

The Chimes



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Worship Schedule

July 7, 2019 Communion 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Rev. Anna Saxon

July 14, 2019 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82 Rev. Laura

July 21, 2019 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 8:26-39; Psalm 16 Rev. Jennifer Sakata Health Fair & Blood Pressure Screening

July 28, 2019 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Faith in Action Sunday See Page 4 for more information

Please sign up at church in the narthex or online at bit.ly/faithinactionupc.

Life's Little Mysteries



A natural pearl begins its life inside an oyster's shell when an intruder, such as a grain of sand or bit of floating food, slips in between one of the two shells of the oyster, a type of mollusk, and the protective layer that covers the mollusk's organs, called the mantle.

In order to protect itself from irritation, the oyster will quickly begin covering the uninvited visitor with layers of nacre — the mineral substance that fashions the mollusk's shells. Layer upon layer of nacre, also known as mother-of-pearl, coat the grain of sand until the iridescent gem is formed.

Cultured pearls are made in the same way. The only difference is that instead of accidental circumstances, a "pearl farmer" embeds a grain of sand into the mollusk.

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Church Leadership

Session Laurie Hartshorn, Clerk of Session

Class of 2019 Class of 2020 **Class of 2021** Charlotte Cronin Tim Cole Christie Cook Mary Jo Mays Deb Hanson Ellen Grohovena Kathy Nordvall Don Hartshorn Judy Helm **Betty Pugh** Pam Madden Jerry Randall Alexis Maloof Jim Sullivan

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Church Life Charlotte Cronin
Hospitality & Growth Ellen Grohovena

Christian Education Pam Scranton/Cindy Shipley/Betty Pugh

Human Resources

Member Care

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Bob McDowell/Don Hartshorn

Megan McKeighan /Tim Cole

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Preschool

Pam Scranton/Kathy Nordvall

Nature Connections Judy Helm

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Les Boswell, Mark Hanson, Sean Jennings*,

Nicole Livsey, Alexis Maloof*, Sally Maubach, Stan Strickler

*Co-Moderators

The Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work searching for who God will call to our ministry here at UPC. For updates, check the Chimes or Weekly Ringer.

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Letter from Laura

I know I see things from a different angle than most UPCers. I'm an outsider, here for a little visit, not someone who will be woven into the warp and woof of your story till death do us part. The hope of an interim time is that like a grain of sand introduced to an oyster, the interim will manage to irritate the host site enough that through the congregation's response, a pearl of great beauty and value develops. I believe UPC is becoming a great pearl, a great congregation again, and one that many pastors will be eager to partner with.

Our name says a lot about how we want to be with each other and in the world. We **voted** on what our name would be. Pastor Randy says he was a little surprised as the "United" started trending as our new name, until he realized we were stating both a value and an identity. The name means we want unity in our mission and purpose. It takes work to keep sharing such a vision to grow and nurture followers of Christ in a welcoming community,

In 2017 we went, in six months, from two to one to zero pastors and found ourselves without any pastor at all. Who anticipated that?? That much change in a short period meant we didn't have time to also focus on how to have financial stability or an analysis of what work we wanted to pay to have done, and what we will do ourselves. That's why people tried to get me to add Pastor Patricia's and Pastor Stephen's responsibilities to mine the minute I started and thought I was so awful when I would not do it. What kind of pastor refuses to do three people's jobs?? A trained, experienced interim knows that first we have to understand what we're doing and then drop, change or learn new habits before we're ready to receive a new leader and so works simultaneously and continuously on: engaging you in coming to terms with history, helping you discover a new identity, allowing needed leadership changes to emerge, renewing denominational linkages and committing to new directions in ministry. Doing these well helps us regain resilience and live into a future with hope, prepared to be partners again with a pastor of your own choosing.

