



Guided by the Word of God, led by the Holy Spirit, and motivated by the love of Christ and all his people, United Presbyterian Church, an intergenerational community, celebrates God's glory by fostering Christian growth.

Therefore, we value fellowship, Bible-centered messages, music, and faith expressed through worship, and commitment to our community.



Dear UPC Members and Friends,

On July 9th members of the congregation will vote on the pastor the pastor nominating committee (PNC) has selected after much deliberation and spiritual discernment. You will receive information about the nomination and will be able to raise any questions or concerns of the PNC before the congregational meeting. In the Presbyterian Church congregations elect their leaders- both elders and ministers. I want to urge you to be present at the meeting following worship on July 9th.

It is an exciting time for UPC. It must have seemed like an awful long period from the time your previous pastor resigned and now, but it is much shorter than most interim periods. I want to congratulate the session and the PNC for their hard work and their trust in God and the process. The PNC has worked very steadily discerning dozens of candidates. The session has also worked very faithfully to help UPC move


forward in its mission and ministry. In other words, your leaders did not sit on their laurels to just wait for the new pastor. Much good has been done!

As for me, my last Sunday will be July 23. If approved your pastor will start in August. I have accepted a call to serve as the pastor for two small congregations in Dallas starting in August. I have dearly loved my time with you. I have felt so very loved and valued as your pastor. You have truly been a gift to me. I will thank God for you always. You have so much to offer anyone looking for a community of faith. Your love and acceptance of people is your greatest asset. I will miss you all very much.

With much love and hope,

Pastor Paul

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 COMMUNION Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person O/C Rachel Lancaster	3	4 Office closed 	5 5 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm Hand- bells	6 8:30 am Bread Ministry 3-4 pm Chair Yoga 4:30-5:30 pm Yoga	7 Office closed	8
9 NOSIY OFFERING Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person O/C Kathy Hogue	10 5:30 pm S&F	11	12 5 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	13 8:30 am Bread Ministry 3-4 pm Chair Yoga 4:30-5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm Outreach	14 Office closed	15 9am-12pm Rutherford family
16 GOODLAND Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person O/C Cynthia Pitts	17	18	19 5 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	20 8:30 am Bread Ministry 3-4 pm Chair Yoga 4:30-5:30 pm Yoga	21 Office closed 6pm—8 pm Children's Program	22 10am—12 pm Session Retreat
23 Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person O/C Sharon Leonard	24	25	26 5 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	27 8:30 am Bread Ministry 3-4 pm Chair Yoga 4:30-5:30 pm Yoga	28 Office closed	29
30 Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person O/C Jane Goulding	31					



Happy 4th of July

For the safety of our children, ALL people who work with our children are put through a background check!



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JULY Outreach Opportunities

Blessing Box Food Pantry

We are continuing to collect food items for our food pantry. The most popular items appear to be **pop top cans** of ready to eat, non-perishable foods such as soup, peanut butter, Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, fruit cups and tuna. Also, with the summer heat approaching, please consider donating bottled water as well. Thank you for your ongoing support of this effort.

Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering for the 3rd quarter will be the Bras for The Cause, to help Cancer patients. You can either drop your coins in the bowls beginning July 9 (and every 2nd Sunday of the month).

The Continental Congress declared its freedom from Britain on July 2, 1776

If you think the U.S. declared its independence from Britain on the 4th of July, think again. The Continental Congress officially declared its independence from Great Britain on July 2, 1776.

On July 4, 1776, once the delegates had prepared an explanation to the public, the Declaration of Independence was read in each colony and adopted by Congress. In keeping with the tone of democracy, America now celebrates its independence on the day it was officially declared to the people: July 4th. Before Independence Day comes around, here's what to know about [July 4th fireworks](#).

What is the significance of fireworks on July 4th?

Haven't you always wondered why it's a tradition to set off explosions of light in the sky on Independence Day? It's certainly a day for celebration, but why fireworks? Well, the 4th of July's history actually involves fireworks, and you can thank Founding Father John Adams for it.

During the first months of the Revolutionary War, after the 13 colonies had all voted in favor of independence from Great Britain, Congress began to write a declaration, which became the **Declaration of Independence**. Before it was even finished and signed, an enthusiastic John Adams wrote his wife a letter about how he thought the occasion of America's freedom should be celebrated. It read:

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival...It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

Adams was off by a few days, but the 4th of July was most certainly celebrated in a way he would have liked.

Just for **KIDS**



end of The year word search



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beaches
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blue skies

flowers
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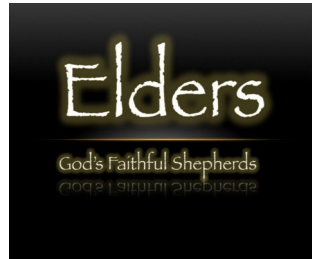
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thunderstorms
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ELDER ON CALL
JULY
ANN JARVIS



JULY BIRTHDAYS

If we missed your birthday I very sorry. Please let the office know the date so I can add it to my list.



Children's Church

Children's Church is being held for children from the ages of 4 through 5th grade. Following the Children's Sermon children will go with the leader to the children's area for worship.

Parents are asked to pick their children up after the worship service is over.

12 Ray Lancaster
16 Will Rutherford, John Wasson
17 Bob Mudie
22 Beverly Bland
23 Jon Geer
25 Jackson Pitts
26 Pat Penland
28 Mike McClendon
30 John Lorraine

GREETERS FOR JULY

July 2 Marcie Hardaway
July 9 Kathy Hogue
July 16 Cynthia Pitts
July 23 Sharon Leonard
July 30 Jane Goulding

Safety Team Members

John Wasson - Leader

John Hill
Silas Hill
Jon Geer
Anthony Morgan
Bob Mudie
Vicky Stauff
David Williams



Medically Trained Congregation Members

Tannie Brooks
Stephanie Hogue
Rachel Lancaster
Joe Rutherford

Safety Team Member Responsibilities

Two Safety Team members will be designated to perform certain duties in the sanctuary, commons area and church perimeter. These members will be listed in the bulletin insert and will wear safety team badges.

