

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

February 2025 Newsletter

1825 CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF SERVICE 2025



Allegra Hoots, MDIV

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. As always, I trust God that this message finds you in good health and high spirits, relishing in the joy of the Lord and experiencing the peace of Christ that surpasses human understanding.

This month, February, is marked by significant themes such as Black History Month, which highlights the shared experiences of humanity through the American Black experience. The month also includes Presidents' Day, commemorating former leaders, and Valentine's Day, which focuses on expressing affection for loved ones. These themes encourage us to reflect on various forms of love and appreciation. This reflection extends to considering how teachings from Scripture address concepts of love - encompassing God's love for creation and our response to that love, as demonstrated through our actions toward God and others.

Nowhere in Scripture is God's unconditional, immeasurable, and universal love for humanity expressed more vividly than in John 3:16: "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." This powerful verse also reflects the magnitude of God's sacrifice—selflessness.

Our comprehension of love does not end with understanding God's Love for us. It calls for our response. Jesus, in Matthew 22:37-38, beautifully articulates

John 3:16 Day

For God so loved the world
that He gave
His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish
but have everlasting life.

March 16, 2025

our first and foremost duty: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." Loving God is not just about uttering words but about living a life of devotion, obedience, and heartfelt connection with Him.

However, the commandment does not stop there. Jesus further emphasizes in Matthew 22:39: "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Our experience of God's Love should naturally flow into everything we do, including what we think of and how we treat others. This means embodying kindness, showing patience, and extending compassion to everyone around us, reflecting the love we have received.

Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 acutely depict this love in action: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, is not self-seeking, is not easily angered, and keeps no record of wrongdoings, always hopes, always perseveres." This passage is not just poetic; it challenges us to live out these qualities daily.

As we navigate this month of love, let us be ever-mindful of the Love God has bestowed upon us. May we, in return, let this divine love shine through our actions and interactions, making each of us and the Church of Christ a beacon of light, love, and hope.

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/3jyylpg>)

Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays @ 7:30pm—Via YouTube*
(<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>)



Daily Devotional

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

Sunday School Children & Adults

Children: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10am; 2nd Sunday at 11am

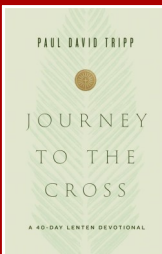
Middle School & High School:] Rooms are on the
Elementary School:] Administration level



Adults meet each Sunday at 10am

Adults: Lind Room
Theme: **'Claiming Identity: Struggle & Faith, How Identity is Formed, and Identity in Christ'**

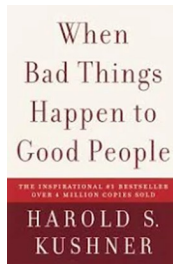
- Call the Church Office for more info -
- Let us know if you need transportation -



Lenten studies begin on March 5th (Ash Wednesday). Our studies will be from the book: **"Journey to the Cross: A 40-Day Lenten Devotional"**. Arthur—Paul David Tripp.



Next book club selection will be **"When Bad Things Happen to Good People"**, a 1981 publication by Harold Kushner, a Conservative rabbi.



Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

February

Date	Time	Event
Black History Month		
2	11:00am	Communion Service & Agape Meal
17		Presidents Day
19	7:30pm	Session Meeting

FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS:
TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:
<http://www.upcplainfield.org/>

March

Date	Time	Event
2		Transfiguration of our Lord
4		Shrove Tuesday
5		Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
	7:30pm	Lent & Lenten Studies Begin
8		International Women's Day
17		St. Patrick's Day
19		Session Meeting



1825—2025

*United Presbyterian Church was created by the merger (1971) of
First Presbyterian and Grant Avenue Churches
United shares the histories of both First Presbyterian and Grant Avenue.*

In the book, **“The History of the First Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, NJ”** authored by Allen E. Beals, the first service on July 10, 1825 was referred to as **“The Lords Supper under the Green Brook Trees”** and was described in the following manner:

“But then it (Green Brook river) broadened out into a pond that served to store up water power for a grist mill now between Watchung Avenue and Somerset Street. This site was surrounded almost entirely by a grove of stately chestnut, oak and elm trees, save for a mossy place where the farmers of the countryside brought their grain to be ground into flour. On Sunday, July 10, 1825, this was the spot where the Presbyterian church in Plainfield first saw the light of day.”

