

THE CHIMES

United In Love, United In Action

With Stewardship season off to a great start, worship has been extra special as we have been listening to community members share their testimony of both the love they've experienced here and the ways they share that love in the community. We truly are united in God's love for us! It's exciting to see how the connections we're making is strengthening our ministry among our members and in the community.

Our Grand (Re)Opening Rally Day gave us an opportunity to connect with each other's work and it was a huge success! We had 20 different groups sharing their ministries! Dave Rouzer wins the award for most enthusiastic signer-upper as he worked the crowd with his clipboard, signing up more than 30 new worship leaders! Even the Easter Bunny and a Halloween Witch made an appearance and Lucy set up shop, offering advice and candy corn for 5¢!

As promised, the judges have made their decisions. The "winners" of our booth competition are as follows:

First Prize: Church Life - winning a \$25 Trefzger's gift certificate for treats for an upcoming meeting

2nd Prize: UPC Office - winning a \$10 Starbuck's gift card

3rd Prize: Health & Wellness - winning a \$5 Starbuck's gift card

The winner of the Rally Day Passport Challenge drawing is Maggie Boswell! Her prize is a \$10 Michael's gift card

Thanks to our judges: Sean & Aaryn Jennings and Mike & Alison Hanson!!



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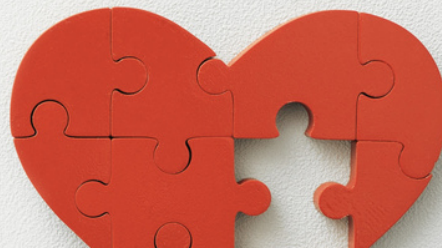
Worship in October and November

- **October 3** - Peace and Global Witness Sunday. "Love Takes Care" (Psalm 8)
- **October 10** - "Love Leaves It All On The Field" (Mark 10:17-31)
- **October 17** - Giving Commitment Sunday. "Love Serves" (Mark 10:35-45)
- **October 24** - Reformation Sunday. "The Days Are Surely Coming" (Jeremiah 31:27-34)
- **October 31** - Beginning our Matthew 25 Initiative Series: "Ready" (Matthew 25:1-13)
- **November 7** - All Saints Celebration. "Faithful Saints" (Matthew 25:14-30)
- **November 14** - "Sheep or Goat? Nobody Really Knows" (Matthew 25:31-46)
- **November 21** - Thanksgiving Sunday.
- **November 28** - First Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens Service (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

**UNITED IN
LOVE**



Worship & The Arts



Alison Meuth, Director

During the last year and a half the worship and arts committee and I have spent much time contemplating the vision for our worship and arts program here at United Presbyterian Church. I've read books and sought out mentors and I prayed about this a lot. This year we are going to make sure we are focusing on the gifts already present in our congregation. I will be focusing my energy on helping our worship leaders, musicians, and artists become the best that they can be as they use their gifts to worship God.

In the weeks to come, as we gather to worship, you will hear different styles of music. You may notice new instrumentation and a variety of art being displayed. This is all intentional. We are a unique community here at United Presbyterian Church. We don't want to try to be like anyone else. We need to celebrate who we are. I am here because I love this about our church. It's why I am thrilled to continue worshipping and leading here!

Because it's important for everyone to understand the process that we are using to create worship, we also want you to know that we welcome your thoughts and value your creative ideas, too. Don't hesitate to reach out to me or to the Worship & Arts committee members at any time. (Committee co-chairs: Mark Hanson, Jerry Randall. Committee members: Anne Swanson, Sue Hulin, Steph Randall, Craig Mousty, Josie Johnson, Lindsay Hanson)

Worship SERVICE

There are lots of opportunities to serve. Consider joining one of these groups to help make our worship services a true place to grow and nurture followers of Jesus in a welcoming community.