The desire and goal to have a new pastor, our pastor, a pastor who belongs to us and to whom we belong is genuine and necessary. Was UPC ready to enter into such a relationship at the end of 2017? Of course not. We were looking for a "replacement pastor" as if somehow we are interchangeable parts, not human! Just as most people would have the sense to not try to enter into a committed relationship with a recent widow or divorced person, a good pastor doesn't want to try to be in relationship with a church full of unresolved issues and a lack of clarity. The church just isn't ready to bring to the table a capacity to be in equal partnership. Now UPC IS ready to do this: fully, eagerly and with new understanding.

You have worked hard. You engaged well in the mission study and are honest and clear eyed about your strengths and weaknesses, as the report shows. You elected a remarkable Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) which carried forth the necessary prayerful work of crystallizing and summarizing your personality, hopes, fears and dreams into the Ministry Information Form, which is how you are advertising your available pastoral position. A copy will be in the church office soon if you want to stop by and read it.

At heart, UPC is kind, resilient, imaginative, passionate and energetic. Once UPC grabs hold of a concept, get out of the way, there's no stopping us! It has been a deep privilege to walk alongside you in this transitory time and I pray for your continued capacity to hear and follow God's leading as you become a great pearl.

Blessings, Rev. Laura

Mission

Faith in Action Sunday- July 28, 2019

UPC's annual Faith in Action Sunday is back! Sunday, July 28th will provide an opportunity to put our faith in action by serving as God's hands and feet during our typical worship time. We will start at UPC at 10 a.m. with a short prayer gathering and fellowship opportunity before engaging in a variety of community service projects for all ages at church and throughout the Peoria area.

Opportunities include:

- Packing Snack Packs- at church
- Assembling foster family Journey Bags- at church
- Tying fleece blankets with Share the Warmth ministry- at church
- Staining porch for veteran's widow with Fuller Center- in Peoria
- Labeling books for Look It's My Book- in Peoria
- Interior work at Common Place- in Peoria
- Cooking and serving lunch at New Hope Apartments- in Peoria
- Deep cleaning and painting at Lutheran Social Services- in Peoria

Please sign up at church in the narthex or online at bit.ly/faithinactionupc. This will not only assist us in planning, but all volunteers who sign up by July 14th will receive a Faith in Action t-shirt to wear on July 28th!

Seeking School Supplies and Items for Foster Children

It is almost that time of year again- school supply drive! We will once again be collecting school supplies for the Forgotten Initiative to benefit foster children at the various social service agencies in the Peoria area. A complete list of supplies can be found in the Welcome Center or by emailing the office. Please place your supplies on the table in the narthex no later than Sunday, July 28th.

We are also in need of in-kind donations for refreshing the family visit rooms at Lutheran Social Services. Items may be brought to church and placed in the bins in the narthex before Sunday, July 28th.

- Toys, books, dress up items for all ages (can be gently used)
- A small table (about the size of a train table) for children to use for playing with toys (can be gently used)





Pentecost Offering Update and Thank You

A very big thank you for supporting the Pentecost Special Offering- collecting a total of \$1,835. Forty percent of the Offering stays within our own congregation to support our partnership with The Forgotten Initiative in their work with foster children, foster parents, and agencies. The remainder is sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support other programs that help youth and young adults and advocate for children at risk.

Four for Four Update

UPC is on our way to being recognized as a Four for Four congregation by receiving all Special Offering opportunities to support the Presbyterian Mission Agency throughout the year including One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness, and Christmas Joy. "A Four for Four congregation declares its connection with the ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and joins in the efforts of Presbyterians around the corner and around the world to share God's grace and endless love."



June 8th Presbytery Assembly Highlights, First Presbyterian Church of Macomb

- Sermon by First Presbyterian Church host pastor Rev. Erin Marth.
- Conversation Space led by our Lead Presbyter for Transformation Rev. Ryan Landino on "Start With Why" by Simon Sinek, where we talked about the importance of getting to the why behind our work, and aligning our HOW with our WHY
- Annual ethics training on mandated reporting.
- Greetings from the Synod of Lincoln Trails and the announcement of new community organizing and coaching initiatives.
- Presentation by Board of Pensions' Rev. Ken Green on funds available for pastors and churches.
- Continued experimentation with Zoom technology to create more inclusivity options for participation in our presbytery work together.
- Litany of Thanksgiving and Praise for the Successful Completion of the Ministry of the Community Presbyterian Church in Sherrard and approval of the sale of its building.

