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COME



GROW

With us!

Sunday, September 10
We will kick-off a new
Sunday School year.
More details on each class/
event inside.

9:00 am Sunday Education Hour

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet
Sewing Room

Journey Through the Bible
Heritage Room

*Children 3+ are welcome to join us upstairs in the Sunday school rooms for activities and the nursery will be available.

10:00 am –Children's Class

WHIRL Sunday School
Children 3 years – 6th grade

VIVID

4 pm
All ages welcome!

Youth Group Parents Meeting

5:30 pm

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September Calendar

Church Leadership**Session****Laurie Hartshorn, Clerk of Session****Class of 2017**

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Class of 2018

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Linda Kelley

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Rich Helm

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Mark Hanson & Christy Tharenos

Kathy Nordvall

Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower the church.

Interested in joining United Presbyterian Church?
Contact a pastor or visit our website at: www.unitedpc.org.

Worship & Arts

The worshippers at United Presbyterian Church are its ministers.

The program staff who are called to support them are:

This blurb is one that is in every bulletin right before the names of staff are listed. I love this statement because it reinforces the priesthood of all believers. As a programming staff, we are at our best when our work props up the work of the congregation. We are called to serve the local parish, their needs, their desires, and their visions.

Often times congregations run into the problem of relying too heavily on their staff. They wait for the staff to have leadership roles in all church activities, or they only volunteer for things when they are harassed repeatedly. The work of the church becomes synonymous with the work of the staff.

I don't think this is the issue at UPC, but I know we can do better as a congregation to fully embody the role as ministers to one another and the community of Peoria. You, reading this article, are a minister. You have been called to service. You have been called to love your sisters and brothers of UPC, to share in the journey of faith, to be a witness to the love of Christ, and to be guided by the Holy Spirit to bring life and wholeness to the relationships and places where you find yourself.

One of the ministries at UPC is to provide two worship services a month at Independence Village, an independent living facility near the church. With the loss of a pastor, we recently had to drop down to offering one worship service a month. Two men in the congregation, who volunteer every service at Independence Village, decided to remedy this problem by taking it upon themselves to lead that extra service. They got someone living at Independence Village to help them with the service and they asked Rick Noetzel to provide music for them. These men saw a need and they connected their passion of helping this community with a practical effort to fill this need. Their passion directed them to action.

This story is an example of congregants living into their identity as the priesthood of all believers. They are the ministers in this situation.

I encourage you to look deep into what your passions are. Where is God tugging at you? What makes you so excited where you find yourself continually revisiting it in your mind?

The church is at its best when everyone in it can claim their passions and connect it with the life of the church; ministering as the priesthood of all believers.

Aaron Schultz

Music Rehearsals are Starting back up...

We will begin our regular music rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, September 6th. If you are a returning member, I look forward to seeing you at rehearsal again. If you are new to the worship ministry, I invite you to attend any of the rehearsals that interest you to see if it is something you would like to commit to. For any questions about the groups, consult the church website under the music section (<http://unitedpc.org/worship/music/>) or email me (aschultz@unitedpc.org). Child care can also be arranged during these rehearsals.

Handbell Choir: Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15 pm (rehearsal is in choir room)

Worship Band: Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 pm (rehearsal is in sanctuary)

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30 pm (rehearsal is in choir room)

Hymns and Hops

Hymns and Hops will start back up on Sunday, September 24th from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Fox Pub in Peoria. During this gathering we sing favorite hymns together, visit and talk with folks from our church and other local churches, and of course enjoy beer and other choice beverages from the bar. It is a lively gathering and we hope you can be a part of it. There is no sign-up or RSVP required.

Jericho Brass to Return

Jericho Brass, a local musical ensemble, will be leading the music in worship on Sunday, September 17th. Their brass ensemble will lead congregational hymns, play songs during pre-service, and a vocal trio will lead a special song during offertory.

Christian Education

Children's Sunday School

WHIRL!

After Time with Young Disciples in worship Upstairs Sunday school rooms

We are taking a new spin on Sunday school. Whirl is a scripture-based Sunday school with engaging lessons and animations that help kids relate the Bible to their lives.

There are 3 classes:

PreK – Kindergarten

1st -2nd grade

3rd -6th grade

Children in PreK – 2nd grade will meet in the main Sunday school room to watch our weekly video that introduces the lesson and then split into 2 smaller groups for age appropriate activities. Children 3rd grade – 6th grade will meet in the JUMP START classroom for a video geared toward their age and activities. Parents can pick up in the rooms after worship.

Adult Sunday School

9:00 am Sunday Education Hour

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet Sewing Room

Everyone is welcome as we explore Adam Hamilton's study that explores the sites of Moses' life from the Nile River to the Red Sea, from Mt. Sinai to the wilderness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton will guide us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who blazed a trail of faith.

