



United Presbyterian Church

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

Worship Services: Sunday 11:00 am & Thursday 7pm

November 2021 - Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer! I hope you are in good health, have a happy heart, and are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

This letter highlights ways the United Presbyterian Church (UPC) honors the biblical concept of ministering to the whole person as denoted in James 2:15-17. The activities listed below show meeting people's spiritual and other basic needs through conventional parish ministry and providing goods and services.

"If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed, and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus, also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2: 15-17

On October 9, UPC held a well-advertised, expertly coordinated, organized, and implemented **health fair and bazaar** spearheaded by Elder Avril Lecky, Interim Outreach Committee Chair. During the four-hour event, eleven providers dispensed a wealth of information and conducted more than one hundred medical screenings at no cost or low cost. As a result of those screenings, patients received vital information about their health and the various affordable healthcare services available in the Plainfield area. Also, twenty-one women were referred for follow-up mammograms.

On October 16, Elder Jerome Bishop Lane, Jr, Community Ministry Organizer for the Presbytery of the Northeast, and Mr. Davaughn Hoots, launched a presbytery **no-cost COVID-19** testing initiative at UPC. LabQ provides testing from a mobile van on Saturdays in the UPC parking lot between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. **School-age children are the focus population** for testing at the UPC site, but everyone is welcome.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Allegra Hoots

On October 17, under the leadership of Elder Patricia Dawson, UPC held its **first in-person Sunday school class since March 2020**. We commend the team for their commitment to helping develop and equip youth

for Christian service and to become productive citizens whose lives testify to God's love and power.

The positive impact religious education can have in shaping young people's lives cannot be overstated. Inspirational and thoughtful bible-based lessons, coupled with parental guidance and the positive influence of other adults, helps satisfy the urging and promise made in Proverbs 22:6, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."

In Sunday school, students begin grasping the interconnectedness of all creation. Furthermore, Sunday school helps pupils develop a love for God, appreciate the power of God's word and prayer, and understand the benefits of belonging to a Christian fellowship. Sunday school also teaches students biblical principles, including God loves everyone and cares about every person's total wellbeing. Engaging in meaningful religious education at an early age also plants the seeds of good moral character, stimulates hope, strengthens faith, and helps shape the way young people think about and interact with the broader society, including the natural environment.

October 16 was a busy day at UPC. In addition to kicking off COVID-19 testing, the second series of **college readiness workshops** created by Mr. Christopher York started. Mr. York developed the no-cost program to equip high school students and GED holders (ages 16-18) with information about the benefits of earning a college degree and how to navigate the process of selecting and applying to college.

Brothers and sisters, let us continue praying for each other, our families, nation, and the world. God be with you.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Pastor Allegra



Sunday Worship (Traditional)

Pastor Allegra Hoots

11:00am

Live in the Sanctuary & on YouTube*

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**Sunday Fellowship**

**12:30 - 1:30pm**

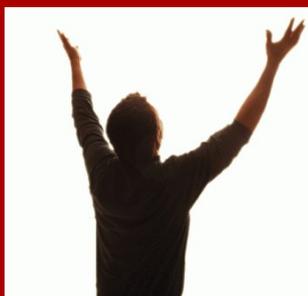
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Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays @ 7:00pm

Via YouTube*



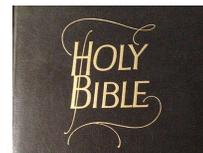
Sunday School

Sundays — 10:00am

Ages 13-17: Getting to Know Samuel the Prophet:

- ♦ introduce Listening Prayer
- ♦ highlight new forms of communication

Ages 3-12: Arts & Crafts, Movement & Games, Storytelling



Adult Education

Sundays — 10:00-10:45am

(NOTE: No Class: Nov. 28, Dec. 19, 26)

Bible Study & Noon Day Prayers

Wednesdays—12 noon to 1:00pm

Location: The Hansen Room & Zoom

Book: *Bible Studies for Life: Unstoppable Gospel, Bible Study Book*

Author: Greg Matte

The book is available through Christianbook.com for 9.99

Advent Study

Begins November 28th—7:00 pm - 8:00 pm via ZOOM

Title: *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*



Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

November

Date	Time	Event
1		All Saints Day
2		Election Day
5		World Community Day
7		Daylight Savings time ends
11		Veterans Day
13	12:00pm	Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch
18	7:30pm	Session Meeting
25		THANKSGIVING DAY
28		1st Day of Advent