Church Life

Ladies Night Out

Place: Olive Garden

3015 W War Memorial Drive, Peoria Date: Thursday, July 18 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Any lady is invited and bring a friend too. RSVP to Eunice Andrews @ 688-8458 or Betty Pugh @ 822-8500. Come early and visit. If a ride is needed con-

tact Betty Pugh.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Join your UPC family for "Faith and Family Night" as we watch the Peoria Chiefs beat the Burlington Angels on Saturday, July 27th. Game starts at 6:35pm. Postgame Christian concert with Austin French *and* FIRE-WORKS! First 1,000 people receive a Baez Bobblehead. What more could you ask for on a warm summer night?

Reserve your tickets with your payment of \$9 per person in the church office by Sunday, July 14th.



News and Notes

Secure Donation

Want to make a secure donation? Please use the locked donation box at the back of the sanctuary by the center doors to assure your intentions ending up at the correct destination.

BYT Has Come and Gone But We Made Lots of Friends!

We have closed the book on Becoming Young Thinkers Institute 2019 sponsored by the Preschool Committee and led by Judy Helm, Pam Scranton, Rebecca Wilson and Lora Taylor. It began on Monday with training the 9 volunteer coaches who come from all over to help teachers learn how to do project based learning in their classrooms of toddlers through 2nd graders. Then seventy-three teachers and administrators from 8 different states, the Cayman Islands and the Philippines arrived for the 3-day institute. Highlights of this year's training included An Interview with John Dewey (the father of project work) with Andrew Harrison playing Dr. Dewey; the best PechaKucha night ever with DJ Don Baker and Don Hartshorn as MC, and a Monarch display by Theresa Buley complete with live eggs and larva. Twenty-nine (29) participants completed an optional Nature Scavenger Hunt put together by Nancy Jones. Seven congregation members served as experts for the project work. Stephanie Randall and her volunteer crew kept everyone fed and happy. Sean Scranton handled all of our computer and AV needs. Of course, the Nature Rangers showed off our Nature Classroom and grounds. Thanks to the church staff (including Trish Deppermann, our registrar) and everyone who supported this work which, in addition to teaching best practices to the teachers, is also the preschool's big fund raiser. It was awesome. In the words of our attendees, "Your facility/staff/nature center/congregation members that helped were so incredibly kind, loving, and helpful. I can't wait to attend the Deepening group in a couple of years. I wish more trainings like yours existed. Well done!!" "Best conference I have ever attended in my nine years of teaching! Everything was amazing thanks to all who made that possible!"

See the next page to learn more about John Dewey's idea!

Teaching and Learning with the Project Approach

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ABOUT THE PROJECT APPROACH. The Project Approach is an approach to curriculum in which young children actively engage in long-term investigations about real world topics of high interest. Teaching and learning with the Project Approach, often looks and feels different from traditional approaches to education. For example, teachers shift from instructor to facilitator while intentionally connecting project-related lessons to grade level curriculum standards. They connect children to field sites and experts on the topic being investigated in order for children to research and answer their own questions. Projects conclude as children share their new understandings on the topic with others.

Project experts recommend that teachers, program leaders and families know why this teaching and learning method is so important for today's children. The following is a summary of benefits from recent research.

WHY PROJECTS? Project activities, investigations and explorations create the conditions for a thinking classroom in which children acquire important 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. Children benefit from learning with the Project Approach in a number of specific ways.

As a result of learning with the Project Approach children: ...

- Develop questions, plans and solve real-world problems using critical thinking skills like brainstorming, analyzing and evaluating
 - Develop and use new and enriched vocabulary
 - Increase visual perception, conceptual development and mathematical skills
 - Increase spatial knowledge and mathematical vocabulary
 - Increase their use of literacy skills: reading, writing and drawing

As a result of teaching with the Project Approach, teachers...ii

- increase their use of developmentally appropriate teaching practices that are the recommended best practices for children through 3rd grade
 - become increasingly confident in shifting their instructional roles from instructor to facilitator and guide
 - increase the value of believing all children can learn and think in project work

As a result of teaching through projects families....

- become meaningfully engaged in their child's classroom
- increase their understandings about developmentally appropriate practice.
- perceive stronger relationships with their child's teacher

Bickaki & Gursoy, 2010; Brooks & Wangmo, 2011; Cohrssen et al., 2017; Harte, 2010; Metin & Aral, 2016

[#] Beneke & Ostrosky, 2015; Brooks & Wangmo, 2011; Cabuk & Haktanir, 2010; Donegan, Hong, Trapanier-Street, Finkelstien, 2005; Dresden & Lee, 2007; Nairman & Chrispeels, 2016; Pui-wah, 2006; Serrano, Alfaya, & Garcia, 2015; Yuen, 2009 # Snider, Usman & Holley, 2017

Prayer Corner

Please keep the following people in your thoughts:

Eunice Andrews

Mary Buesing

Penny Brower

Betty Downard

A'Miylah Eakle

Mary Everett

Pat Hagenbuch

Geneva Hall (Gulley)

Jes Hall

Harrison & Ryleigh

Kent, Dawn & Ryan Higgins

Doug Jackson

Mary Jermac

Michelle Johnson (Kelley)

Ann Jones

Dwight Jones

Betty Keller

Mike Kelley

Debbie Kutter

Michelle Martin

David McDowell

Larry Mercier

Dean Peoples

Christy Presseau (Maloof)

Projeto Amar I and II

Jeff Rickett

Joan Sathoff

Janet Shepler

Dave Smith

Annie, Chris & Finnegan Snyder

Larry & Sara Stotts

Josh Swank

Jack Umdenstock

Felicia Vallosio

Parker Waldschmidt

Richard West

Jon Wrigley

Ruthie Yingling

Young man battling cancer

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Loretta Horst who died on June 15th.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Cal Vobroucek who died on June 20th.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Bette Babb who died on June 21st.

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Worship & Arts

Slides for Worship Services

Have an upcoming event you need a slide to be displayed before worship services? Complete the form on the link below and turn it in. Thank you for help during this transition time. http://bit.ly/UPCSlides

Highlights

Looking ahead:

July 21st—Methodist Nursing Students Health

Fair and Blood Pressure Screening

July 26th – Municipal Band Concert at 7:00

July 27th – Faith and Family night at Peoria Chiefs pay for tickets by 7/14

July 28th – Faith in Action Sunday – Mission proiects all over Peoria

July 29th – Aug 3rd – Rummage Sale Aug. 4th -- Corn Boil

Aug. 18th –Vision Trust/Projeto Amar/School supplies dedicated

Thanks

Special thanks to Keli for her visit, Rev. Laura for her phone visit and all the cards and call from my church family. The rose Keli brought was beautiful and smells wonderful. I'm hoping to be back to see all soon. Most of all the prayers were wonderful. Thanks again, **Betty Downard**

Dear UPC,

Thank you so much for the lovely reach out card and all the wonderful birthday wishes. I am so blessed to have you all. May God bless you all.

Blessinas,

Trish Deppermann

Stretch Time

We are providing "Stretch Time" after the Time With Young Disciples for children **ages 4 to 9** on Sundays when Communion is not served. Since the nursery is **for those 3 and younger only**, this is a time for those who might need a stretch to go to supervised activities in the gym. In order to provide this opportunity, we need adult volunteers for these Sundays all summer. Please see Betty Pugh or Pam Scranton to volunteer, or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Time With Young Disciples

Volunteers are needed each Sunday this summer. Resources will provided.