Sanctuary Team Member – This team member knows the locations of fire extinguishers, fire alarm pull boxes, first aid kits and the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). They are knowledgeable of escape routes and sheltering procedures in case evacuation is necessary. If a medical emergency occurs, they will assist medically trained personnel as directed and call 911 if necessary.

Commons/Perimeter Team Member – This team member will ensure the nursery is safe and will lock doors not used as primary entrances. All locked doors can still be opened from the inside. The safety checks include other areas such as the kitchen, classrooms and open closets. This member will remain in the commons area during the service and occasionally check the parking lot.

NOISY/QUIET OFFERING

The noisy offering for July, August, and September 2023 will go to Bras for the Cause. You can drop your coins in the bowls every 2nd Sunday of the month.



ATTENTION!

**THIRD QUARTER
2023
NOISY OFFERING**



The noisy offering for July, August, and September, 2023 will go to Brasa for the Cause. You can drop your coins in the bowls beginning July 9, (and every 2nd Sunday of the month) .



Don't forget to like the church's Facebook page! Search United Presbyterian Church - Greenville follow and like. Then invite all your Facebook friends!



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Upper Room Devotional Books

The Upper Room daily devotional is available for free at www.upperroom.org. Perhaps church members who use their computers daily would rather use an electronic device to read the upper room.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am to 12 pm 1pm to 5pm

Wednesday 9 am to 2:30 pm

Friday office is closed

Special Event Checklist United Presbyterian Church

When preparing for a special event to occur on the UPC property, please be sure to:

____ Contact the administrative assistant to make sure there is no calendar conflict.

____ Send event information to the administrative assistant to be added to church communications in a timely manner.

____ If the event is open to the public, coordinate promotion as appropriate.

____ Notify the chair of the safety team to coordinate the safety needs of the event.

____ Identify someone to open and close the event. (Locks, lights, and alarm)

____ **The sponsoring church group or member for the event** will be responsible for setting up, breaking down, and cleaning up.

____ The sponsoring church group or member for the event is responsible for any necessary food and drink purchase, preparation, and clean up.

____ **Coordinate any A/V** needs with the Tech Team chair.

____ If you have any music needs, please contact the music coordinator.

____ If you have any receipts that require reimbursement, please fill out an Expense Voucher and turn it into the administrative assistant.

____ If this event involves fundraising, session approval is required first.

____ If the event is a non-church event whether from an outside group or members of the church, get a building usage form from the administrative assistant. It must be submitted and approved by the session, prior to scheduling the event.

____ If money is collected, **then the money and the monies received form** must be turned into the administrative assistant ASAP.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE PROCEDURES:

Procedure for purchases or expense reimbursement

1. Member or staff person must obtain and complete an "Expense Voucher" and return it to the Administrative Assistant prior to purchase.
2. Administrative Assistant will review and confirm that enough money is in the appropriate budget category.
3. Administrative Assistant will make the purchase using church accounts thus saving sales tax and taking advantage of any church discounts.
4. **If the purchase is going to be made by someone other than the Administrative Assistant that person should get the UPC tax number and present it to the seller to avoid paying sales tax.**

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY MANUALS:

Forms are in the office to be filled out for the follow:



Equipment checkout book (to keep track of equipment used/removed from UPC property)

Facility use manual (forms/information for parties, weddings or anniversaries etc.)

DEADLINES:

Newsletter articles need to be turned into the office by the 24th of each month.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

If you are in need of an IRS letter for taxes, please turn in your receipts to the office and a letter will be mailed to you.

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JOURNEY WITH JESUS

"To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness." Ecclesiastes 2:26

When we are learning how to swim, it is understandable that we might be somewhat afraid and even resistant to get in the pool. But after a bit of time and a lot of lessons, we have no problem floating, and we master strokes that carry us through the water. It feels good to swim. We can't wait to get to the pool. We dream of competing and immerse ourselves in practice and endurance. Our ability soon seems above and beyond anything we thought we'd achieve when we started out in the tad-pole class.

So it is when we start our journey with Jesus. We don't know him very well. We begin to spend time with him, and he speaks to us. We sense that he knows us. We feel his love more and more. We learn how to worship. We draw closer and closer to him. He is all we want. We desire him above all. He has become our delight.

How does this happen? When we delight in the Lord, we spend time with him, as with a friend. We speak to him and he speaks to us. Our love grows and our hearts want more and more of him. He gives us great pleasure, wisdom, and knowledge.



Dear God,

Whatever doesn't look like you that is magnifying itself in me, whatever doesn't show your grace that is magnifying itself in me, lord take it away. Today I surrender all to you because I can't do it on my own. Your word says not by power nor by might but by your Spirit. Lord, let your spirit guide me. Lord, when I fall I know you are there to pick me up. Pick me up from this lowly place, pick me up from this dark place, pick me up from the dry season. Father, show me the way to go, lift off the veil that has kept me blinded from seeing the great things you have for me. This is my time of restoration, my time of regaining all that I lost, my time of triumph, and my time of victory. You will cause me to sing a new song this season because you have prepared a table before my enemies to see your great works in my life. Glory to your mighty name. This I pray in Jesus' name,

amen

JULY OPENINGS AND CLOSING



July 2 Rachel Lancaster

July 9 Kathy Hogue

July 16 Kathy Hogue

July 23 Pat Penland

July 30 Sonja Hill

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