United Presbyterian Church Ministry Lineage

First Presbyterian Church

Hope Chapel/Grant Ave. Church

July 10, 1825--
First Presbyterian
Church of
Plainfield founded

1855-- New church
built for First
Presbyterian Church
of Plainfield

June 6, 1888-- Church
built at 241 East Front
Street for First
Presbyterian Church of
Plainfield

1952--Current Church is
built for First Presbyterian
Church of Plainfield at 525
East Front Street

United (UPC)

July 1, 1971 --the
merger of First
Presbyterian
Church and Grant
Ave. Church
becomes official
and the United
Presbyterian
Church of
Plainfield is BORN

1888-- Hope Chapel
is organized in the
West End of Plainfield

1893-- Control of Hope
Chapel is transferred to
Crescent Ave. Presbyterian
Church

1917-- land is
purchased and on
February 22, 1927 the
cornerstone is laid for
the Grant Ave.
Presbyterian Church

First service at Grant Ave.
Presbyterian Church is held on
June 6, 1927 & on April 22,
1930 Grant Ave. was recognized
as a Church within the
Presbytery of Elizabeth,
becoming independent of
Crescent Ave.

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPC'S HISTORY THROUGH OUT THE YEAR



A GIVING SPIRIT

Pledge Sunday is February 9th

One of the most impactful things we can do as Christians is to give. Giving is the foundation of our faith. It is our response to God's Love, Grace and Mercy in our lives. Pledging and tithing to the church is an investment in lives, mission, and ministry—with amazing returns!

We invite you to bring your 2025 pledge envelope to worship on Pledge Sunday, Feb. 9th, and join in the work of UPC. You may also submit your pledge on our website at <http://upcplainfield.org>. Call the Church Office with questions (908) 756-2666. or email upcplainfield525@gmail.com.

OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION

WORSHIP—Where we gather as the body of Christ and experience God's presence together. This includes our traditional Sunday Service and Contemporary services on Thursday evenings.

PASTORAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP—Reaching out in love to members and those in our local community who are facing challenges.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—We made a promise to guide and nurture our children. Our children grow through Sunday School and leading worship service on Youth Sundays.

MISSION—We show God's love to those in need beyond our church family. Mission educates us and support our families and the community.

EVANGELISM & COMMUNITY OUTREACH—Sharing our messages of hope and love through online worship, social media, our website and newsletter, and community events like flea markets and health fairs. We engage the local community by using our building to host groups in need.

DENOMINATIONAL SUPPORT—We are a part of the Presbyterian Church USA and we support the wider church through our giving and the involvement of our Pastor and Elders. PC(USA), in turn, supports us with Youth Trienniums, special events, and many educational and resource materials.

***The spiritual gift of Giving is generally expressed in three areas of life:
Finances, Time, and Talents.***



January 27th was remembered as international Holocaust Day

The United Nations General Assembly designated January 27—the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau—as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a time to remember the genocide of six million Jewish and other minority victims of the Holocaust by Nazi persecution between 1933 and 1945.

KEY FACTS

1

Six million Jewish people died in the Holocaust.

2

The Nazi German regime systematically murdered Jewish people in gas chambers; mass shooting operations; and through deliberate privation, disease, and brutal treatment.

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The Nazis also targeted other groups for persecution and mass murder. These groups included Soviet POWs, ethnic Poles, Roma, and people with disabilities, among others.