Journey through the Bible

Heritage Room

This Bible Study group is dedicated to growing in knowledge of God through what is revealed in the Bible, and is led by Don Baker and others. We interpret the stories for their relevance then, and seek to understand their relevance for today. Each participant receives a workbook. Bring your Bible, or use one of ours. We hope you join us.

**Children 3+ are welcome to join us upstairs in the Sunday school rooms for activities and the nursery will be available during the 9:00 am classes.

Connecting Point

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Connecting Point will not return this fall. We are currently re-tooling and looking at new ideas to serve UPC. We are so grateful for The Randall and Nordvall family for providing us meals each night for years, but they have decided to step down for some well-deserved rest. Choir and Worship Band members can feel free to bring their own dinner in and use the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights.

VIVID



VIVID

Sunday, September 10

(Note that this is a 2nd Sunday instead of 1st due to Labor Day weekend)

4:00 pm

September VIVID is all about The Lord's Prayer. We will explore through song, art, object lesson and more to help understand and learn The Lord's Prayer. Bring friends and join us for this one-of-a-kind, all ages experience. Dinner will be Jason's Deli pasta bar.

Youth Groups

JUMP START – a youth group for ages 8-11 that meets 2nd Sundays in Fellowship Hall from 2:00 – 3:15 pm. Each night is themed with a lesson and crazy games to create bonds with each other and with God. We hope to move to twice a month in the new year.

RUSH – a youth group for ages 12-15 that meets 3rd and 4th Sundays from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the youth room.

QUEST – a youth group for ages 16+ that meets 3rd and 4th Sundays from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the youth room.

RUSH & QUEST SERVICE SUNDAYS – 2nd Sunday of the month the groups will meet together from 3:30 – 5:30 pm to work on their long-range service project or we will have UPC members sharing their gifts with them and teaching. Some things they may be learning this year are: cooking a simple meal, changing oil or tire, yoga, painting and more.

****RUSH & QUEST** will not meet 4th Sundays in November and December due to a pancake supper fundraiser and Christmas.

RUSH & QUEST Parents Meeting
Sunday, September 10
5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us for VIVID at 4:00 pm or dinner at 5:00 pm and the meeting will follow at 5:30 pm. We will discuss plans for this year, fundraisers, mission trip and more.

Jump Start
Chocolate Night!
Sunday, September 17

Note:
This is the 3RD Sunday Due to Vivid on the 2ND 2:00-3:15 pm
 Come ready to get messy with some chocolate themed games. We will play chocolate unicorn, pudding Pictionary, chocolate face plant and more!

RUSH
Sundays, September 17 & 24
3:30 – 5:00 pm
 Games & Devotions

QUEST
Sundays, September 17 & 24
5:00 – 6:30 pm
 Devotions & Discussion

JUMP START, RUSH & QUEST – Mark your calendars for the BIG BARN BASH Sunday, October 8

News and Notes

As we wait for the next pastor God is preparing to call to UPC, we want to make sure your needs are being met. If you have a pastoral care concern please let Kirsten Tharp know. Kirsten is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Outside office hours, please contact her by phone at 309-645-3535 or by email at kirstenrn@unitedpc.org.

Member care has been approached regarding the development of an updated directory. Member Care has decided to produce a non-pictorial directory. They will be ready Sunday, September 3rd at the welcome center. Please sign the sheet that you picked one up next to the directories.

Prayer requests maybe called into the office at anytime and will be forwarded onto the prayer chain. If you have been on the email prayer chain, please double check with Trish that you are still on it. Her computer had an issue and she lost 2 years of email information. Thank you for your help.

Dining Tour Books are once again available in the church office for \$30.00. \$10.00 goes to the purchase of supplies for the Share the Warmth ministry. Call or stop by today to pick up your book. There are many new restaurants this year.

Church Life

Fall Bus Trip

A wonderful bus trip will be offered this fall to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, IL on Saturday, September 16th. The bus will depart from the church at 8:00 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Bus cost is \$10.00 and can be prepaid in the church office. Museum cost is: Adults \$15.00 and Seniors 62+ \$12.00, Children 5-15 \$6.00. Museum tickets can be purchased at the door. Café Moxo (a 5 minute walk from the museum) or Subway in the museum are options for lunch on your own. Contact the church office today and sign up and prepay for the bus.

Eating Together

Men's Breakfast: September 14th, at Le Peep, 9:00 am

Ladies Night Out: Sept. 21, 6:00 pm., Jubilee Café in Kickapoo. RSVP to Eunice at 688-8458 or Betty at 822-8500. Come early and visit.