- **Welcome Team** - We need greeters who welcome folks and hand out bulletins and we're restarting our Zone Shepherd program. Volunteer for the team that is right for you by signing up for a particular week. These tasks can be done by people of all ages and abilities. Sitting down is perfectly perfect! FAMILIES! This is a great opportunity for you to serve together. Grandchildren and grandparents would make wonderful additions as well. Call the office to sign up or check out The Ringer for volunteer links.
- **Bells** - (Ages 11 and up) Meets every Wednesday from 5:30pm-6:15pm and serves one Sunday a month during service. Rehearsals will begin September 22nd.
- **Sanctuary Choir** - (Ages 11 and up) We meet every Sunday after church from 11:00am-11:30am in the choir room. The choir will serve during two services a month.
- **Worship Band** - We meet every Wednesday from 6:15pm-7:30pm. We are in need of all kinds of instruments. You are welcome to volunteer for as many or as few Sundays as you would like.
- **Brass, String and Wind Ensemble** - (All Levels of Players Welcome) This is a special group that will be formed for Advent and Christmas. We will practice for 6 weeks leading up to Christmas. Rehearsals are TBD.
- **Drama Group** - (All ages welcome) We will perform a few skits throughout the year and rehearsals are TBD. We will have a special opportunity for Advent Season.
- **Children's Choir** - This will be a short term opportunity from October to December. We will be learning a few songs and a small drama to perform during Advent Season. Rehearsals will be the last 15 minutes of every Sunday School class with a few Saturday rehearsals leading up to the performance.
- **Amica Youth Choir** - (Ages 11-18) This is a choir for all young people. Invite your neighbors, friends and family to be part of this choir. They will rehearse every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 starting September 22. They will perform at several community events and a few church services throughout the year.
- **Worship Leaders** - (All ages welcome) Worship Leaders serve one Sunday every few months. There will be a training soon. Watch for that announcement.
- **Sanctuary Arts Group** - (All ages welcome) This group will assist with creating and displaying artwork throughout the church and sanctuary. We will work to bring a visual aspect to the sermon series or lectionary text for any given Sunday. No art experience is necessary.

Church Life



Join us on Saturday, October 30 from 10AM to NOON for our first ever TRUNK OR TREAT! We're excited about offering this to our community so we need everyone to get involved! How does this work, you ask?

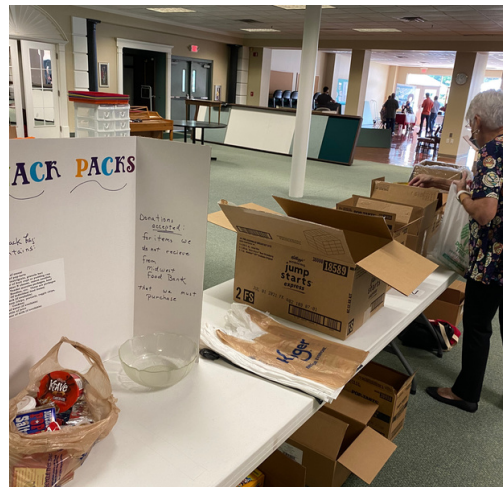
1. Sign up on the bright green poster in the Narthex or online (watch the Ringer for a signup link)
2. Come to the church and park your car.
3. Set up your decorations with your trunk or hatch open.
4. Bring candy and treats to hand out.
5. Consider setting up a game as part of your "stall".

We plan to Invite children from our church, preschool, and neighborhood so be prepared!! If you can't set up a trunk or treat stall, consider signing up to support one of the games we will set up.

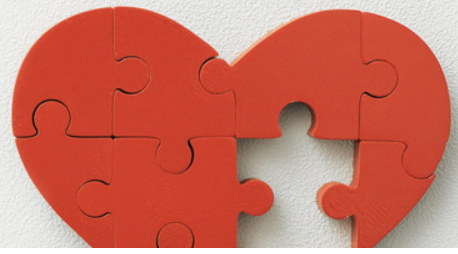
Contact Debbie Hanson for more Information (301) 251-1508, dshanson5678@gmail.com

OH! There will be prizes for the best decorated trunks, so get going already!!