December

Date	Time	Event
1		World AIDS day
10		Human Rights Day
11	10:00am	Administrative Meeting
12	1:00pm	Christmas Caroling—Join us!
15	7:30pm	Session Meeting
19		Christmas Joy Offering
24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
25		Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day

FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS:

TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:

<http://www.upcplainfield.org/>

Duffle Bags for Children in Foster Care

Amy Grier

Awesome time had by all on Saturday, Oct 23rd at 6 pm. United Presbyterian youth and young adults gave of their time to prepare duffle bags filled with essentials like a teddy bear, blanket, hygiene kit, and much more. Twenty duffle bags were prepared and decorated with creative design and messages of positivity such as "Be Happy" and "God Loves You". Destination of the bags is yet to be determined but are earmarked for helping children in foster care somewhere in New Jersey. The sweet success bags were bought from Together We Rise, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization of motivated young adults and former foster youth. Stay tuned as the youth and young adults continue to learn the purpose of fellowship and service in Jesus' Holy Name.



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UPC's College Readiness Program

October 16-November 13, 2021
Call the Church Office for more info



ELECTION DAY
November 2



It is the duty of every person to exercise their right to vote. Presbyterians are reminded that both Jesus and John Calvin placed a significant emphasis on the role of civic engagement as central to our faith.

The book of Ephesians, with its strong emphasis on the themes of unity and reconciliation in Christ and citizenship with the saints in the household of God, is a particularly appropriate resource for reflection and proclamation at the time of an election.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christian-citizen-election-day/>

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Title: *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Advent—What is this?

Begins November 28th

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.

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coming of the Lord

Christ has come! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! In Advent, we are living between the first and the second coming of the Lord. The dialectical tension of *maranatha* [alternately translated “Come, our Lord!” or “Our Lord has come”] — placing us between memory and hope, past and future — may strengthen our Advent liturgies. Perhaps we need to cling to the ancient cry of *maranatha!* and its paradoxical meanings so we may freely embrace “the new thing” prophesied by Isaiah (Isaiah 43:19) that God is doing among us right now. The tension and paradox we find in Advent shapes our celebrations during the season.

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
— Mark 10:47

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christian-citizen-election-day/>

In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

Psalm 120:1

What is All Saints Day / What is Halloween?

All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, or Hallowmas, is a Christian celebration in honor of all the saints from Christian history. All Saints Day, in western Christianity is celebrated on November 1 since the year 835¹ as a yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the church. Perhaps, you were taught to think of saints as statues in a church building. But the Bible teaches something completely different. Who is a saint? *You are* if you're a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation (see Acts 9:13, Acts 26:10, Romans 8:27, 1 Corinthians 1:2).

Sainthood isn't given by a group of religious leaders. It's granted by God Himself to any common, salt-of-the-earth person who simply trusts Christ (1 Corinthians 1:2). Saints are those who give up the *anti-faith* alternative of trying to please God by their good deeds and, instead, trust Christ alone. Scripture says that the person of faith actually becomes the very righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21)!

All Saints Day's Relation to Halloween

"Halloween" started out as a holy Christian celebration? Hallow, in Old English, means "holy" or "sacred." Therefore, "Hallows' Eve," or "Halloween" simply means "the evening of holy persons" and refers to the evening before All Saints Day. Halloween is a mixture of Celtic religious ideas and Christian martyrology.

There's a hymn that's traditionally sung around this

holiday called "For All the Saints." It encourages believers to look back through the years of Christian history and think of the millions now enjoying rest and salvation in the presence of God. It's also meant to provide encouragement to believers here and now to press on, looking forward to the glorious day...

*"...when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

How about you? Do you tend to view yourself as an isolated Christian? Think about your connection with all of God's saints by reading through the hymn "For All the Saints."

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, in Christ you weep with those who mourn even as you cry out in triumph over the grave. Unbind us from sin, release us from captivity, and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life, so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name; through Christ, the resurrection and the life. John 11:32-44 / Year B

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<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/all-saints-day/>

<https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/all-saints-day-november-1.html>



World Community Day (November 5th, 2021) began in 1943 as a day for church women across denominations to study peace. After World War II, leaders of denominations felt that they should set aside a day for prayer and ecumenical study. The leaders

thought that while many denominations were performing peace and justice work by themselves, having a day when they could study together would be beneficial to all. The theme for this year's World Community Day is "New Places, New Faces at the Table." As Christians, we are called to nurture and cultivate life-giving community — within our families, our churches and throughout God's world. So let us extend welcome in love and mutual respect.