BUNCO

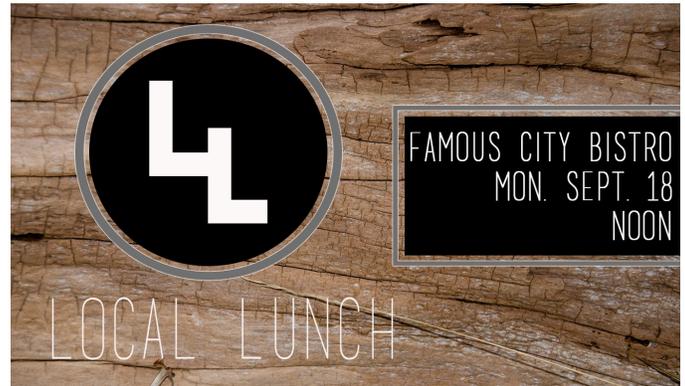
BUNCO will resume on Friday, September 8th at 7:00 pm. Bring \$1.00 and a snack. The \$1.00 helps with prizes and the snack is to share. Invite friends for a fun filled evening. RSVP Eunice Andrews at 688-8458 or Betty Pugh at 822-8500.

Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot will resume October 6th due to the Labor Day Holiday. No reservations needed. Come prepared to play.

Hiking Group

The next gathering of the UPC Hiking Group will be Saturday morning, September 9 at 8:00 am. We will be walking the Rock Island Trail starting from the main parking lot on Alta Road. Breakfast, for those that can stay, will follow at The Last Chance just about 1 block from the parking lot for the trail. Our walk will be approximately 2 miles long. We always have a great time and would love for you to join us. Everyone is welcome.



Anna Circle

Anna Circle will resume meeting on Thursday, September 14th, at 6:00 pm at Weaver Ridge. The lesson will be Chapter 1, *The Girl's Still Got It* (study guide in back of book). Mission will be Share the Warmth Blanket Ministry. Our next work day is Saturday, September 23rd, at 9:30 am.

Mission

Tai Chi Donation

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of USA has donated a check in the amount of \$586.25 for use of the building for their classes. They also donated 149 food items to the church food pantry. Thank you for your generous donations.

Nature Connections

Nature Connections 2nd Photo Contest

Have you enjoyed God's beauty and nature on our wonderful campus or taken any pictures of that beauty? Nature Connections will have the 2nd Annual Photo Contest this year. You still have lots of opportunities to take pictures in the months ahead. Get those cameras out! More details will follow in future Chimes.

Health and Wellness

SUICIDE...

You might be tempted to stop reading, but please, DON'T STOP READING:

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15-29 year olds
- Close to 800,000 people die due to suicide every year
- For every suicide there are many more people who attempt suicide every year
- Every suicide is a tragedy that affects families, communities and has long-lasting effects on the people left behind.
- While the link between suicide and mental disorders (in particular, depression and alcohol use disorders) is well established, many suicides happen impulsively in moments of crisis with a breakdown in the ability to deal with life stresses, such as financial problems, relationship break-up or chronic pain and illness.
- Experiencing conflict, disaster, violence, abuse, or loss and a sense of isolation are strongly associated with suicidal behavior.
- Suicide rates are high among vulnerable groups who experience discrimination, such as refugees and migrants; indigenous peoples; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex (LGBTI) persons; and prisoners.
- Suicide is a serious public health problem.

September 10, is World Suicide Prevention Day. On this date, you are invited to join all faith communities across the nation to pray for those whose lives have been touched by suicide. Pray that those struggling have a voice. Pray that those struggling can grow in faith and find hope. Pledge to be aware of those around you who are struggling with any of life's challenges. Pray especially for those who have been affected in any way by suicide. Pray for those experiencing feelings of hopelessness that they may find love and care.

STILL READING? You are already affecting change. Awareness is a key. I challenge you to use September 10 as a starting point. Continue to keep those with physical health concerns in your daily prayers, but add those with mental health concerns, too. Prayer is an easy way to help and an easy place to start. It's time to break the silence around suicide and help all who struggle.

Kirsten Tharp RN, BSN
Parish Nurse

Source: www.who.int

Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, October 2 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Sign-ups are available online at www.redcross.org or by calling the church office. Sign up today to help save a life!

Member Care

We pray for the healing hand of God be upon our friends in need of healing:

Bill Rice, Debra Kutter, Debbie Sullivan, Marlene Boeker, Alan Lonn, Mary Buesing, Larry Stotts, Julie Mill, Jaxson Harper, Midge Hillard, Sharon Gulley, and Marilyn Umdenstock.

Thanks

The Rummage Sale Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the 2017 sale. Everything ran smoothly from setup to cleanup because of your hard work and dedication to service.

Carol Kamrath
Charlotte Cronin
Nancy and Terry Thompson

Stephen Ministry

Why is Stephen Ministry important?

First, it helps the congregation and the ministry of that congregation. We are now in the process of calling a new minister, and I think a selling point for our church is to have a strong program in place. Having Stephen Ministry says that we are a caring congregation who believes that we are all ministers and follow Christ's lead. As I stated, a person in the church needs to feel loved and cared for and it doesn't necessarily have to be the minister. Since we have only one ministry position in our church, it is now more important than ever that our Stephen Ministry remain strong.

Second, it helps people who are in a crisis. While we tend to think of crisis times as being bad news, it doesn't necessarily have to be. Any life change can bring about a crisis for people. Death of a spouse or close loved one can be a crisis situation. Losing a home to weather or fire can be a crisis. But taking on a new job or feeling overwhelmed by the birth of a new baby can also be a crisis. People undergoing crisis need ongoing help in order to cope. They need to see the love of Jesus shown in the face of another.

Finally, being a Stephen Minister helps deepen your faith. In training, you learn to listen, to pray with another, and to be assertive in order to help another cope with a crisis. When I went to Leader Training, I didn't know what to expect. The first night we were assigned a prayer partner, and were told to meet daily to pray for one another. That was something I had never done before. But the experience deepened my prayer life and to share Christ's love with another.

We currently have an active Stephen Ministry, but for it to remain active, we need more volunteers. Therefore, we are starting a new training class this fall. Please step out in boldness and commit yourself to being a Stephen Minister. If you don't feel that is your talent or calling, pray for the continued success of our Stephen Ministry program.

Thanks

Dear UPC Friends,

My Mother and I would like to express our deep appreciation for the calls, cards, visits, and memorial gifts received during Dad's final days and after his passing. Special thanks to Trish Deppermann, Kirsten Tharp for her visits with Mom at home and with Dad at Riverview, Floyd Boeker and Jim for serving as pallbearers, and Dr. Saxon for a lovely funeral service that celebrated Dad's life rather than mourn his passing.

While he is no longer physically with us, we rejoice that his faith never wavered and his long struggle is over. We take comfort knowing that he is with us always in our hearts and memories.

Sincerely,

Cheryl and Carolyn Gnepper

Dear Friends at UPC,

Thank you all so very much for the cards and support I've received since my recent surgery. Also, the rose I received while in the hospital was beautiful! Your concern, warm thoughts and support have meant so much. You're an awesome group of people. I appreciate you all so much. Thanks again.

Debbie Sullivan

Dear Friends, Thank you for all your prayers, cards and get-well wishes after my recent hand surgery. Thanks to antibiotics and my daughter's good care, it is healing well now, and my left hand is scheduled for August 24th. You are a blessings! God's blessings to you.

Sincerely,

Audrey Beeney

Dear UPC Members,

Thank you so much for the placemat and cup with the tea bags and candy. A very special thank you to the children who decorated them. They did a beautiful job. Thank you again for remembering me.

God Bless You,

Bertha Mueller

I want to thank the church for the beautiful rose. It brightened my ten day hospital stay and reminded me of my friends at UPC.

Alan Lonn

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>September 2017</h1>					1	2
3 Communion Blood Pressure Screening 10:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 First Day of Preschool 9:30 PASG General Meeting 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	6 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Worship Band 7:15 Choir	7 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement	8 7:00 Bunco	9 8:00 Hiking Group
10 9:00 Adult Education 10:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Worship & the Arts 11:15 Christian Ed 11:15 Mission 4:00 VIVID 5:30 Youth Parents Meeting	11 8:30 Exercise 5:30 Member Care 6:00 Tai Chi 6:00 Foundation 6:30 Properties 6:30 Church Life	12 9:00 PASG Board 10:00 Independence Village 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:00 Human Resources 6:00 Hospitality and Growth 6:30 Stewardship 6:30 Families Anonymous	13 11:30 PEO BX 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:00 Nature Connections 6:15 Worship Band 7:00 Preschool 7:15 Choir	14 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Men's Breakfast @ LePeep 11:30 PASGDS 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:00 Anna Circle @ WeaverRidge	15 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	16 8:00 Springfield Bus Trip 4:30 Murray/Ritthaler Wedding
17 9:00 Adult Education 10:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 2:00 Jump Start 3:30 RUSH 4:00 Sports Event 5:00 QUEST	18 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Local Lunch @ River City Bistrot 6:00 Tai Chi	19 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous 7:00 Session	20 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Worship Band 7:15 Choir	21 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:00 Ladies Night Out @ Jubilee Cafe	22	23 9:30 Share the Warmth
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Preschool Schedule
 Monday– Friday 7:00 am Precare
 Monday-Friday 8:30 am Preschool
 Monday-Thursday 8:45 am Toddlers
 Monday-Friday 3:30 pm Aftercare