Rally Day Fun



Missional Engagement



So many times, Jesus reminded his followers that their work was to feed the hungry, offer water to the thirsty, free those imprisoned, heal the sick, comfort the grieving. With so many needs in and around our church, we want to keep you updated on how you can engage in service. Check out these opportunities and try to participate in at least one of them over the next two months.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

- The Peace & Global Witness Offering collected on October 3rd offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.
- Twenty-five percent of this Offering stays with local congregations which UPC will utilize to support Peoria Community Against Violence (PCAV). The mission of PCAV “is to reduce violence and increase the safety of the Peoria community by educating and responding to violence proactively” by responding to crisis to support victims and the community, educating citizen and neighborhoods on how to stand against violence, building presence and peace through outreach, restoring community and police relations. Visit peoriacommunityagainstvience.org to learn more.
- You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website (presbyterianmission.org/peace-global) to find out more information on how your support of this Offering helps. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community. Please pray that the God of Peace might open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Family Christmas Shop

As we enter into another holiday season impacted by Covid-19, our committee remains flexible in our planning of Family Christmas Shop to best serve our invited families in the safest way possible. We will be assisting local Peoria families with holiday gifts in some variation of our beloved event in the beginning of December. Please continue to keep an eye out as more details are confirmed and we communicate the needs and ways to get involved! Thank you for your understanding and love you continue to show our neighbors!

Matthew 25 Discovery

Matthew 25 is a guiding text for congregations across the country to more actively engage within their community at a systematic level for long-term, high-impact, faith-based change. This involves congregations directly interacting with individuals within our community who are impoverished, homeless, hungry, and/or imprisoned (to name a few), something that UPC already does through many of our projects and partnerships. Becoming a Matthew 25 congregation will allow us to engage more richly and proactively with our community, and also to connect with the larger PC (USA) on a united mission. Look for more information during service starting October 31st as well as ways to engage with the Missional Engagement Committee throughout November as we dive into the scripture and discuss the consideration of UPC becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation in 2022.

Food on the Fourth

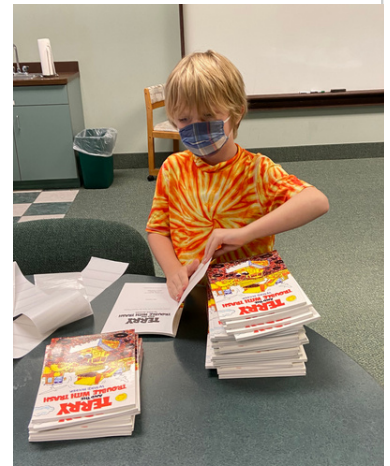
On the 4th Sunday of the month, bring delicious nonperishable food to provide to local food pantries. As COVID-related funding is eliminated, this is more Important than ever. NOTE: Because our UPC kids are in Sunday School, we will provide a basket in the front of the sanctuary on 4th Sundays and you are invited to drop your donations there before worship begins. We'll bless them in our prayer time

Faith in Action Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in our Fall Faith in Action on Sunday, September 19th! A special thank you to Pat Bensing who led the team putting together box lunches for our volunteers to enjoy during their projects. Together we provided hands-on service through 8 projects at church and throughout the community including:

- Packing snack packs for 50 children at Northmoor Elementary
- Making fleece blankets through the "Share the Warmth" ministry of Anna Circle
- Assembling First Night bags to support local foster children
- Labeling books for "Look It's My Book" to be given to children in District 150
- Weeding and picking vegetables at Peoria Porch Pantry
- Putting together Pantry Packs for residents of New Hope Apartments
- Maintaining community garden spaces at Glendale Commons with Phoenix Community Development
- Preparing interior spaces for the reopening of Common Place

We look forward to another great event in the spring! Please reach out to a member of the Missional Engagement Committee if you have ideas for hands-on projects in the community for a spring or fall service day.



