

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us for a cup of coffee and a snack in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Pick up a copy of ***The UPBeat***, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.

Call the church office at 715-392-4751.



Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

Our entire campus is wheelchair accessible.

We have large print bulletins.

We have hearing assistance devices.

There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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December 29th, 10:00 a.m.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* INTROIT *Hark, The Herald Angels Sing* #119

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 22)

One: God, you created and formed us in our mother's wombs.

All: You hold us tightly to your chest, keeping us safe.

One: Since we have been born, you God are the one we call holy.

All: In the midst of this congregation we praise you!

One: Though many are poor materially, they shall eat and be satisfied.

All: All the ends of the earth shall remember your good deeds and turn to you, our God!

*HYMN *Once in Royal David's City* #140

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who was born, sometimes we celebrate some things at the exclusion of others. This has happened in the church far too often. We look for you at work only in specific places and people. Sometimes, we recognize and celebrate the contributions of the young and exclude the contributions of the old. You tell us the exclusion or overlooking of any group based on age is a sin. We celebrate the ways in which you are working in all people of every age here at UPC. Remind us of those ways often and help us celebrate your work in your people. Forgive us, great God, so that we may honor and glorify You. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, though sometimes we miss what God is doing in the lives of people. God's promises hold true. Though our sins are like scarlet, God promises to wash them white as snow. God is on our side at work in our lives. Witness the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/29

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Volleyball

*Happy Birthday – Christy Willmore
Creede McClellan*

MONDAY 12/30

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

TUESDAY 12/31

WEDNESDAY 1/1

4:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

4:00-6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-Up

*Happy Birthday – Sara Miles
Elizabeth Schlacks Lafrate*

THURSDAY 1/2

4:30 p.m. CYF

5:30 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Comm. Meeting

FRIDAY 1/3

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

*Happy Birthday – Emily Lanigan
Dominic Okash*

SATURDAY 1/4

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

4:00 p.m. Snowtubing at Mont Du Lac followed by pizza at Hugo's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLLEYBALL - SUNDAYS 6:00-7:30 P.M. - UPC GYM

Join us every Sunday for some fun! Everyone welcome.

SOCCKER LEAGUE - Join us every Tuesday starting Nov. 5th

Ages 2-3 - 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Ages 8-10 - 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Ages 4-5 - 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Ages 11-12 - 7:15-8:00 p.m.

Ages 6-7 - 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Call 218-590-8475



THINKING ABOUT A MISSION TRIP?

Have you ever thought about a mission trip? Here's a great opportunity to Volunteer to Assist Lafayette Louisiana Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Work trip - Feb. 15-23, 2020. Lafayette experienced extensive flooding in 2016 followed by more damage from hurricane Barry this last summer. They are looking for 25 volunteers for this needed and very rewarding experience! Registration is due by December 31, 2019. For more information about this, contact Pastor Brett.

SNOW TUBING AT MONT DU LAC - JANUARY 4TH

Bring the whole family snow tubing at Mont du Lac from 4-6:30p.m.! After tubing, we will gather for food at Hugo's. Cost \$10/person. Subsidized by UPC, that covers tubing & dinner. Contact Christy Willmore to get signed up.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 5 - Take down the church decorations (following worship)

January 8 - 6:30 p.m. OFFBEATS meet at home of Jen Willoughby

January 15 - Annual kitchen clean-up 9:30 a.m.

January 19 - Annual Congregational Meeting (following worship)

January 24 & 25 - Leadership Retreat at Camp Amnicon

January 26 - Service Sunday

A Christmas Baby!

John and Mary Voss are proud to announce the birth of their new granddaughter. Her name is Jazmina Mulan Voss. What a great Christmas Present born at 05:13 on 25 December 2019. Small little thing weighing in at 6lbs 1.9oz. Mom and baby are doing well. Thanks be to God for this blessing. We are so thankful that Christopher made it back to Florida from Japan to help Jyldyz through the process and witness the birth. The rose on the Table is in honor of Jazmina.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words,
"The peace of Christ be with you."

***RESPONSE**

Go, Tell It On The Mountain!

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is Born!**

(#136, refrain only)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Brett Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Creede McClellan

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

SERMON

**"Simeon And Anna : The Birth & Hope"
Rev. Brett Foote**

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:25-32, 36-38

HYMN

What Child Is This

#145

OFFERING

Moment for Mission & Stewardship

Eric Schlacks

Offertory

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of all, let us offer our gifts to the church as You do to us, freely and abundantly. Bless these tithes, offerings, and commitments. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that the Twin Ports may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in

heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory #307 (vs 1,2.4)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in the back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

LUKE 2:25-32, 36-38

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.