"It's a time to thank God for the blessings in our life. Celebrating Thanksgiving and declaring what we are thankful for shows God our adoration for Him."



Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in the United States, Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well.

Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvests and at other times. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America roots back to English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest festival, even though the harvest in New England occurs well before the late-November date on which the modern Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated.

The first Thanksgiving feast in the U.S. was believed to have been held during the fall of 1621 in Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. The event to celebrate the harvest reaped in the colony following a brutal winter. The colonist invited the local Wampanoag Indians to join in the celebration. Those feasts continued in early New England through the years, with the days usually set by church leaders. On Dec. 26, 1941, the day was set to the fourth Thursday in November.

Canada: It may surprise you to learn that Canada's first Thanksgiving celebration actually predates America's—by more than 40 years. In 1578, an expedition led by the English navigator Martin Frobisher held a ceremony in what is now Nunavut, giving thanks for the safety of their fleet. This is considered the first-ever Thanksgiving celebration in North America, though in fact First Nations (the indigenous peoples of Canada) and Native Americans had been holding harvest festivals long before Europeans arrived. Loyalists who

moved to Canada during the Revolutionary War introduced turkey, along with some other customs from the American Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving traditions in Canada look very similar to American ones, including eating turkey and watching football (the Canadian Football League holds an annual Thanksgiving Day Classic) with family.

Liberia: This West African republic may seem an unlikely place for an American-style Thanksgiving tradition, but only until you consider its history. Freed slaves from the United States established Liberia in the early 1820s with help from the American Colonization Society, a private organization that believed returning African Americans to the country of their origins would provide them with greater opportunity, help spread Christianity to Africa and solve the nagging problem of slavery in the United States. In the early 1880s, Liberia's government passed an act declaring the first Thursday of November as National Thanksgiving Day. Today, it's a largely Christian holiday: Churches auction off baskets filled with local fruits like papayas and mangoes after their services, and local families feast on the bounty. Instead of turkey and pumpkin, Liberia's Thanksgiving tables boast items such as spicy roast chicken and mashed cassavas, and live music and dancing are part of the Thanksgiving tradition.

Japan: Japan's variation of Thanksgiving, Kinro Kansha no Hi (Labor Thanksgiving Day) evolved from an ancient rice harvest festival, Niinamesai, the roots of which go back as far as the seventh century A.D. During the Meiji Era (1868-1912), the date of the festival was set as November 23, and it has remained the same since then. The modern tradition of Labor Thanksgiving Day began in 1948, just three years after World War II ended, as a celebration of the rights of Japan's workers. Today, the public observes it as a national holiday, but with none of the huge feasting you'll see on the American holiday.



<https://www.history.com/news/8-thanksgiving-celebrations-around-the-world>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving>

MOTHER TERESA

If you start judging
people you will be
having no time to love
them...



Ephesians 4:1-7

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY

STAR FISH IS OPEN

To provide food for the hungry

Place your unexpired, non-perishable food items
in the bin in the Narthex or

Call Avril at 732-742-8762 if pick up is needed.

For monetary donations:
Make the check payable to **Star Fish**

HELP SOMEONE IN NEED—GIVE!

City of Plainfield—Events: November 2021

Wednesdays 6-7pm Adult Zumba (\$25 for 7 classes)
Cook Elementary School
739 Leland Ave.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11am-12pm Seniors on the Move
Plainfield Performing Arts Center
72 Park Ave., Plainfield

11/5 Annual Gift & Food Basket Program

11/11 10-11am Veterans Day Memorial Service
Black Lives Matter Plaza
515 Watchung Ave., Plainfield

*** NEED HELP BUYING GROCERIES? ***

Check to see if you are eligible for food assistance (SNAP), cash assistance (WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA), and health insurance (NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid). From here you can apply for services or learn about additional resources. Click on this link:
<https://www.njhelps.org/>



THIS IS STEWARDSHIP!

tithes & offering

Worship the Lord in Giving

For if the willingness is
there, the gift is acceptable
according to what one has,
not according to what one
does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:12

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 ~

VETERANS DAY November 11, 2021

Let's help work toward peace, goodwill, justice and understanding

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ... Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. – Romans 13:7–8, 10

Permission received from <https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp>

I never understood the gravity of the words “Thank you for your service” until I began serving as a chaplain at a VA Medical Center about nine years ago. I could never have imagined that God would call me to ministry at the VA. Although several of my family members were/are veterans, their military service was not a big part of our family narrative or my frame of reference. I had generally aligned with a pacifist stance. In fact, I can remember crying as a 9-year-old when Operation Desert Storm formally began. I had not experienced our country being at war before and remember feelings of insecurity, grief and yearning for peace — feelings that I have felt many more times since then as conflicts and wars continue across the globe and our world has not yet fully experienced the peace of God's reign.