Projeto Amar updates

The teens at Projeto Amar were able to participate in a special retreat on 8/20/21. They were able to play games and do activities that helped build their communication skills, leadership, interdependence and teamwork. Everyone had a lot of fun and it was a special time of fellowship for these teens and leaders!

In October we will spend some time learning more about child sponsorship in partnership with Vision Trust and Projeto Amar. You will hear stories of success and how sponsorship impacts lives, families and communities. We will collect our Love Offering throughout the month of October to assist with teacher salaries and building acquisition for Projeto Amar II, and have lots of updated photos from our partners in Brazil. Through our annual Love Offering and individual choices to sponsor and engage more deeply with Projeto Amar, United Presbyterian can make a difference in the lives of these children and teens in Brazil.

Please continue to pray for those impacted and impacting lives at Projeto Amar.

- Prayers for continued health and protection for our staff and children as COVID continues to be a challenge.
- Praise for two new volunteers who are doing amazing work with the youth and getting them engaged!
- Praise for the return of judo that is providing the children with a healthy outlet.
- Prayers for our sponsors.





News from our Faith Community Nurse

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer manifests when cells in breast tissue grow and divide rapidly, without normal control. A tumor can form when there is more cell growth than death.

Breast cancer can be invasive or non-invasive, start in ducts or lobules, have a different clinical appearance, and look different under a microscope. These differences can affect the outcome.

Breast cancer can be non-invasive, meaning that the cancer has not spread beyond the breast. Invasive breast cancer means that the cancer has spread from the original site (ducts or lobules) into nearby breast tissue.

While the exact causes of breast cancer are not completely known, there are certain healthy lifestyle choices which may reduce the risk. These include maintaining a healthy weight, exercising, limiting alcohol intake, limiting menopausal hormone use, and breastfeeding if possible. Being female and getting older are the most common risk factors. The signs of breast cancer are not the same for all women, so it is important to know how your breasts normally look and feel. The following are warning signs that should not be ignored: change in size or shape of the breast; dimpling or puckering of skin; lump, hard knot or thickening inside breast or underarm area; swelling, warmth, redness, or darkening of the breast; new pain in one spot that does not go away; an itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple; nipple discharge; or pulling in of the nipple or other parts of the breast. Also important in screening for breast cancer is an annual clinical breast exam and mammography.

Resource - <https://www.Komen.org/support-resources/tools/Komen-education-materials>.

Join our "Never Too Early" post-worship seminars.

In many ways, the last 18 months have been excruciating. Family members separated from one another. Community life seriously curtailed. Masks everywhere. And so much grief. Here at UPC we have suffered many losses and have been reminded of our own fragility. This fall, Pastor Debra and our Faith Community Nurse, Keli Briggs will be presenting a series of post-worship forums that will focus on thinking ahead about healthcare and end of life decision-making. These forums, offered on Third Sundays will feature guest speakers who are experts in the areas of focus. Lunch and child care will also be provided. Whether you're thinking about this for yourself or for someone you love, this will help folks at every stage of life. It's never too early to be thinking about these kinds of decisions.

- **NOTE DATE CHANGE *Session 1: September 26 - What is end of life? When is end of life? How should we get ready?*** A panel discussion will include the perspectives of those who care for families in moments where decisions often come too quickly.
- ***Session 2: October 17 - Wills, Trusts, and Directives, Oh My!*** Rev. Dr. Craig Howard of the Presbyterian Foundation will guide a conversation about wills, durable powers of attorney, healthcare proxies, setting up guardianships for dependents, living will directives, and more.
- ***Session 3: November 21 - When the End Draws Near: Palliative Care, Hospice, and End of Life Decisionmaking*** Practitioners in these areas will share important information and offer guidance about navigating these important moments.
- ***Session 4: December 5 - Grief and Grieving: Beginning, Middle, and ...?*** Losing a loved one impacts us in many ways. From making memorial service decisions to coping with holidays and special anniversaries and everything in between, we often aren't sure where to turn. This session will not only provide grief resources, but will also provide material to help clear the way for grief by making some decisions well in advance.

