



United Presbyterian Church

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

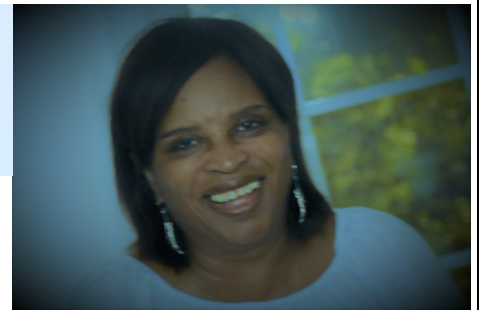
January 2020

11:00 a.m. Worship ~ 10:00 a.m. Adult Education

***Each new year brings us new opportunities to know Him more,
To walk in faith, and grow by His grace.***

“The just shall live by faith.”

Pastor Allegra Hoots



Friends,

Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I look forward with anxious anticipation to working with you to fulfill God's perfect will for and through United Presbyterian Church's vibrant Christ-centered ministry.

Like every congregation, including those depicted in the Bible, we will face challenges. However, because all things are possible with Christ, I am confident we will overcome obstacles with grace and dignity if we walk in faith and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. When we hit bumps, let us stand firm, remembering, “The trying of our faith produces patience, and patience produces spiritual maturity (James 1: 2- 4).”

As we forge ahead, let us agree to remain steadfast in our commitment to the things of God including praying daily for one another, our community, our nation, and the world.

May the grace of God keep us mindful that we are working for the Lord God - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the universe. God never fails. May the Holy Spirit empower us to achieve God's perfect will as we press forward, united in purpose to reach the mark of our high calling.

Glory to God and peace to all!

Sincerely yours,
Pastor Hoots
Transitional Pastor





Mr. Carl Foerster was honored with an award at the 2019 Good Scout Awards Dinner presented by Boy Scouts of America on December 3rd. He served as Scoutmaster to Troop 5 for 43 years. The troop celebrates 107 years of service to the community and is the 5th oldest troop in the United States. The troop has been and continues to be sponsored by United Presbyterian Church which celebrates its 195th anniversary.



Also honored were Linda Carter, Tristian M. Cox, Bernel Harrison, Keiona Miller and Michael Townley.



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Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Mornings at 11:00am. JOIN US!

Pastors will be:

January 5th - **Rev., Dr. Victor Aloyo, Jr.**

Going forward, all worship service will be conducted by **Pastor Allegra Hoots**
Unless notified otherwise.

Adult Education 10:00am Sundays - - Topic "Honoring God"

Instructor: Elder Al Tate

NOTE: No Adult class on January 5th

We will study how God was honored through celebration of the Ark of the Covenant by King Solomon and by the celebration of God, by Jesus through the use of prayer.

Upcoming Events

Each Sunday: 10am – Adult Education

11am – Worship

& Treasure Hour – Children's time

January

Date	Time	Event
11	4:00pm	Writers Workshop Dreamhouse Theater
12	11:00am	Youth Sunday
	12:30pm	Deacon's Meeting
	12:30pm	Youth Group brainstorming session
16	7:30pm	Board of Session Meeting

February

Date	Time	Event
10	11:00am	Youth Sunday
	12:30pm	Deacon's Meeting
14	4:00pm	Writers Workshop Dreamhouse Theater
26	7:30	Board of Session Meeting

See calendars for more activities and events

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

Maggie Anglin
Daniel Bofah
Kayode Falowo
Thelma Fleming
Virginia Hansen

Desirae Hemans (in training)
Tania Hemans (in training)

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

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

Christmas Giving Tree



Gift wrapping and distribution team

UPC's 2019 Christmas Giving Tree Benefited 16 children and their families. This was a learning process for all while having fun doing so. Mrs. Helen Foerster, Moderator of the Board of Deacons who led the team was able to get huge bins of food along with a turkey and/or ham for each family which was provided by a UPC Angel. This Angel recalled her difficult time and wanted to assist. The reason for this effort was to bring a smile to the faces of children in need during the holiday season. This giving initiative was the combined effort of our Youth Education team, Deacons and the Outreach committee. Deacon Foerster should be applauded for a job well done. UPC's children and youth along with Ms. Tania Hemans were deservedly applauded for their diligence and hard work.

Wishing all a Happy New Year!

Star Fish Food Pantry

Many times we ask, how can I help? Here is an opportunity for all to assist those in need. Provide a non perishable, unexpired item to Star Fish. Your donation will go to help those in need.

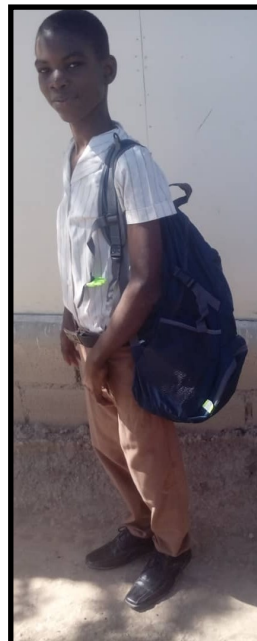
All items are accepted but the following are especially needed:

Everything, plus—Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pasta Sauce, Bars of bath soap
Your assistance in serving those in need.



School Supplies for Haiti

Working with Pastor Hoots and through donations provided as a mission outreach of United Presbyterian Church, we were able to get supplies to these children. Pictured are some of the Haitian school children, happily and proudly modeling the backpacks generously filled with school supplies and socks. Along with the photos, the children sent their sincere thanks.



Lift up your Prayers for



Carl Foerster	Gail Stokes
Helen Foerster	Izaiyah Stokes
Barbara Hyney	Jamie Sweeney
BJ Klikus	Osquit Vanderstoop
Frank Klikus	

Call or visit our members



January

6 Bola Falowo
11 Barbara Hyney
10 Richard Lecky
15 Izaiyah Stokes
17 Christopher Lecky
19 Jessica Dawson
Stanley Awobue
24 Sarai Cherry

February

5 Tania Hemans
7 BJ Klikus
27 Kayode Falowo



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
UPC's Flower Ministry
Board of Deacons



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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

How would you like to celebrate this milestone anniversary?

Let one of your Session Members know.

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United hopes to revive it's youth group program to include all interested members of our communities. All who are interested (young or old) in ACTIVELY participating or learning how they can assist are invited to bring their ideas to a brainstorming session on

January 12th after Worship

Contact Avril or the Church Office for more information.

Let's talk about our health

Have you considered working with a group to challenge yourself to lose weight or just to be healthier? Maybe to exercise more or to be more mindful about your eating habit? No group meetings will be required unless there is a specific request from the group. You would simply submit your weight loss as a percentage of your weight not in pounds lost (This will be discussed further). Each member would contribute \$5 monthly and the recipient at the end of each month, would be the biggest loser if that was the option, to lose weight. Can't afford the monthly contribution? Participate anyway!

Send your thoughts and interest to
upcnews525@gmail.com.



Spiritual Practices

Reaching Light

Stand in a dark room. Move toward a room that is lit, coming more fully into the light as you walk. As you proceed, think of the ways Jesus Christ brings light to your life. When you reach the full lit room, say a prayer of thanks to Christ for the light you receive.



Happiness and Joy



Think of the differences you see between



happiness and joy. On what is each one based? Make a list of the true joys in your life, and say a prayer of thanks for each of them.

LOVE MARKS OUR LIVES AS "CHILDREN OF LIGHT" AND FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, SINCE HE GAVE US THE COMMAND TO LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES OR DISCRIMINATION.

Donald K. McKim
Ministry of the Presbyterian Mission Agency

2020 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Your annual Per Capita is \$45.00 and is shared as follows: General Assembly \$8.95, The Synod of the Northeast \$4.10, The Presbytery of Elizabeth \$31.95. Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d).

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Our hope is not in the new year...but in the One who makes all things new.</p> <p><small>© Facebook www.Facebook.com/OneNationUnderGodUSofA</small></p>			1	2	3	4
			Happy New Year			7pm A/A
5 11am Worship - Communion Sunday School 7:30pm A/A	6 7:30pm Boy Scouts	7 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	8 7pm A/A	9 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class	10	11 7pm A/A Writers
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The calendar reflects regularly occurring events and subject to change. Check with the Church Office for changes

Committee Meetings (unless stated otherwise):

Communion & Deacon Sunday — 1st Sunday Monthly

Youth Sunday — 2nd Sunday monthly

Dedication Sunday — 4th Sunday Monthly

2nd Sunday following Worship: Deacons Meeting

3rd Thursday: 7:30pm Session Meeting

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We learn and grow together as a Church, as a people.

Have you considered working with United Presbyterian Church in its efforts?
Do you see areas in our communities where we may become beacons of light?
How can you help to shed light to a dark area—Learn about our ministries

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We are a community of people called into being and empowered by the Holy Spirit to study, share and serve together. We believe the Scriptures to be the witness of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. We are aided in our understanding of the Scriptures by the book of Confession. We are a dynamic group of Christians, seeking to expand our fellowship through nurture and outreach.

Administration Ministry

The Administration ministry consists of various teams to include stewardship, finance, building and grounds and personnel. This team works together to manage the operation of the building and its congregants.

Adult Education

Facilitate the spiritual growth or discipleship of believers into Christ-likeness. Reading and learning from scriptures; discuss its place in today's world and our communities.

Board of Deacons

Deacons are ministers elected and installed by the Session who ministers to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to any in distress in accordance with the scriptural duties of the office and assumes this responsibility through the nomination and election by the Session.

Board of Session

The body of the Church consisting of ruling elders duly installed by the Moderator or Pastor. Full administrative responsibility, spiritual and corporate is vested in the Session who may also be Trustees. The board of session nominates members to each of the ministries. Typically, meetings of the Session are closed to the congregation but United has opened its meetings to the congregation.

Children/Youth Ministry

Working with your children and youth to build spiritual foundations and meaningful relationships with others.

Choir Ministry

Harmonizing and sharing your voice and talents with the Church team on Sundays and when needed for special events. No experience necessary.

Fellowship Ministry

Sharing of what we have in common, relating with one another in fellowship – unity – love based on who we are in Christ.

Outreach Ministry

Supports local programs for children, youth, senior citizens and other groups as needed; supports local, national and foreign missions.

Worship Ministry

Lead and assist the Pastor and congregation in structured corporate worship on Sundays and other events, and to encourage the Church towards and model for them a lifestyle of sincere worship that is consistent every day of the week.

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