Presidents' Day 2025

February 17, 2025

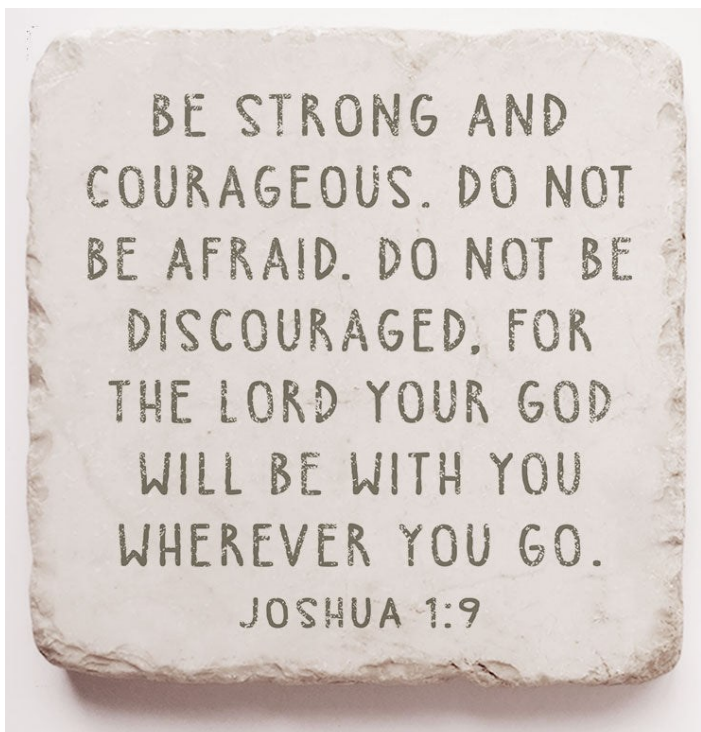


Although the holiday is most often called "Presidents' Day," the observed federal holiday is officially called "**Washington's Birthday.**"

In a sense, calling the holiday Presidents' Day helps us reflect on not just the first president but also our nation's founding, its values, and what Washington calls in his Farewell Address the "beloved Constitution and union, as received from the Founders." Also, Abraham Lincoln's birthday is February 12, so by calling the holiday "Presidents' Day," we can also include another remarkable president in our celebrations.

Today, many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day, just as many U.S. states do.

<https://www.almanac.com/content/when-presidents-day>



AGAPE meal

Wednesday, August 6, 2025
6:30 - 7:30 pm

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

The word, "agape," is the Greek word used in the New Testament for the highest and broadest kind of self-giving Love, the kind of Love that is our source, our true life in this life and our eternal reality. We have no word capable of describing the God who is Love in any language, but agape calls attention to the limitless and overflowing fullness of Divine Love—Love Incarnate, who suffered death on a cross.

An Agape Meal, or "Love Feast" as it is also called, is an ancient tradition of table fellowship. The practice of holy hospitality precedes the Church, going back to the hospitality Abraham showed to his three unknown visitors (Genesis 18). In the early Church, agape meals were a time of fellowship for "People of the Way," as the early Christians were called. The Eucharist, our Christian sacramental celebration instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper, was often a part of these meals, BUT THEY ARE NOT THE SAME THING. Probably between the late 1st century and the mid-3rd century AD, the two feasts became separate. Its use has waxed and waned over the centuries, but "Love Feasts" enjoyed a revival in the 18th century in the Methodist Church with the Wesley brothers, particularly in America, and partly because of a lack of ordained ministers to celebrate Holy Communion in the New World. Such meals seek to strengthen communal bonds and foster a spirit of harmony, goodwill and congeniality. They usually include an opportunity to acknowledge our need for forgiveness. The meal is another way of living out Jesus' mandatum (as in Maundy Thursday) or commandment that we love one another with the same self emptying love, mercy and forgiveness with which he has loved and still loves us.

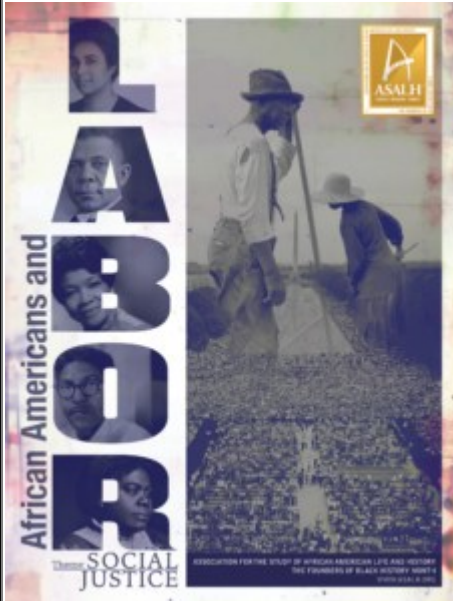
<https://nccumc.org/love-feast/what-is-a-love-feast/>

<https://www.episcopalrochester.org/sites/default/files/files/resources/Agape%20Meal%20Template%20%283%29.pdf>

Black History Month begins

Sat, Feb 1, 2025 – Sat, Mar 1, 2025

2025 - Theme: African Americans and Labor



The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Indeed, work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture. Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized labor’s role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people’s work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. The 2025 Black History Month theme, “African Americans and Labor,” sets out to highlight and celebrate the potent impact of this work.