Community Care



Notes of Thanks

Dear Church Family,
I'd like to thank all of you who took the time to send cards, phone, or visited me while I was recovering from knee surgery. I'm home now from Healthcare and continue to heal. I'd like to especially thank Keli for the beautiful prayer shawl, made by her Mother. I treasure it! The rose I received was beautiful too. I'd also like to thank all of you who have remembered me with cards and notes on the holidays this year. You can't imagine the joy they brought me.

Gratefully,
Virleen Mach

To Church Members,

Thank you for the lovely rose. It was greatly appreciated. I fell on August 13 and fell really hard on the sidewalk on my right side. I did not break anything as far as I know. I have a black and blue face which goes down my neck. I was in the hospital because I have vertigo, which I am having a hard time with. I hope to be at church soon but may not look good. Thanks again. (from Carol Irish)

Friends, Thank you for the red rose. My surgery went excellent. It is good to know that others are praying and thinking of me at this time. (from John Madden)

Special Thank you to Rina Krall who donated new flags for our outdoor flagpoles

Prayer List

- Eunice Andrews
- Jim Andrews
- Phyl Beebe
- Victoria Best
- Gary Bragg
- Mary Buesing
- Bill Bunker
- Bernie Cambron
- Jennifer Danosky
- Carolyn Gnepper
- MaryEtta Hanson
- Carol Hicks
- Bill Huber
- Peggy Jackson
- Mary Johnson
- Michelle Johnson
- Terry Johnson
- Dwight Jones
- Zella Knoblach
- Ken Krancher
- Debra Kutter
- Virleen Mach
- David McDowell
- Stephanie Murray
- Regetta Parsons
- Hendrix Porter
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- Christy & Jeff Pousseau
- Projeto Amar
- Dorothy Pugh
- Sherrol Reatherford
- Barbara Rowell
- Austin Rump
- Doug Rump
- Larry & Sara Stotts
- Debbie Sullivan
- Jim Sullivan
- Danette Swank
- Nick Taylor
- Jack Umdenstock
- Parker Waldschmidt
- Jim & Pat Weinkauff
- Valerie Werner
- Richard West

*Prayers of Christian sympathy
for the Yingling Family at the passing of Ruth
for Jennifer Sleator at the passing of her grandmother, Evelyn Lowe
for the family of Frank Carder*

Sign Up for our Blood Drive!

We're excited for this opportunity to partner with ImpactLife! We are working with them because they have a commitment to keep the blood we donate here in the community. This is all the more important in this time of coronavirus when folks have stepped back from volunteering for blood drives. Appointments and masks are required.

IMPORTANT!! If UPC brings 20 people to this drive, UPC Discovery will benefit. ImpactLife will provide health and wellness educational grants for supplies and teaching materials. Here's everything you need to know:

When: Monday, October 4 from 2PM to 6PM

Where: At the church

How to sign up: You can call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401 or go to www.bloodcenter.org and use sponsor code 61087 to locate our drive. Please make sure to eat before donating and bring your photo ID with you.



Faith Formation



Children & Youth AND the Whole Church!

We are excited about the new curriculum we are introducing to our youngest learners. FOLLOW ME lines up with our Mission statement to Grow and Nurture FOLLOWERS and we've already started using it and loving it! Starting in January, there will be a connection to the whole congregation as Pastor Debra picks it up in her preaching and our worship together. Devotional guides will be coming to everyone for home use as well. Get ready to FOLLOW!!

Fall Spiritual Formation Opportunities for Adults

This fall, we're looking forward to several different opportunities for spiritual growth. There will be something for everyone! Join us for one or more of these groups

- Sundays at 9AM - Adult Education continues. This fall we're taking up the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth.
- NOTE DAY CHANGE: Bible Study with Pastor Debra begins again on Thursday, October 7. We'll be taking up John's Gospel with an eye toward January when we will take up the other writings of John - the letters and Revelation. We'll meet on Thursdays at 10:30AM (in person and Zoom) and 7:30PM (Zoom only)
- Monthly Forums beginning with our post-worship "It's Not Too Early" forum on September 26

Looking for Three Good People!

