draw others to God.

The writer of Philippians encourages us that one way to mimic Christ's life is to avoid our own selfish ambitions and conceit so that we might exalt others and look to their interests rather than just our own (Philippians 2:3-4). How critical this message is for such a time as this, when a pandemic can be controlled by laying aside our individual conceit. By openly obeying the advice of health-care professionals, the church humbles itself and demonstrates the mind of Christ.

### **~ What is Evangelism ~**

Evangelism is the commitment to or act of publicly preaching (ministry) of the Gospel with the intention to share the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.



### Summer Sounds

By: Sue Terry

A few weeks ago I shared with a colleague my experience while sitting on my porch one evening. I shared that this summer I would make it a point to listen to the day and night time insects and try to identify the ones I hear. Of course, we all know what the crickets sound like, but which ones were the cicadas? Which ones were the katydids? So there I was on the porch at night listening to all the summer sounds.

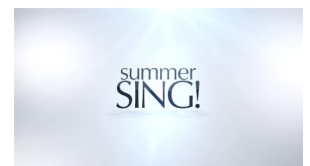
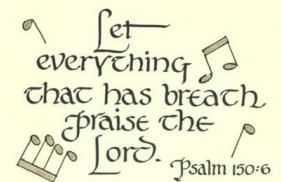
Without thinking about it, I became fixated on the rhythm of the crickets and started hearing what sounds like that old familiar melody by Ludvig van Beethoven with the words by Henry Van Dyke..... "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of Love". Wow! I thought as I sat there, to me, it seemed like a spiritual moment, with the crickets singing the melody in time with the other insects making it a symphony. I said to my colleague, it was like God's creation was singing praises to him and I got to listen in for a moment!

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

written by [Henry van Dyke](#)

melody of [Ludwig van Beethoven's](#)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward  
In the triumph song of life.



If you have topics that you would like to be discussed, send them to  
[upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com)



## He Comes to us in the Garden

By Emory Dawson (This is an excerpt from his Cottage Meeting presentation)

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This topic came to me packaged with a few specific ideas and concepts that I had the opportunity to share on several previous occasions. However, this time I sensed a pull in an entirely different direction that has allowed me to grow in my appreciation of the subject. I hope it touches you in a way that fosters useful insight into how and when He comes to you.



**What is a garden:** A garden, according to Wikipedia, is a planned space, usually outdoors, set aside for the display, cultivation, or enjoyment of plants and other forms of nature that may incorporate both natural and man-made materials. Zoos, which display wild animals in simulated natural habitats, were formerly called zoological gardens. Western gardens are almost universally based on plants. Some traditional types of eastern gardens, such as Zen gardens, use plants sparsely or not at all.

Gardens may exhibit structural enhancements including statuary, follies, pergolas, trellises, stumperies, dry creek beds and water features such as fountains, ponds (with or without fish), waterfalls or creeks. Some gardens are for ornamental purposes only, while some also produce food crops. According to Meriam Webster, a garden is: 1a) a plot of ground where herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables are cultivated b) a rich well-cultivated region c) c: a container [such as a window box planted with usually a variety of small plants 2) a public recreation area or park usually ornamented with plants and trees botanical garden.

For many, a garden is a place of beauty; A place of tranquility; A place that satisfies the sense of taste, smell, sight hearing and touch. To this, I add, a place that satisfies that sense of longing in our hearts and in our minds. I invite you, to think of this place we call the garden as Paradise. In a biblical "spiritual" sense, the garden is Paradise.

Paradise Defined: Is a Persian word (pardes), meaning a "pleasure-ground", "park" or "king's garden." It came in time to be used as a name for the world of happiness and rest hereafter ( Luke 23:43 ; 2 co 12:4 ; Revelation 2:7 ). Genesis 2:8 in the King James versions tells us that " and the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there he put the man whom he had formed" and in Genesis 2:9 "And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." Genesis 10 and a river went out of Eden to water the garden. Genesis 15 and the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Paradise??

Is this not the word Jesus the Christ uttered from the cross, referencing a spiritual place "Today shall thou be with me in Paradise"? What is it about this place called the garden that makes us long to be in it and near it at virtually all times of the year? What makes us seek the garden out in photographs and celebrate it in song? What makes us want to replicate it or some portion of it in the grounds around our homes and places of worship? What are we longing for?

UPC occupies about three acres of a former family estate in the midst of a residential neighborhood. At the time my family joined UPC, relatively few people of color had ventured inside UPC's doors. Even the few young people that I met who grew up in its shadow commented that they played on the church grounds but had never been inside. If you spent any time on the church grounds, you have seen the many residents who traverse its grounds either on foot or by car or bike; they still do. Young parents with no apparent affiliation and with children in tow, stop and linger on the front street grounds while others gather in the rear grounds near the Bound Brook or the Norwood entrance. Still others use the parking lot and some even walk all the way to the apartment complex next door. Perhaps without being fully conscious of it, they too are caught up in this sense of longing but not fully conscious of this "open door" that is meeting them in this place, this state of mind that is the garden and yes, that is PARADISE. We are each invited to reflect on this space entrusted to us as congregants. Let us be reminded that we are blessed with the responsibility to dress it and keep it. As with any garden, this responsibility is considerable. As we take a closer look as a visitor, what do we see?

We see a looming man made largely brick structure. Entering on to the grounds we see flowering crab apples, dogwoods, maiden hair fern, Japanese maple, elm trees, cherry trees, andromeda, burning bushes, magnolias, hemlock, and baltic ively, just to name a few. These and other trees and shrubs vines adorn the church grounds and brick walls fashioned in the shape of crosses that reach out to us when we pay close attention and when we are reflective.

**UPC Community, how may you strengthen and improve this garden and make it a blessing to the community?**

I invite the members of the UPC Community to consider how we might strengthen and improve upon this garden and thereby become more of a blessing to the community in which we reside. Would any of our neighbors be willing to volunteer with beautification or clean-up projects? What ideas do you think we might consider to make these gardens more of a means of community outreach and growth??



### ***Prayer for our Nation***

By Gail Stokes

Father God in Jesus name I give thanks for our country and it's government. I hold up in prayer before you the men and women in positions of authority. I pray for all people in authority over us in any way. I pray that the Spirit of the Lord rest upon them. Your word declares that blessed is the nation whose God is Lord. It is written in your word that the heart of the King is in the hand of the Lord and that you turn it whichever way you desire. I give thanks for our nation and the leaders you have given to us in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture Reference

Timothy 2 1-2

Psalm 33-12

### ***FROM THE ARCHIVES***

#### ***THE CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN PLAINFIELD***

By Carl Foerster

Most members of the congregation know that First Presbyterian was originally situated in downtown Plainfield, where Supremo Supermarket now stands, but how did the church get there? For that story we need to go back before First Pres was founded in 1825. A landowner, one Matthias Brown, moved into Plainfield, and made a social call on Lewis Bond, at that time the headmaster of the Plainfield Academy. The meeting apparently sparked a friendship. Mr. Brown's wife, Sarah Ann, was one of the original 18 participants in First Presbyterian's first service on July 10, 1825 and Lewis Bond became the church's first Pastor. The church first met in Rev. Bond's home or the Academy, but soon needed a permanent home. The Browns deeded a piece of property to be known as the "Meeting House Lot" to the church on February 5, 1826. It was to be used solely for a meeting house, academy and burying ground. It was situated on Front Street. Three church buildings were built on this property over the years. The church was able to have the restriction on the deed removed and the property was sold to Bamberger's department store in the early 1950's because the congregation had outgrown the building and the downtown area had encroached on the church.

### **2020 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**

**Never too Late!**

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

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

#### **Schedule of Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 8: 30 – 3:30

Sunday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm

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

#### **Church Administrators**

**Pastor Allegra Hoots**

**Director of Music:** Ronn Daniels

**Executive Assistant:** Pat Perry

**Sexton:** Sue Terry

#### **Session Members (Elders)**

Al Tate (Clerk)

Emory Dawson

Patricia Dawson

Avril Lecky

Marcia Marsh-Hinds

#### **Board of Deacons**

Helen Foerster - Moderator

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Tania Hemans (in training)

To contact the deacons for assistance  
Call the church office at 908-756-2666



## Youth at United



As we look forward to the Fall and the reopening of United, ideas for our youth are at the forefront of our minds. Ideas that engage our youth's creativity and abilities in learning about themselves, God, the Bible and their environment are unfolding. We know that they enjoy creating and performing in skits and plays. So of course, the Star Trek skits will continue. Videoing, editing, Power Point presentations and creating the environment with their movement and voices all play a part in their experiences.

Amy Grier, our newest youth leader is excited and is bringing a fresh look at our youth's participation and involvement. Getting the kids engaged is all that is missing from the framework that is being prepared. Art & crafts with a grownup theme - tie dying tee shirts and paper flower making. Also mat framing lithographs found on the church grounds will provide opportunities to have conversations as we plan and participate in our projects.

Journaling, self-reflections, prayer, music, and outreach to each other, church members, and community will give our youth opportunities to learn about Biblical principles and begin to express themselves spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

Amy Grier, Zorina Bowers, and Patricia Dawson, Youth Advisor



## Called to *Serve*

The Administration Committee sends a Big Thanks To All for Helping  
in the Church Cleaning.

Al Tate

Amy Grier

Avery R Breitenbach-Allen

Avril Lecky

Barbara Goodwin

Desirae Hemans

Ginni Hansen

Greg Barnes

Jean Scott

Jennifer Youngsam

Kayode Falowo

Marcia Marsh-Hinds

Pat Perry

Susan Terry

Tania Hemans

Tasha Vaughn



A special thanks to Amy Grier for her donation to the church of 3 first aid boxes which will be installed throughout the building.



**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



**Star Fish Food Pantry**

This is one way you can help your community

**We Need Help With:**

- Volunteers to help package, distribute and deliver the boxes
- Donations can be made to Star Fish

For more information, call

**Star Fish, Inc. at  
908-755-8888**



**Feeding the  
Community**

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**The Harry Crawford &  
Gessner (Jessie) Walton  
Memorial Fund  
For Higher Education**

The Board of Deacons is requesting donations be made to the Crawford/ Walton Memorial Fund for Higher Education to assist youth and members of UPC in defraying costs for higher education courses. For this coming fall semester, two of our youth will be receiving scholarships from this fund. We pray for your help in this effort and ask that your donation be sent to UPC with a notation in the "memo" section of your check or a note that it be applied to the Crawford/ Walton Fund. You may also donate online at [upcplainfield.org](http://upcplainfield.org) and go to "Give Now". Put the donation in the general fund—regular offering and include "Crawford/Walton fund" in the notes section provided when completing the donation.

The Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund was established in 1993 by the Session and the Board of Deacons of the United Presbyterian Church in memory of Harry Crawford, who passed away in 1991, and Jessie Walton, who passed away in 1992. It was set up with funds donated by their spouses Lurline (Lyn) Crawford and Junius C. (J.C.), Walton and other members of the congregation and friends. Both Harry and Jessie were active deacons at the time of their deaths. The fund may be used by members of the United Presbyterian Church who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or a post graduate seminary degree. The intent of the Fund is that qualified applicants receive a scholarship of an amount not to exceed \$2000.00 in their 4 years of academic education.

Thank you,  
UPC Board of Deacons

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**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)



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

# Moses and the Burning Bush

**Theme:** God speaks to us.

**Scripture:** Exodus 3:1-15

Pre-cut the construction paper into flame shapes. Cut the bulletin board paper into a bush shape and hang it on the wall where kids can reach.

Shoes come in all types and sizes. There are dress shoes like we might wear to church. There are athletic shoes like we wear when we play sports. There are sandals or flip-flops for summer. Show everyone the shoes you have on now. (Pause.) We have all kinds of shoes!

But why are we talking about shoes you might be wondering. Well, shoes protect our feet, but they can also serve another purpose. Raise your hand if you wear your shoes inside most of the time. (Pause.) Raise your hand if you take your shoes off when you're inside. (Pause.)

People might take off their shoes to keep from tracking dirt inside. And in some places, people always take off their shoes and leave them at the door when they enter a house as a sign of respect. Respect means to show someone you think that person is important. And that reminds me of today's Bible lesson.

God told a man named Moses to take off his shoes. To get ready to hear about what happened to Moses, let's take off our shoes now. I think that'll help us understand why God told Moses to take off his shoes. I'm going to do that. If you wish, join me.

Take off your shoes and show children the "bush" paper on the wall. Explain that they'll make a "burning bush" by adding color and flames.

God called Moses from a burning bush to get his attention and talk to him. God had an important job for Moses. He told Moses to take off his sandals because he was standing on holy ground. Let's hear what happened.

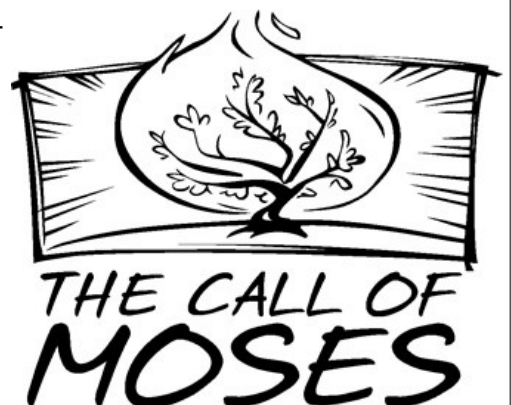
Give each child a cut-out flame and a marker. As you read aloud Exodus 3:3-6, have kids write their name or draw a picture on their flame.

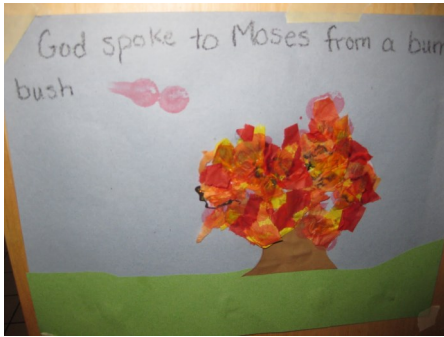
At first, Moses was confused and wasn't sure God could really be speaking to him. God wanted Moses to lead His people, but Moses wasn't sure he was the right guy for the job. But God wanted to get Moses to pay attention.

Move kids to the bush on the wall. Have kids choose where to add construction paper flames while you tape.

Why did the burning bush get Moses to pay attention to God?

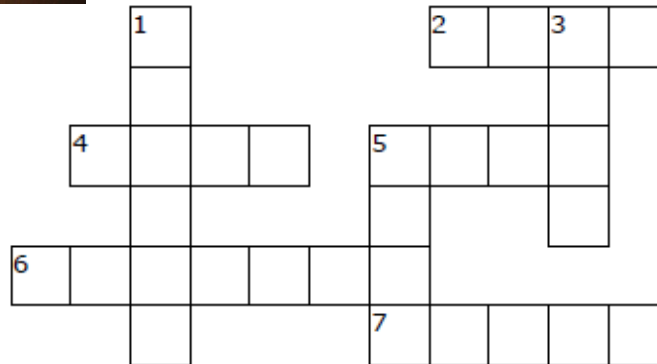
You didn't know how our bush would turn out, but you listened to my instructions. God did the same thing with Moses—he gave Moses important instructions. Just like God spoke to Moses, God speaks to us, too.





## Moses and the Burning Bush

### Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

2. A white liquid produced by cows, goats, and sheep
4. Belonging to God; sacred
5. To cause something to be destroyed by fire
6. Shoes with a bottom part held onto the foot by straps
7. A sweet, sticky substance made by bees

#### DOWN

1. The surface of the Earth; soil
3. A country or region, especially someone's home
5. A plant that is smaller than a tree with many small branches

|      |       |        |         |
|------|-------|--------|---------|
| MILK | BURN  | GROUND | SANDALS |
| BUSH | HONEY | HOLY   | LAND    |

#### MEMORY VERSE

**Isaiah 43:5**  
**Do not be afraid—I am with you!**



*Happy  
Birthday!*

### September

5 Thelma Fleming  
6 Danielle Greene  
11 Gwen Snyder  
13 JoAnn Edwards  
15 Gail Stokes  
21 Jahvon Moore  
22 Helen Foerster  
28 Barbara Snyder

### October

1 Caitlin Snyder  
4 Thelma Barnes  
5 Yolanda Braswell  
13 Ian Dawson  
15 Gail Stokes  
24 Charles Bishop  
Gregory Barnes  
30 Chris Awobue

### Healing Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay  
your healing Hands upon all those who are  
sick. We beg You to have compassion on all  
those who are suffering so that they may be  
delivered from their pitiful circumstances.*

*In Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.*

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

Continued Prayers of Healing for Maggie Anglin's father, **Leroy Anglin** who had a significant injury to his foot. Maggie is a longtime member of UPC and a member of the Board of Deacons. She has requested prayers from the UPC family for her father. Please petition God through prayer to Bless Leroy with His healing touch and to provide the Anglin family strength, comfort and peace as it faces this time of challenge.

Blessings

### NOTICE:

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



### Give to the Flower Ministry

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

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

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

*Blessings,  
Zorina Bowers*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your generous support of  
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## September 2020

| SUNDAY                                                                 | MONDAY                         | TUESDAY                         | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                        |                                | 1                               | 2                                      | 3        | 4      | 5                                                                    |
|                                                                        |                                | World Day of Prayer             | 7:00pm Bible Study<br>—Zoom<br>7pm A/A |          |        | 7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A |
| 6                                                                      | 7                              | 8                               | 9                                      | 10       | 11     | 12                                                                   |
| 11am Worship<br>Communion<br>Sunday<br><br>Season of Peace be-<br>gins | Labor Day<br>Office Closed     |                                 | 7:00pm Bible Study<br>—Zoom<br>7pm A/A |          |        | 7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A |
| 13                                                                     | 14                             | 15                              | 16                                     | 17       | 18     | 19                                                                   |
| 11am Worship<br>- YOUTH SUNDAY<br><br>7:30pm A/A                       |                                |                                 | 7pm A/A                                |          |        | 7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A |
| 20                                                                     | 21                             | 22                              | 23                                     | 24       | 25     | 26                                                                   |
| 11am Worship<br>SANCTUARY &<br>ONLINE<br><br>7:30pm A/A                | International Day of<br>Prayer | Native American<br>Day          | 7:00pm Bible Study<br>—Zoom<br>7pm A/A |          |        | 7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A |
| 27                                                                     | 28                             | 29                              | 30                                     |          |        |                                                                      |
| 11am Worship<br><br>Evangelism Sunday<br><br>7:30pm A/A                |                                | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 20TH-24TH | 7:00pm Bible Study<br>—Zoom<br>7pm A/A |          |        |                                                                      |

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|                                                                           |                    |         |                                              | 1        | 2                    | 3                                                                                                |
|                                                                           |                    |         |                                              |          |                      | 7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A                             |
| 4<br>11am Worship<br>Communion<br>Sunday<br><br>World Communion<br>Sunday | 5                  | 6       | 7<br>7:00pm Bible Study<br>—Zoom<br>7pm A/A  | 8        | 9                    | 10<br>7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A                       |
| 11<br>11am Worship<br>- YOUTH SUNDAY<br><br>7:30pm A/A                    | 12<br>Columbus Day | 13      | 14<br>7:00pm Bible Study<br>—Zoom<br>7pm A/A | 15       | 16<br>World Food DAY | 17<br>7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A                       |
| 18<br>11am Worship<br><br>7:30pm A/A                                      | 19                 | 20      | 21<br>7:00pm Bible Study<br>—Zoom<br>7pm A/A | 22       | 23                   | 24<br>7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A<br>United Nations Day |
| 25<br>11am Worship<br>Reformation Sunday<br><br>7:30pm A/A                | 26                 | 27      | 28<br>7:00pm Bible Study<br>—Zoom<br>7pm A/A | 29       | 30                   | 31<br>7:00pm Prayer,<br>Praise & Scripture<br>Reading —Zoom<br><br>7pm A/A                       |

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