Africans were brought to the Americas to be enslaved for their knowledge and serve as a workforce, which was superexploited by several European countries and then by the United States government. During enslavement, Black people labored for others, although some Black people were quasi-free and labored for themselves, but operated within a country that did not value Black life. After fighting for their freedom in the Civil War and in the country’s transition from an agricultural based economy to an industrial one, African Americans became sharecroppers, farm laborers, landowners, and then wage earners. Additionally, African Americans’ contributions to the built landscape can be found in every part of the nation as they constructed and designed some of the most iconic examples of architectural heritage in the country, specifically in the South.

The theme, “African Americans and Labor,” intends to encourage broad reflections on intersections between Black people’s work and their workplaces in all their iterations and key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture across time and space and throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. Like religion, social justice movements, and education, studying African Americans’ labor and labor struggles are important organizing foci for new interpretations and reinterpretations of the Black past, present, and future. Such new considerations and reconsiderations are even more significant as the historical forces of racial oppression gather new and renewed strength in the 21st century.

<https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>

SCRIPTURE

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 NIV



Have you considered a bequest to the 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.

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

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

The Gift of Giving

Praise God, this December, we had the joy of donating 50 Christmas gift bags to the residents of AristaCare, an assisted living facility, and Dudley House, a group home. Each bag contained candy and personal hygiene items. Although the contents of the bags were modest, the recipients' heartfelt gratitude mirrored our own thankfulness for the opportunity to give. We were reminded that little things can mean a lot. As it is written in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? I John 3:17

Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund For Higher Education

The Board of Deacons of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield is accepting donations for the Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund for higher education.

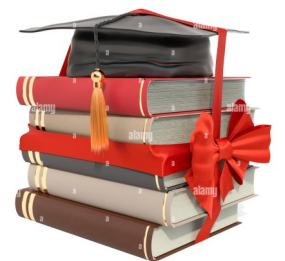
This fund is dedicated to scholarships for any member pursuing an undergraduate degree or working in an undergraduate program which will lead to a specific degree. It may also be used by anyone pursuing a seminary degree.

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. Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund".



Invest in our children's future



Cottage Meetings *outreach opportunity*

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR OR TALK ABOUT THIS YEAR?

Topics may be Christian, spiritual, health related, social, etc.
~Call the Church Office or email upcnews525@gmail.com with your suggestion ~

The early Christians taught the gospel in private homes as well as in larger assemblies (Acts 5:42 and 20:20).

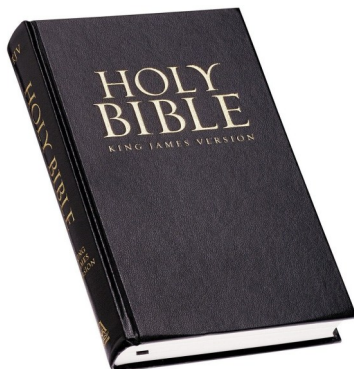
In some towns, private homes served as meeting places for smaller churches (Romans 16:5, 1Corinthians 16:19, Philemon 1:2).

At times, however, when Christians arranged a meeting in a private home, it was not a church, or even "a church within a church". It was simply a private gathering of neighbors, relatives, and friends.

1 Homes Provide Opportunity: Homes are a resource blessing, enabling small churches and Christian households in larger churches, to reach and teach.

2 Co-operating with the church: A "cottage meeting" should mesh with the program of the church proper, and have the blessing (and if necessary the guidance) of the church elders.

3 Advantages of Cottage Meetings: The advantages of "cottage meetings" are many. Go to <https://www.simplybible.com/f440-outre-cottage-meetings.htm> to learn more.



On Preaching

To preach about the Bible
Is to become very liable
To be criticized by a few
Who read as much as you.

To understand the book
You only have to look.
If you find confusion rife,
So indeed is life.

To look but not to see
Is typical of you and me.
It will not let us off the hook,
This strange and wondrous book.

So let the words we hear
Drive out that latent fear,
That to be known is not all bad.
In fact, we should be glad.

We see ourselves in what we read
And so discover that we need
Only preach to our reflection
If we would touch other's imperfection.

*This poem was written by
Rev. Elmer Talcott,
one of our past Interim
Pastors.*

Dear God, please watch over my friend and bring them the healing they need. Let your love and grace surround them, and may they feel your presence through every step of their recovery. Amen.



NOTE:

Remember our brothers and sisters listed. Call or visit if you are able to.