Director of Christian Formation

This fall we have begun our search for three people to support our Spiritual Formation ministries. We are looking for a Director of Christian Formation who will help us create a safe, fun, and educational atmosphere that facilitates deepening relationships; ensures the inclusion of all people regardless of educational level or ability; provides bridges that help people engage with all of UPC's ministries; and helps UPC serve the wider community through formation and education programming. It is our hope that the person in this position will be able to help us develop and nurture our congregation with lifelong learning and growth that helps to strengthen our relationship with God and with our community.

Connected to this, we will be restructuring the current Christian Education Committee, creating three new teams:

- 1) Children's Formation Team (ages 0 - 5th grade)
- 2) Youth Formation Team (6th - 12th grades)
- 3) Adult Formation Team (includes Young Adults/College Ministry which could become a separate team if needed)

Nursery Attendant x 2

We will be hiring two adults to provide dependable, safe, secure and nurturing care to the children, ages 2 months to 3 years old. We want our nursery to be a welcoming space so we will be looking for folks who are enthusiastic about child care. The hours will be Sundays from 8:30AM to 12:30PM so that we can begin to provide post-worship programming. We also hope to be able to offer weekday hours, especially on Wednesdays during our music rehearsals.

Please let Pam Scranton (Chair of Christian Education Committee) or Pastor Debra know of your interest in serving on one of these teams. The teams will meet regularly as determined by the team and will be responsible for partnering with Pastor Debra and the new staff person in developing new offerings and sustaining ongoing programs.



Stewardship

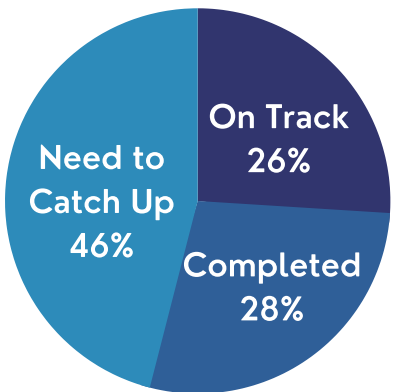
Treasurer's Talk (from Les Boswell)

"The way is long - let us go together;
The way is difficult - let us help each other;
The way is joyful - let us share it;
The way is ours - let us go in love." – Unknown

As I was preparing to write the Treasurer Talk for this edition, I came across this quote which I think is perfect for this season of stewardship and in the context of Pastor Debra's current "United in Love" sermon series. Our committees are busy putting together budgets for 2022 that will soon be considered by Session. While a budget is a financial document, it also clearly states an organization's priorities. What do we want our priorities to be?

We are extremely blessed to have a strong financial foundation at UPC. This is due to the consistent, generous and faithful giving of many many members and the diligent stewardship of those resources over many decades. Year after year, the UPC family has helped to sustain and grow our ministry and mission as we strive to grow and nurture followers of Christ in a welcoming community. Even in the midst of all the uncertainty due to COVID, we have remained financially and spiritually solid due to our strong foundation. Our foundation also gives us some freedom to lean into our ministry and joyfully share our gifts with others.

UPC Giving Commitment Update
(YTD through August 31, 2021)



As we approach Giving Sunday and as you are getting ready to make your 2022 giving commitments, please take a look at your 2021 giving commitment and make sure it's up to date. If you have questions about this, check with the office. I also want to invite you to prayerfully consider how you and your family can contribute financially to our church's mission. The need for UPC to be a beacon of love in our community has likely never been greater. I am confident that, together, united in the love of Christ and each other, we will be able to share that love in 2022 and beyond.