On Sunday, June 23rd, we tried out a one day Vacation Bible School. We are so thankful for all the adults who helped teach and lead, and for the wonderful kitchen crew who prepared our meal. Everyone had a good time and even the weather cooperated.

We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Thanks, Stephanie Randall 10 The Chimes July 2019

Faith Community Nurse

Staying Safe in the Heat

Summertime brings sun, fun, and outdoor activity. While enjoying the warm weather, it is important to be aware of potentially harmful consequences of too much heat. Anyone can experience a heat-related illness but infants, young children, older adults, and anyone with chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk. Some general tips for staying safe in the heat include dressing properly, drinking plenty of water, checking on friends or neighbors who may be at increased risk, staying in an air-conditioned or cool area when necessary, and never leaving children or pets in a closed, parked vehicle.

Heat-related illnesses include heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, sunburn, and heat rash. When a person gets sunburned, the skin is red, warm, painful, and blistered. Managing sunburn includes using cool cloths to the sunburned area or taking a cool bath, using moisturizer, and staying out of the sun until the sunburn heals. It is important not to break blisters. Heat rash can appear as red clusters of small blisters often on the chest, groin, neck, or elbow creases. Treating heat rash includes staying in a cool place, keeping the rash dry, and using something to soothe the rash.

Heavy sweating during intense exercise and muscle pain or spasms may be heat cramps. If heat cramps occur, stop the physical activity and get to a cool place, drink water or sports drink, and wait for cramps to go away before resuming any activity. It is recommended to seek medical attention if a person has heart problems, is on a low-sodium diet, or the cramps last longer than 60 minutes.

Heavy sweating, cold, pale, and clammy skin; fainting, headache, dizziness, weakness, muscle cramps, nausea and vomiting, and a fast, weak pulse may indicate heat exhaustion. Management includes loosening clothing, moving to a cool place, using cool cloths or taking a cool bath, and sipping water. Medical attention should be sought if a person is throwing up or if symptoms worsen or last longer than an hour.

Symptoms of heat stroke can include hot, dry, red, or damp skin; a fast, strong pulse; nausea, headache, dizziness, confusion, fainting, and a body temperature of 103 degrees or higher. Heat stroke is a medical emergency; call 911 right away. Move the person to a cool place and use cool cloths or a cool bath to help lower the body temperature. The person should not be given anything to drink.

Enjoy the warm weather and stay safe. http://www.cdc.gov/cpr/infographics/ast-heat.htm

http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/warning.html

Keli Briggs, MSN, RN Faith Community Nurse

Medical Equipment Loan

Just a reminder that UPC has a wide variety of medical equipment available to anyone who may need it. You are welcome to use the equipment for as long as necessary. If you have questions or would like to borrow some equipment, please contact Trish or Keli in the church office.

Health Fair

Nursing students from Methodist College will be back at UPC on July 21st presenting a health fair and taking blood pressures. Please stop by to make this health fair as much of a success as the one held in June. This is a great learning opportunity for the students and a wonderful opportunity for everyone at UPC to learn more about various health care topics.

Please join me in welcoming and supporting the nursing students!

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July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Tai Chi No Properties No Church Life No Member Care 6:30 Nominating	2 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	3 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study 10:30 Staff 6:00 Tai Chi	4 Church Closed Independence Day	5 Church Closed 1:00 Mah Jongg	Rev. Laura leave for Covenant Gathering
7 Communion 8:30 PNC 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Library Open	8 8:30 Exercise 1:00 Parents' Bereavement 6:00 Tai Chi 6:00 Moms De- mand Action 6:30 Nominating	9 10:00 Independence Village Worship 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous 6:30 Human Resources 7:00 Foundation Rev. Laura at Co	8:30 Pastors' Bible Study 11:30 PEO BX 6:00 Tai Chi 6:00 Nature Connections	11 8:30 Exercise 11:30 PASGDTS 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:30 Stewardship & Finance	12 1:30 Mah Jongg	13 8:30 Visiting Deacons Meet 9:00 Deacon Quarterly Meeting 12:30 Tai Chi Seminar
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