Ironically, I have learned much about the soul's deep yearning for God's peace from my work with veterans; in particular, those who have seen combat. Paradoxically, those who have experienced the true cost and moral burdens of war seem to be most qualified to imagine a world without war and to advocate for peace. They are prophets among us.

In reading about the origins of Veterans Day, I was struck that both the president and later Congress noted that American celebrations of the day should honor veterans by working toward peace, justice, goodwill and mutual understanding between nations. We honor our veterans' service and sacrifice when we take this call seriously.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes that Christians should render honor to those due honor and fulfill God's law by loving our neighbor. How might we as

Christians honor and love our neighbors who are veterans not just on Veterans Day but always? I think that we as a Church can do better than just singing patriotic hymns on American holidays or saying, “thank you for your service.”

So how do we, as Christians first but also as American citizens, honor our veterans?

We honor our veterans when we invite them to share their experiences and allow our perspectives to be broadened by the gift of their sharing. Our veterans' experiences are varied and so for some, a thank you is meaningful, while for others it may trigger feelings of pain. We cannot know without creating space. Though



I am not a veteran, when I visit with veterans and hear their stories, I become a part of their lives and they become part of mine. God is present in the loving connection and transformation that results from shared story.

We honor our veterans when we stop taking for granted the freedoms and other benefits afforded to us by our veterans' sacrifices. Since we all benefit from veterans' service, it is appropriate that we also share in holding and accounting for the moral burden that many veterans carry. We honor our veterans when we gather to experience God's healing through community. In this way, we together, veterans and non-veterans, become the body of Christ.

*Rev. Erin Duke McArdel, MDiv., BCC, H/PC,
Palliative Care and Hospice Chaplain, Puget Sound
VA Healthcare System, Seattle*

Let us pray:

Holy and Loving God, we give you thanks for the veterans among us, those living and the saints who have gone before. Thank you for their service and sacrifice. We pray for actively serving members of the uniformed services and ask your protection over them and their families.

Guide us, Lord, as we seek to love our neighbors who are veterans and render them honor. Heal our brokenness and bring us together as your people. And lead us, God, to work together toward the pursuit of your promised reign when nation shall not lift sword against nation, and neither shall we learn war anymore. Amen.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/november-11-2020/>

Prayers for Healing

Remember our sisters and brothers listed below and call them if you are able to. Let us know if there are members who are not on this list.

Emory Dawson
Karen Edmonds
Helen Foerster
O'Harold Hoots
BJ Klikus
Frank Klikus
L. Marsh



Bobett Neil
Marianna Perry
Pat Perry
Gail Stokes
Izaiyah Stokes
Jamie Sweeney

Please send your Prayer requests to the Church Office—
You will be placed on the prayer list



November

- 1 Nneoma Awobue
- 6 Sheila Neil
- 10 Liz Mangan
- 13 James Plummer
- 15 Dorothy Farmer

December

- 10 Macy Robinson
- 13 Javin Scott
- 16 Yetunde Falowo
- 18 Avril Lecky
- 22 Patricia Dawson
- 24 Pat Perry
- 26 Crystal Awobue
- 27 Gabrielle Greene
- 28 Ginni Hansen
- 29 Jennifer Youngsam

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



Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.

Hebrews 10:24-25 GNB

On Saturday October 9th United Presbyterian Church held its first health fair and bazaar in several years. We were blessed to serve approximately 200 community residents and were graced with good weather. The organizations listed below came out in full force and performed or provided much needed services and information. We are grateful to all participating organizations but especially to our partner AristaCare for its continued support, Hackensack Meridian's Laura Lellasmith and Hoboken Family Planning's Nancy Aldeman. A special thank you to Ms. Winnie Neal who continues to be a donor on numerous levels and Ms. Sue Terry who never fails to provide whatever is needed to spice up the event. Without our Church family, this would not have been possible. A special thanks to the committee: Wanda Breitenbach, Ginni Hansen, Liz Mangen, Gail Stokes & Jennifer Youngsam. Many members participated and made the event the success it was. Again, *thank you to all!*

Participating Organizations	Services Provided
AristaCare Norwood Terrace	Advance Directives; Power of Attorney; Advance Life Planning
Hackensack Meridian (JFK)	Blood pressure, Total Cholesterol, Glucose, BMI, Pulse and Stroke Risk Assessment; Pawsitive Action character Dr. Bernard for the children
Union County Mobile Unit	COVID vaccination; COVID Testing
Hoboken Family Planning	Pre Cancer Screening for Prostate/Breast & colon/rectal; Pap smears
El Centro	Immigration info
Community Food Bank/ SNAP-Ed	Nutrition education & services
United Family & Children's Soc.	Mental health information
Maternal and Child Health of Northern NJ	Early Childhood information Maternal/Child program information
IRIS House	HIV information
League of Women Voters	Voter Registration & Info
Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Health insurance

Health Fair & Bazaar



CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

The Widow's Mite

Theme: It isn't the size of the gift that matters.

Object: small coin purse with \$.57 in it.

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44



Each Sunday in our worship service we take an offering. Raise your hand if you think Jesus likes it when we put a

lot of money in the offering plate. (Pause, and then announce the number of votes.) Raise both hands if you think Jesus likes it when you put a little bit of money in the offering plate. (Pause, and then announce the number of votes.)

The Bible says, one day Jesus went to the temple and sat down near the place where the offerings were given. He sat and watched the people as they came by and put in their offerings. Many rich people, dressed in fine robes, came by and put in a lot of money. Then a poor widow came by and put in just two small coins.

Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "This woman has given more than anyone. The others gave out of their wealth, but this woman gave all that she had."

You see, Jesus is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than He is in the size of their gift.

I have a small coin purse. (Pour out the contents, have a child count it, and have the child tell how much there is.) That isn't very much money is it? But it can remind us of a little girl named Hattie and how her gift of 57 cents helped to build a great church.

One Sunday morning, the pastor of a church went outside to find a group of children who were unable to get inside for Sunday school because the building was too crowded. One of those children was six-year-old Hattie. When the pastor saw Hattie, he picked her up and carried her into the Sunday school class where he found her a seat. He told Hattie he hoped that some day the church would be able to build a building large enough for all the children.

Two years later, Hattie died, and the pastor preached at her funeral service. After the service, Hattie's mother handed the pastor a small purse containing 57 cents. She said Hattie had been saving her pennies to help the church build a new Sunday school building. The pastor took the 57 cents back to his church and told the people about Hattie. The people were so inspired by Hattie's gift that they gave faithfully until they built a wonderful, new building – big enough for all the children who wanted to attend.

I'm sure Jesus would say that Hattie gave more than anyone to build this great church. Her heart was pure and she gave all that she had.

Dear Father, everything we have is a gift from You. Help us to remember to give back to You with a cheerful heart. In Jesus' name, amen.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Widows Mite Coloring



Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others."

Mark 12:43

2021 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT
Never too Late!

Your annual Per Capita is \$45.00 and is shared as follows: General Assembly \$8.98, The Synod of the Northeast \$4.10, The Presbytery of Elizabeth \$31.92. 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

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

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

Schedule of 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

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Call the church office at 908-756-2666

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**If you have information that you would like to
share, send them to
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 All Saints Day	2 Election Day	3 Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study	4 7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service	5 World Community Day	6
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME END SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH						
7 10:00am Sunday Sch. Adult Educ. 11am Worship Service In-person & Livestream Communion Service	8	9	10 Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study	11 7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service Veterans day	12	13 12:00pm Thanks- giving Lunch
14 10:00am Sunday Sch. Adult Educ. 11am Worship Service In-person & Livestream Youth Sunday	15	16	17 Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study 7:30pm Session Mtg	18 7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service	19	20
21 10:00am Sunday Sch. Adult Educ. 11am Worship Service In-person & Livestream	22	23	24 Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study	25 7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service THANKSGIVING DAY	26	27
28 11am Worship Service In-person & Livestream Dedication Sunday 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7pm Advent Study Via Zoom	29	30				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study World Aids Day	7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am Sunday Sch. Adult Educ. 11am Worship Service In-person & Livestream 7:00pm Advent Study			Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study	7:00pm Contemporary Worship Service	Human Rights Day	10:00am Administrative Mtg
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00am Sunday Sch. 11am Worship Service In-person & Livestream 7pm Advent Study Christmas Joy Offering			Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study		7:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	NATIVITY OF THE LORD / CHRISTMAS DAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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