Foundation Report (through August 31, 2021)

Restricted Funds: \$903,169. Unrestricted funds: \$2,136,996

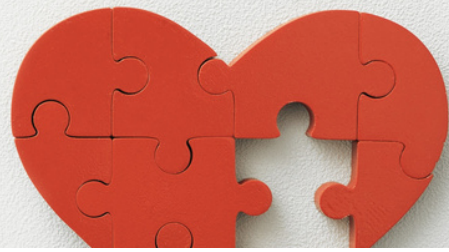
Grants and Transfers in August: \$63,000 from the UPC Discovery Fund for initial payment on the new playground project

Total Foundation funds have exceeded \$3 million for the first time this year as many generous donations from members have been received. As a result, only limited funds from Foundation have been needed to support the ministries of UPC. You may be wondering how the Foundation receives its funds. In general most funds that end up in Foundation come from two main sources:

- Memorial contributions given to UPC in memory of someone are placed in the Foundation Commemorative Fund (or other designated fund if requested) unless they exceed \$5000. In that case Session will first discuss the most appropriate use of those memorial gifts.
- When someone names UPC as a beneficiary in their will, Session will discuss the most appropriate use of those gifts. If there is not a pressing need when the money is received, these bequests are typically placed in Foundation where the gift may continue to grow and meet future needs. Anyone who wishes to leave money to UPC should discuss their intentions with UPC staff first to assure that wording in the final documents will be clearly understood and will provide the results intended by the giver.

Foundation Committee: Rich Helm, chair; Tom Gramkow, Evan Hague, Sharon Lansdowne, Sandy Nott, and Sean Scranton.

Nature Connections



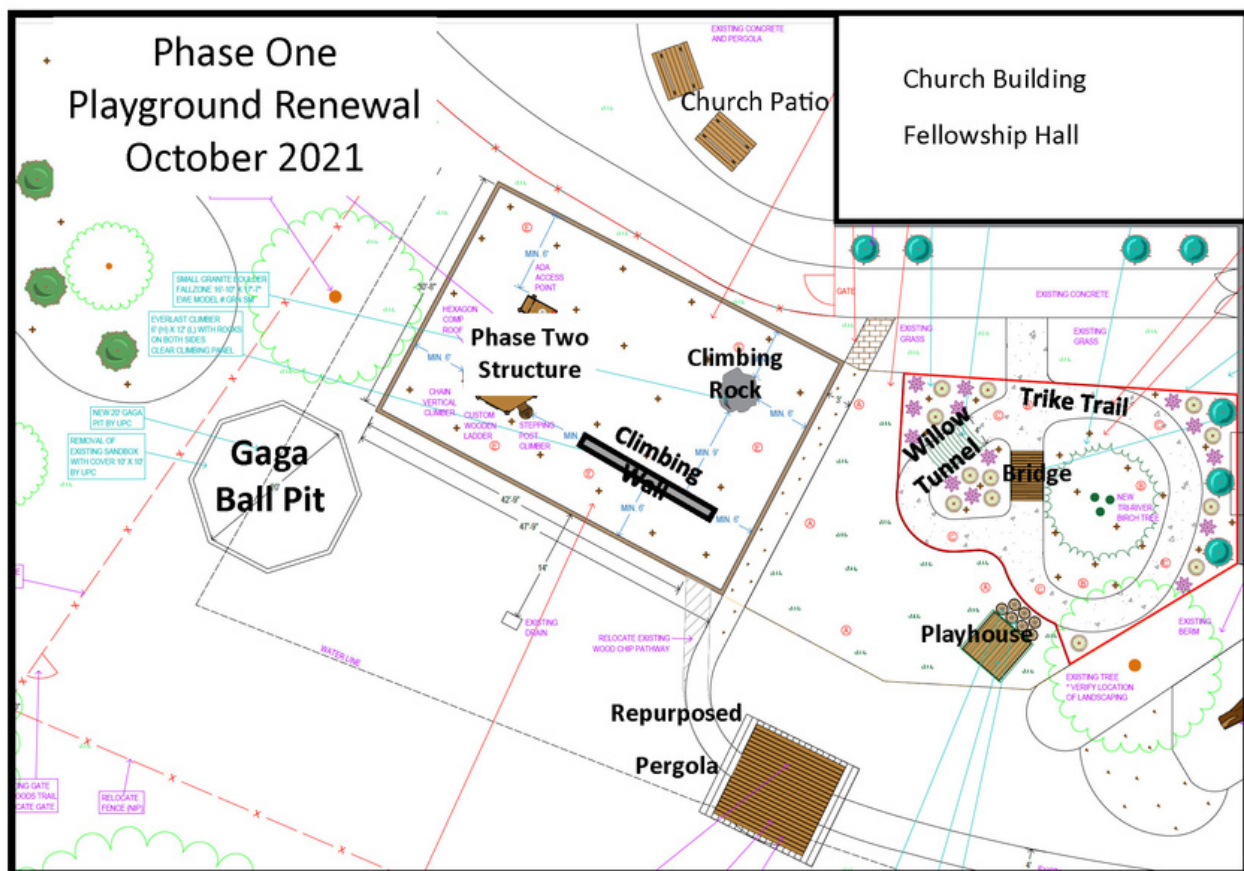
Busy as Bees!!!

