

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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Communion Sunday

January 5, 2020

10:00 a.m.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* INTROIT *Come Live in the Light* #749

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 23)

One: O Lord, you are our shepherd, we shall not want.

All: You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside still waters.

One: You, O God, restore our souls.

All: Lead us in the right paths for our lives, for your name's sake, God.

One: Even though we walk through the darkest valleys, we will fear no evil;

All: You are with us. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives.

*HYMN *In the Bleak Midwinter* #144

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God, forgive us for failing. Forgive us in advance for all of the resolutions to you and ourselves that we will make but will not keep. Forgive us for believing that these resolutions will make us any more worthy of your grace. Forgive us for thinking our waistlines or a new and better "me" make us more deserving of your love. We adore you God because your grace and love are free for all people, including us just as we are. In the name of the one who cares, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, as people going into a new year many of us are going to make resolutions and set goals. We are going to meet some of them, and others, not so much. Setting goals and making resolutions isn't a bad thing. As long as the resolutions are healthy, and understood as such, it is a part of our growing closer to God. We strive to be more like who God made us to be, holy. However, the truth in life and in Scripture is that God loves us as we are, right now, despite any perceived imperfections. The good news of the gospel is: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection....

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 1/5

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Take Down Christmas Decorations

11:30 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Volleyball and Boy Scouts

MONDAY 1/6

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

TUESDAY 1/7

4:30 p.m. Soccer

*Happy Birthday – Barb Granquist
Monica Lenihan*

WEDNESDAY 1/8

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

4:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

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

6:30 p.m. OffBeats (Jen Willoughby's Home)

Happy Birthday – Deborah Schlacks

THURSDAY 1/9

6:00 p.m. Scouts

FRIDAY 1/10

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Elda Hanson (Gym/Kitchen Reserved)

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Happy Birthday – Bob McClellan

SATURDAY 1/11

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Elda Hanson (Gym/Kitchen Reserved)

LOST AND FOUND

Be sure to check the box in the back of the church for missing items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us every Sunday for some fun! Everyone welcome.

SOCCER 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



ANNUAL KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

We will be having our annual kitchen clean-up on January 15th at 9:30a.m. We welcome anyone who would like to help!

THE ANDERSON FAMILY

The Anderson family would like to thank the congregation for the kind gift.

"We feel so welcome here and appreciate it so much."

Dustin, Danielle, Josiah and Jamin Anderson

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be having our annual congregation meeting on January 19th following worship. Business will include a review of the approved 2020 ministry budget, a review and vote on the pastor's terms of call, and the election of officers. It is important for all members to be present at the meeting following worship as they are able.

CYF MINISTRY EVENT!

Join us Friday, January 17 from 5-8 p.m. All ages welcome! We will begin with a spaghetti dinner at 5:00 p.m. Then, take your pick of hands on projects! Several church members will be leading crafts for you to try! If small construction is your thing, help build bag boards we will use at future bags tournaments. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/craft-construction> or on the sheet in the Narthex.

SUNDAY SERVICE

On January 26th we will be packing kits for people affected by homelessness during worship. All the materials will be provided for you, just show up as you are. This will be a tangible way for us here at UPC to care for our community.

***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

Christy Willmore

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deborah Schlacks

Old Testament Reading

Kings 3:5-14

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Who Would Send A Baby?"

Jane Wester

SERMON "Resolutions: Parenting Mishaps"

Rev. Brett Foote

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:41-52

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of Belhar (Abridged)**

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

OFFERING

Moment for Mission & Stewardship

Offertory

Alex Sandor

* DEDICATION OF GIFTS

*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 who loves us as we are, 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn “#507 Come to the Table of Grace” (1,2,3) (please remain seated)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in Your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from You, You remained ever faithful. You taught Your disciple’s to pray by saying...

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, and the glory and the power, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age or church affiliation. We use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic juice so that all may partake. Please come forward down the center aisle. Eat and drink as you are served. Return by a side aisle. If you prefer not to come forward, a server will be happy to bring the elements to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ’s presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

***CLOSING HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory #307 (vs 1,3,4)**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

THE LORD’S SUPPER is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

KINGS 3:5-14

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

LUKE 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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.