- Emory Dawson
- Helen Foerster
- Amy Grier
- Laura Hady
- O'Harold Hoots
- Frank Klikus
- Liz Mangan
- Winnie Neal
- Errol Neil
- Bobett Neil
- Sheila Neil
- Yvonne Neil
- Marianna Perry
- Pat Perry
- Brenda Rodgers
- Gail Stokes
- Izaiyah Stokes

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



February

- 5 Tania Hemans
- 7 BJ Klikus
- 12 Brenda Rodgers
- 27 Kayode Falowo

March

- 1 Desirae Hemans
- 6 George Hansen
- 16 Wanda Breitenbach
- 17 Rev. Dottie Morris
- 21 Tom Robinson
- 24 Alaric Tate

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: _____

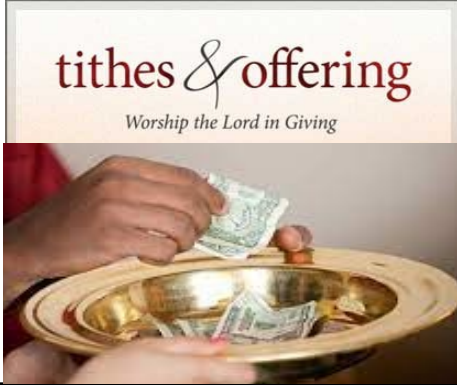
Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

Thank you for your generous support of
The 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 ~

2025 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	Al Tate
March	Daniel Bofah
April	Jean Scott
May	Tania Hemans
June	Avril Lecky
July	
August	
September	JoAnn Edwards
October	Marcia Marsh Hinds
November	Yetunde Falowo
December	

United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

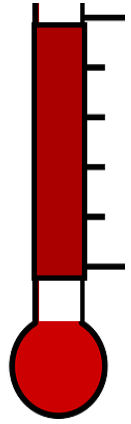
As of 2/1/2025 the total collected is \$14,128.82



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.

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 of our members and friends have provided the funds for our maintenance.

14,128



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. Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Building Fund".

Administration Committee

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Yes, You Can

Theme: If God tells you to do it, you can do it.

Object: Textbook

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10



Do you ever feel like you're just too young or too small to do something? Can anyone think of a time when you might have said, "I just can't do it!" (Pause for responses.) We have all said that at one time or another. Maybe you said it when the coach asked you to play a new position for the first time, or while you were trying to do your homework. (Hold up textbook). We've all found ourselves feeling defeated, saying, "I just can't do it."

Our Bible lesson today is about a man named Jeremiah. One day, God spoke to Jeremiah and said, "Before you were even born, I chose you to be My prophet to all the nations."

Wow, that's a tall order! Can you imagine being chosen by God to speak His words to all the nations of the world?

Jeremiah answered, "I can't! I'm not a good speaker, and besides, I'm too young."

"Don't say 'I can't,' " the LORD answered Jeremiah. "If I tell you to go and speak to someone, then go! And when I tell you what to say, don't leave out a word!" Then the LORD reached out His hand, and touched Jeremiah's mouth and said, "I am giving you the words to say, and I am sending you with authority to speak to the nations for Me."

God called Jeremiah to a monumental task before he was even born. But He wasn't going to leave Jeremiah to do it all on his own. God also promised to give Jeremiah all the words he would need to speak.

Just like God had some mighty big plans for Jeremiah, He also has some pretty big plans for you too. He knows your name. He knew you before you were even born and He has a plan for your life.

There will be times in your life when God will come to you, as He did to Jeremiah, and ask you to do something important for Him. He may call you to do something that feels difficult, or maybe even impossible. You may feel like you're too young, and you might even want to say, "I just can't do it." But when that happens, remember what God said to Jeremiah, "Don't say, 'I can't!' " If God calls you to do something, He will reach out His hand and touch your life to give you the ability to do it.



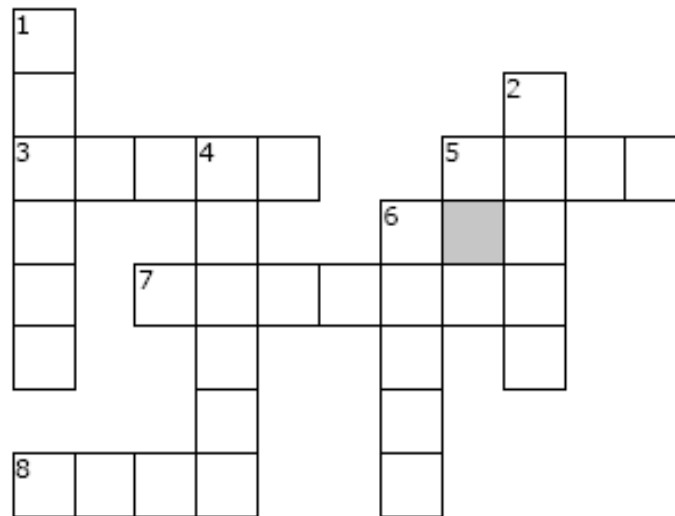
Dear Father, there may be some things in this life that we cannot do on our own. But we know that if You ask us to do something, You will give us the ability to do it if we just trust in You. Amen.