In addition to active participation in the Preschool Playground Task Force, Nature Connections has been very busy preparing the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom for the return of the children. In addition to the repurposing of the pergola by adding a floor and a roof, there has also been lots of weeding, pruning, and cleaning.

The fall work day has been postponed until after the removal of the old equipment and installation of the new equipment. Then there will be a number of work days for planting grass in front of the pergola to create a grassy seating area for plays and services, landscaping the new tricycle trail, and assembling and installing the new Gaga Ball Pit. Workers welcome!

If you haven't checked out the repurposed pergola, please do so. It is such a pleasant place to be. It has already been used for Bible school drama, playing house, and for several committee meetings (bring your own lawn chairs). The pergola is in use during the preschool day but open the rest of the time. Side curtains are being selected and will be installed by the Nature Connections Committee to extend the usability into fall and warmer winter days. It is a fun addition to our outdoor campus. It will also be a great place to observe the installation of the new trike trail the first week in October.

While you are there also check out the new Nature Weaving Looms that Nancy Jones designed and built for the toddler and preschool art area. Watch how their "weavings" grow as they weave natural materials from our woods into the yarn and ribbons. Exciting times for everyone!



Playground Task Force Report

It's Coming! It's Coming! Phase One of Playground Redo!!

In May, the Preschool Committee empowered a Preschool Playground Task Force to develop a plan to replace the aging large play structure and increase usability of that area for Sunday School, Bible School, and families after church. The Task Force has been working diligently with a playground design/build company and a playground expert. Several years ago, the Preschool Committee established a playground fund housed in foundation for this purpose. In addition, the preschool received funds from the Illinois Child Care Restoration Grant because the preschool (full day and part day) remained open during the Covid crisis. The purpose of these funds is to support and enhance child care centers.

Faced with supply chain difficulties and shortages in equipment and materials, the task force decided to break the project into phases rather than wait until supply chain challenges disappeared. By splitting our planning and installation of our new playground into phases, we are able to get our program installation for the first phase in October instead of next spring.

Included in Phase One Final Version (drawing on the left) as approved by the Task Force and Preschool Committee is the following

- for the preschool age children: Tricycle trail, tricycle bridge, and a playhouse with tree pavers and a willow tunnel
- for the older children: a Clear Climbing Wall, a Climbing Rock and a Gaga Pit.

The Gaga Pit will serve toddlers, preschoolers and older children and will be installed by Nature Connections. Helpers welcome!!

Targeted for Phase II is an enhanced toddler area and a "clubhouse with slide". These can be added if and when funding becomes available. Donors welcome!!



Members of the Task Force and the group they represent are Judy Helm, Chair; Lora Taylor (Director); Pam Scranton (Christian Ed and Preschool Committee); Josie Johnson (Nature Connections); Nancy Jones (Nature Connections); Richard Helm (Properties); