



United Presbyterian Church

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

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

April 2024 Newsletter

***"There is a time for everything and a season
for every activity under the sun.***

- Ecclesiastes 3: 1 (BSB)



Greetings to you in the holy and mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As always, I trust God that this letter finds you in good health and spirits, rejoicing in the Lord and experiencing the peace of Christ that surpasses human understanding.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 teaches us that change is an inescapable and enduring aspect of life. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a powerful testament to God's ability to transform despair into hope and death into victory. It assures us that, through faith in God, the most tragic circumstances turn into meaningful experiences for those who love God and are called according to His purpose, as affirmed in Romans 8:28. Similarly, Jeremiah 31:13 promises believers that God will turn their sorrow to joy. The divine principle of transformation offers us both comfort and courage as we navigate the rise and fall of life's changes.

The Resurrection – rebirth -powerfully illustrates God's ability to profoundly transform our lives and hearts, reshaping our perspectives and engagement with the world and drawing us closer to God's purpose. It awakens us to His ever-present nature and inspires a Holy Spirit-led passion to serve and cultivate. As we yield to God's transformative influence, we transition from self-centeredness to Christ-centered living, leading lives that honor God and reflect His grace.

God's transformative power is evident beyond the human experience. It is attested to by natural changes in plants, other life forms, lifecycles, and ecosystem alterations. It is witnessed in the miracle of the seamless changing of seasons, each with unique characteristics.

Much like living organisms, organizations evolve. In this spirit, let me update you on some of the recently adopted changes at United. On March 17, at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation, UPC agreed to restructure congregational committees. Administration, Church Life, and Fund-raising are the committees, some newly formed, alongside several ad hoc committees, designed to address specific needs as they arise. These modifications were suggested and adopted to streamline the workload of volunteers by combining resources, making it easier for them to "work smarter, not harder." Two new elders and four new deacons were elected to facilitate the idea further, expanding the UPC Session to seven members from the previous five and increasing the UPC Board of Deacons from three to seven.

As we witness the transformative power of God through the Resurrection of Christ in the natural world, our own lives, and the lives of our congregation, we are called to embrace change. United has taken steps to reflect this growth by restructuring our committees and expanding our leadership, ensuring we continue serving effectively and faithfully. May we move forward with renewed vigor, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to fulfill God's purpose in every aspect of our lives. Let us hold fast to the promise of transformation, for it is through change that we find new opportunities to glorify God and serve one another in love.

Peace, love, and blessings,

Pastor Allegra

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & ONLINE
Church Office: Tele: 908-756-2666

Sunday Worship Service

Pastor Allegra Hoots
11:00am
In the Sanctuary & Via YouTube
(<https://bit.ly/3jyy1pg>)



Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays @ 7:30pm—
Via YouTube*
<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>
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Sundays @ 10:00 am

Classrooms are on the lower level  
NOTE: No children/youth classes on April 14th

### Elementary Classes:

Using CokesburyKids' "Celebrate Wonder" curriculum, we are engaging the children in open-ended exploration and inquiry of the Bible. Through experiential activities singing, coloring, puzzles, and reflection we are laying the foundation to help children make meaning for their lives.

### Middle/High School:

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

## Daily Devotional

Daily @ 6:00am to 6:15am—Via Zoom  
(<https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>)

NOTE: No adult class on April 7th

### Adult Education

The Lind Room  
Adults, join our devotional readings and interesting conversations.

COMING—FLEA MARKET JUNE 8, 2024

## Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

| April                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |                        | May  |         |                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Date                                                                                                                                                                                     | Time    | Event                  | Date | Time    | Event                       |
| TBA                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10:00am | Administrative Meeting | 2    |         | National Day of Prayer      |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting        | 9    |         | Ascension of the Lord       |
| 26                                                                                                                                                                                       |         | Arbor Day              | 11   | 10:00am | Administrative Meeting      |
| <b>FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS: TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:</b><br><a href="http://www.upcplainfield.org/">http://www.upcplainfield.org/</a> |         |                        | 12   |         | Mother's Day                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |         |                        | 17   | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |         |                        | 19   |         | Pentecost Sunday            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |         |                        | 19   |         | Intercultural Church Sunday |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |         |                        | 27   |         | Memorial Day                |

**Romans 12:3-8** ESV

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ...*



**Highlights—Annual Congregational Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield was held on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Annual reports from the committees of the church were reviewed and discussed.

- The 2024 Budget was presented.
- Church officers of Ruling Elders/Trustees and Deacons were nominated, voted on and approved as shown below for the 2024-2025 year. Their term will officially start on September 1st.

**Board of Elders (Session) and Trustees**

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

**Board of Deacons**

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

Treasurer: Wanda Breitenbach

## National Arbor Day – April 26, 2024

Arbor Day is a secular day of observance in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees.

### Trees help to mitigate global warming and also promote health and well-being in urban areas



### A FOCUS ON – THE FUTURE

While most holidays celebrate something that has already happened and is worth remembering, Arbor Day represents a hope for the future. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow to provide us with clean air and water, cooling shade, habitat for wildlife, healthier communities, and endless natural beauty — all for a better tomorrow.

Trees play a vital role in regulating climate and weather patterns by absorbing vast amounts of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). The United Nations (UN) estimates that forests contain around 50% more carbon than is present in the atmosphere.

When trees are cut down and forests are destroyed, the carbon they contain is released. This is a major contributor to global warming and the climate crisis. Deforestation accounts for more than 20% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, according to the UN.

**What is Arbor Day?** Around the world observances of the importance of growing trees have been taking place for centuries, with the first documented celebration taking place in Spain way back in 1594.

A tree planting celebration known as ‘Arbor Day’ first took place in the United States almost 300 years later. In 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted in Nebraska on its first Arbor Day. More than 45 states and territories were celebrating Arbor Day each year by 1920.

Today Arbor Day is a national holiday in all US states. It usually takes place on the last Friday in April but can vary to coincide with the best planting weather in different areas of the country.

The US-based Arbor Day Foundation has helped grow 500 million trees in the past 50 years.

<https://bit.ly/4a9Vjvf>

### 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.



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.

- A bequest gift can lower your taxable estate
- You may be able to **reduce the amount of taxes** that your family is obligated to pay

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

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

**April is recognized as National Stress Awareness Month....**To bring attention to the negative impact of stress. Managing stress is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. Stress can be debilitating, and it can cause and/or aggravate health problems.

Since stress is a normal part of human existence — nobody is immune to it — it's important to arm ourselves with knowledge so that we recognize when stress rears its ugly head. (Amazingly, we don't always notice it's happening to us.)

It's important to learn some strategies for coping with this particular silent scourge.

- 1. Recognize and counter signs of stress.** Signs include difficulty concentrating, headaches, cold hands, tight muscles, a nervous stomach, clenched teeth, feeling on edge, fidgety, irritable or withdrawn. Knowing how your body communicates can help you deal with stressful moments. Learn to not only recognize but also to name these feelings. Then, take action to counter their effects. For example, deep breathing, stretching, going for a walk, writing down your thoughts and taking quiet time to focus can help induce relaxation and reduce tension.
- 2. Take time for yourself.** Make taking care of yourself a daily routine. It's not selfish or self-indulgent — and it might require saying "no" to requests or prioritizing yourself along with your responsibilities.
- 3. Try new routines.** From scheduling bath and bedtimes to blocking off time to plan and prioritize tasks, additional structure can provide a daily framework that allows you to attune to your body's signals. Then, you can take steps to potentially manage stress earlier than you once did.
- 4. Stay connected and make new friends.** Stay in touch with family, friends and groups in your life. Having or being a person to talk with can be reassuring and calming.



**5. See problems through a different lens.** View sitting in traffic or around the house as an opportunity to enjoy music, podcasts or pleasant views. Reduce anger in response to rude or aggressive behavior by imagining what might be happening in that person's life. Keeping situations in perspective is an important way to boost stress resilience.

**6. Seek help with problems.** Many people experience the same day-to-day strains related to caregiving, relationships, health, work and money. Look to friends and family, as appropriate, or other trusted individuals or resources for tips and information.

**7. Talk to a health professional if stress is affecting your well-being, you feel you cannot manage the stress you're experiencing, or stress has caused you to engage in or increase substance use.** Seek appropriate care if stress is harming your relationships or ability to work.

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)** – Lifeline chat is a service available to everyone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In addition, if you need help locating a mental health provider, the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** offers a site that can assist you at <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>. People who have experienced traumatic stress (directly or indirectly experiencing life-threatening and dangerous events) should find a treatment provider who practices trauma informed care — see <https://go.usa.gov/xvydm> for details. Additionally, in times of disasters and other sorts of emergencies, the **National Disaster Distress Helpline (Call 1-800-985-5990 or text "TALKWITHUS" to 66746)** can provide crisis counseling, emotional support and referrals to care related to disasters and public health emergencies.

Recognizing individual signals of a body's stress responses and learning to respond to those signals in new ways can help build the emotional, intellectual and physical strength that comprise resilience, which can help you tackle future stressors.

<https://orwh.od.nih.gov/in-the-spotlight/all-articles/7-steps-manage-stress-and-build-resilience>

***Being wise is better than being strong; yes, knowledge is more important than strength. After all, you must make careful plans before you fight a battle, and the more good advice you get, the more likely you are to win.***

**Proverbs 24:5-6**

**Holy Spirit, drive away from me all forms of sickness and disease.**

**Restore strength to my body and joy to my spirit, so that in my renewed health, I may bless and serve you, now and forevermore.**

- Author Unknown

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

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|----------------|----------------|
| Leroy Anglin   | Errol Neil     |
| Emory Dawson   | Bobett Neil    |
| Helen Foerster | Sheila Neil    |
| O'Harold Hoots | Yvonne Neil    |
| BJ Klikus      | Marianna Perry |
| Frank Klikus   | Pat Perry      |
| Liz Mangan     | Brenda Rodgers |
| Vilvurn Marsh  | Gail Stokes    |
| Winnie Neal    | Izaiyah Stokes |

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



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

**April**

- 5 Zorina Bowers
- 18 Jean Scott
- 20 Kevin Scott

**May**

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



**Flower Ministry**

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

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

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

*Blessings,  
Zorina Bowers*

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

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

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

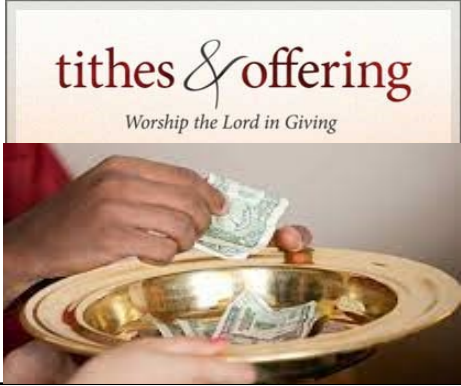
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*Board of Deacons*



**THIS IS STEWARDSHIP!**  
*Our gift, no matter how small, goes a very long way to support the church and the community.*

- To bless the Church with your tithes and offering you may:
1. Drop it off at the church office
  2. Mail your check (not cash) to the church
  3. Log in to <https://bit.ly/3oyj1J6> or
  4. Go to the UPC website homepage and click on the "Give Now" button
- ~ Thank you ~

**2024 UPC's Liturgists**

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

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

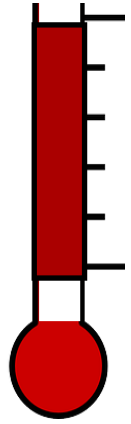
## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

As of 4/1/2024 the total collected is \$13,543



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

13,543



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



## UNION COUNTY

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

| Day      | Date      | Location | Street            | City          | Notes                          |
|----------|-----------|----------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Saturday | April 6th | Vo-Tech  | 1776 Raritan Road | Scotch Plains | West Hall (Police Academy) Lot |

**Mobile Paper Shredding** (<https://ucnj.org/recycling/mobile-paper-shredding/>)

|           |            |                  |                    |            |             |
|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Wednesday | April 10th | Black Brook Park | 349 North 19th St. | Kenilworth | Parking lot |
|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|

**Scrap Metal** (<https://ucnj.org/recycling/scrap-metal/>) This includes microwaves, washing machines, etc.

|          |            |                                                                              |  |  |  |
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| Thursday | April 4th  | Visit either of these locations : Rahway River Park in Rahway (service yard) |  |  |  |
| Saturday | April 20th | on either day Emergency Services Complex 151 Kenilworth Blvd in Cranford     |  |  |  |

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

## City of Plainfield—Events

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



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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday-4/13<br>(Every 2nd Sat month-ly)                          | 12pm                                | Storytime with Former Councilman Barry Goode<br>Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Ave., 908-757-7777 /ext 129                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Wed—3/20<br>Thur—4/11<br>Thur—4/25                                 | 6-7pm<br>6-7pm<br>6-8pm             | <b>3 Steps to the Homebuying Journey</b><br>Step 1: Debt Management Webinar<br>Step 2: Credit Scores & Reports Webinar<br>Step 3: First time Homebuyer Event with Industry Experts.<br>Register: Email <a href="mailto:Annette.brent@plainfieldnj.gov">Annette.brent@plainfieldnj.gov</a> or call 908-226-2557 |
| Saturday<br>Apr 6                                                  | 7pm                                 | <b>Soul Line Dancing</b> (Limited space/Reserve now @ <a href="https://Ppacaprilsoulinedancing.eventbrite.com">https://Ppacaprilsoulinedancing.eventbrite.com</a> )<br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                       |
| Mon & Wed 4/3-4/26<br>Tues & Thur 4/4-4/27<br>Tues & Thur 4/4-4/27 | Time varies<br>6-7pm<br>Time varies | <b>Youth Tennis</b> (Time varies based on age)<br><b>Junior Tennis</b> (Ages 11-17)<br><b>Adult Tennis</b> (Time varies based on experience)<br>Milt Campbell Tennis Courts, 1322 E. 3rd Street                                                                                                                |
| Saturdays<br>4/1-5/20                                              | 8:30-<br>9:30am                     | <b>Pickle Ball</b> (Men & Women Ages 18+) \$25<br>Milt Campbell Tennis Courts, 1322 E. 3rd Street                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Wednesdays                                                         | 6-7:30pm                            | <b>Girl Scouts</b><br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Tues & Thurs                                                       | 11am-<br>12pm                       | <b>Seniors on the Move - Cardio Class FREE</b><br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Tuesdays<br>Apr 9-May 28                                           | 6-7pm                               | <b>Adult Zumba</b><br>Performing Arts Center—724 Park Ave.—For more info: Plfld Rec Dept @ 908-753-3097                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

### Seeing Is Believing

**Theme:** We believe in Jesus.

**Object:** A dollar bill, two paper clips, "Linking Paper Clips" How-to Video

**Scripture:** John 20:19-31

Today I am going to show you something that I'm not sure you'll believe. First I am going to take this dollar bill and fold it into thirds. Next, I will take one paper clip and clip the top section of the dollar to the middle section. Now I will take the other paper clip and clip the bottom section to the middle section. Before I put the paper clips onto the bill, they were separate. But when I pull on the two ends of the dollar bill, they're going to jump off the bill and connect themselves. Do you believe me? (Pause.) Let's try it! (Pull the ends of the bills to make the paper clips jump off, then show kids that the paper clips became connected.)

I need you to help me tell what happened in the Bible. Whenever you hear the word "believe," please make this motion. (Mouth wide open and hands beside sides of face.)

That's cool, isn't it? Now that you have seen it, do you believe (Pause.) it? Sometimes we must see something before we believe (Pause.) it, don't we?

It was like that for some people in the Bible, too. On the evening of the first Sunday after Jesus had been crucified, His disciples were together in a locked room. They were afraid of those who had crucified Jesus. Suddenly, Jesus appeared there in the locked room with the disciples. It was hard to believe (Pause.), but they saw Him, and Jesus showed them His wounds in His hands and His side, so they knew it was Him.

One of the disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them. When they told Thomas, he didn't believe (Pause.) them. He had seen Jesus crucified and buried. How could He be alive? Thomas said, "Unless I see the wound in His side and put my finger in the holes where the nails were in His hands, I will not believe (Pause.) it!"

A week later, the disciples were in the locked room again, and this time, Thomas was with them. Again, Jesus came and stood among the disciples. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe (Pause.)."

Thomas fell on his knees and answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed (Pause.); blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (Pause.)."

You and I have never seen Jesus with our own eyes. The question is, will we be one of those who is blessed because we believe (Pause.), even though we have not seen?

Kids can stop making the believe motion now.



### Bible Memory Verse

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

# Seeing Is Believing

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 20:19-31



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| THOMAS | DISCIPLES | DOORS    | MIRACLES | TOUCHED |
| HANDS  | TOGETHER  | DOUBTING | SHOWED   | SIGNS   |
| SIDE   | RECORDED  | BELIEVED | JESUS    | LOCKED  |

### Doubting Thomas— Coloring Page

But [Thomas] said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." (John 20:24-29)



**United Presbyterian Church**

**(908) 756-2666**

**ANNUAL**

# **FLEA market**



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

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

**JOIN US**

**Info: 732-742-8762**

### 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 seminary 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**

#### 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

Treasurer: Ms. Wanda Breitenbach  
Operations Coordinator: Davaughn Hoots  
Custodian: Mr. Charles Rivers

#### Session Members

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

#### Board of Deacons

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## April 2024

| SUNDAY                                                                                                | MONDAY                           | TUESDAY                          | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | THURSDAY                                                     | FRIDAY                                        | SATURDAY                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                       | 1<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  | 2<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  | 3<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 4<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship  | 5<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion               | 6<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  |
| 7<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>10am Sunday School<br>Communion Sunday         | 8<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  | 9<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  | 10<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 11<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship | 12<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion              | 13<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion |
| 14<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>10am Adult Education<br>YOUTH SUNDAY          | 15<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 16<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 17<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:30pm Session Mtg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 18<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship | 19<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion              | 20<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion |
| 21<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>10am Sunday Sch/Adult Ed<br>Dedication Sunday | 22<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 23<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 24<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 25<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship | 26<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>Arbor Day | 27<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion |
| 28<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream                                                  | 29<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 30<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | Computer Logon Info —<br>Sunday Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3jyylpg">https://bit.ly/3jyylpg</a><br>Daily Devotion: <a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a><br>Noonday Prayer: <a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a><br>Contemporary Service: <a href="https://bit.ly/3J7whly">https://bit.ly/3J7whly</a> |                                                              |                                               |                                  |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            |                            | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship<br>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                           |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6                                          | 7                          | 8                                                | 9                                                                                | 10                         | 11                                                   |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>Communion Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship<br>ASCENSION OF THE LORD  | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>10:00am Admin. Meeting |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 13                                         | 14                         | 15                                               | 16                                                                               | 17                         | 18                                                   |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>Youth Sunday<br>MOTHER'S DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                 | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:30pm Session Mtg | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship                           | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                           |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 20                                         | 21                         | 22                                               | 23                                                                               | 24                         | 25                                                   |
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| 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 27                                         | 28                         | 29                                               | 30                                                                               | 31                         |                                                      |
| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>Dedication Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>MEMORIAL DAY | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7pm Contemporary Worship                           | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion |                                                      |

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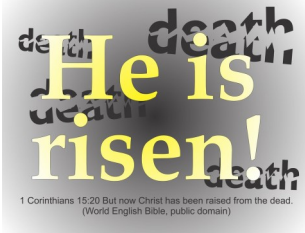
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