The Call of Jeremiah

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 3. To utter words with the mouth; to talk
- 5. To be brought into life by birth
- 7. A person who speaks for God
- 8. Something said; a remark, or comment

DOWN

- 1. To save or set free
- 2. The body opening through which we take in food
- 4. To be filled with fear
- 6. A very young person

born

speak

child

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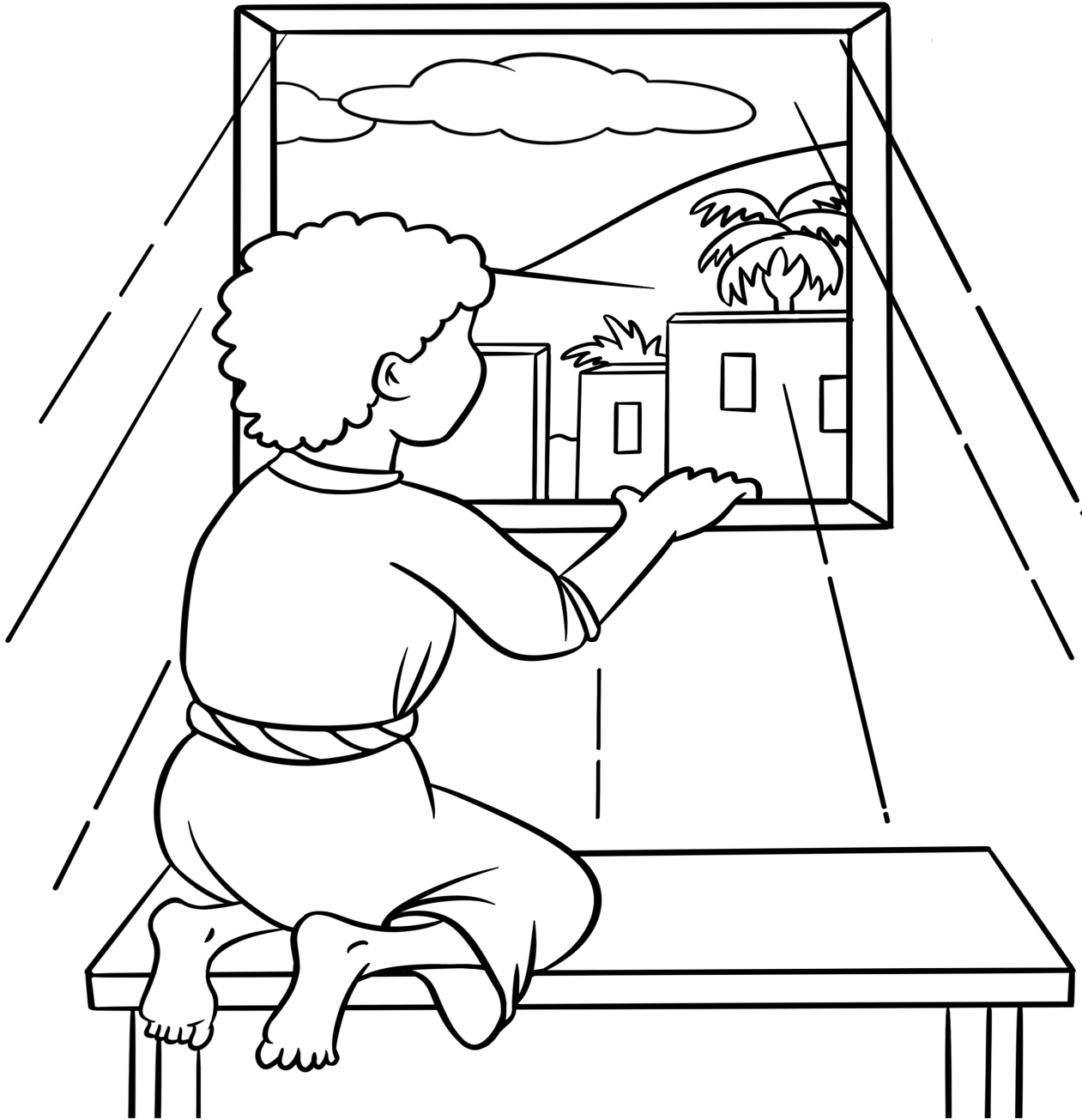
afraid

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The Calling of Jeremiah — Coloring Page



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The Calling of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-8)

“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord (Jeremiah 1:6-8)

The Calling of Jeremiah Bible Coloring Page for Kids



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PLAINFIELD COALITION OF EMERGENCY FOOD PROVIDERS

SOUP KITCHENS/ PREPARED FOOD

St. Mary Church – 516 West Sixth Street: Sundays 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Grace's Kitchen – 600 Cleveland Ave: Last 5 days of the month 11:30 to 1:00 PM

Salvation Army 615 Watchung Avenue: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 12:00-1:00 PM

The Lord's Kitchen 515 West 4th Street: Wednesday & Thursday 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Muslim Community Soup Kitchen 321 Grant Avenue: Saturday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Mt. Olive Baptist Church 216 Liberty Street: 3rd Saturday 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue: Tuesday at 11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRIES

(non-perishable food- may include meat, bread & fresh vegetables)

Covenant United Methodist Church 631 East Front Street: Monday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

The Salvation Army 615 Watchung Avenue: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:30- 11:30AM

SHEELD/Shiloh Food Pantry 515 West 4th Street: 3rd & 4th Saturday 9:00AM - 12:00PM

New Covenant Church 225 East 7th Street: 1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

& Farmers Market 1st Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Joanne Hollis Gardens Community Center - 543 W. Third St:

3rd Thursday (10:00 - 4:00 PM) (lunch break 12 PM to 1 PM)

Church of the Living God 434 E. 4th Street: 3rd Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Community Church of God 417 West 6th Street: 3rd Saturday 8:30 - 10:30 AM

El Centro Hispano Americano 525 East Front Street: Tuesday 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Bianca Flowers, Inc. 145 Park Avenue: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday 10:00 AM - 12 Noon

Greater Refuge Church of Christ 600 Grant Avenue: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Plainfield YMCA Food Security Project Lot 7 near Scott Drugs:

Second and Fourth Thursday - 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church - Bag lunches every weekday, except Tuesdays
from 10am - 10:30am

Meals on Wheels

If you are in need of a home delivered meal and reside in Union County, you may be eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- 60 years or older -
- Unable to shop for yourself
- Unable to prepare a meal for yourself

Please call Meals on Wheels at 908-486-5100. You must provide your name, address, phone number and date of birth in order to process your request.

JOIN MEMBERS OF UPC AND THE COMMUNITY
NOW THROUGH MARCH AT 11AM HERE AT 525
E. FRONT ST., FRIENDSHIP HALL FOR:

YOGA—MONDAYS & WEDNESDAY
CARDIO—TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
COMMUNITY FILM SCREENINGS
CELEBRATING LOCAL HEROES

The Division of Parks and Recreation is proud to present two special community screenings: *The Six Triple Eight*, honoring the heroism of African American women serving in the armed forces during World War II, and *Black Wings*, the story of courageous and history-making exploit of Black aviators from the early days of flight to the present.




The Six Triple Eight: Tuesday, Feb. 11
Black Wings: Tuesday, Feb. 18

Film screenings begin at 6:00 PM
Anne Louise Davis Room
Plainfield Public Library
800 Park Avenue Plainfield, NJ 07062

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (908) 753-3097
DON'T MISS OUT ON PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS!
JOIN OUR MAILING LIST BY REGISTERING FOR COMMUNITY PASS
[HTTP://REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/PLAINFIELD](http://register.communitypass.net/plainfield)

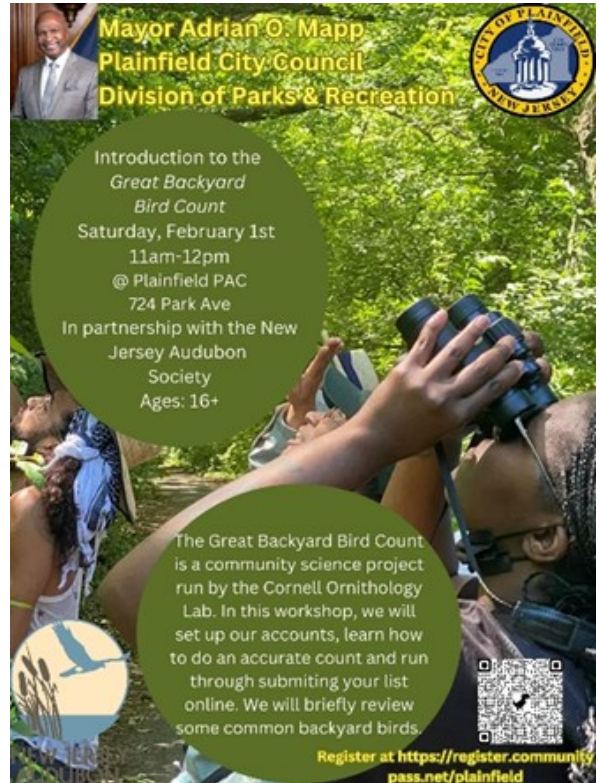


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Plainfield City Council
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Introduction to the
Great Backyard Bird Count
Saturday, February 1st
11am-12pm
@ Plainfield PAC
724 Park Ave
In partnership with the New Jersey Audubon Society
Ages: 16+

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a community science project run by the Cornell Ornithology Lab. In this workshop, we will set up our accounts, learn how to do an accurate count and run through submitting your list online. We will briefly review some common backyard birds.



Register at <https://register.communitypass.net/plainfield>



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PLAINFIELD SKATES!

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
PRESIDENT'S DAY ON THE ICE!

TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO THE
FIRST 100 REGISTERED
PLAINFIELD RESIDENTS ONLY

MARK THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 17TH, 2025

Time: 10am - 12pm

LOCATION: WARINANCO
SPORTS COMPLEX
1 Park Drive, Roselle, NJ
07203

TICKET PRICE: FREE
BUT REGISTRATION
REQUIRED
*Skates included




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or call the office at (908) - 753 - 3097

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Baseball

Sign-Up

Tee-Ball Ages 5-7 Minor Leaguers Ages 8-10

For Plainfield Residents Only \$25 Registration Fee

Registration Deadline March 14, 2025

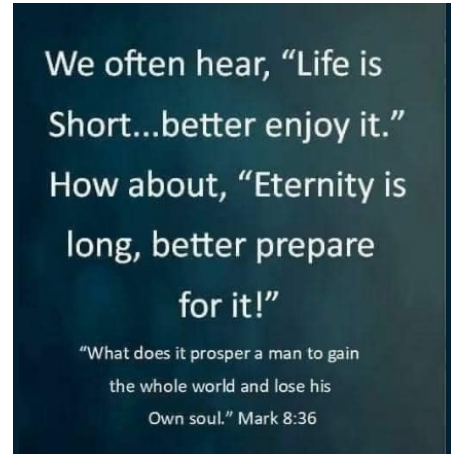
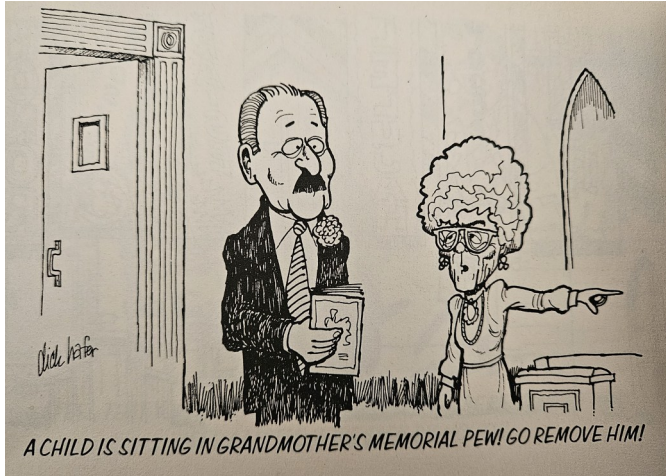
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COACHES NEEDED



Important:

Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month. Leave your news in the Church Office or email it to upcnews525@gmail.com. **Have information that you would like to share? A poem? A prayer request? A new child/grandchild? Send it!**



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Pastor Allegra Hoots

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Operations Coordinator: Mr. Davaughn Hoots
Custodian: Mr. Charles Rivers

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By Appointment

Please call the Church Office for an Appointment or to contact the Pastor

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-12pm

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February 2025

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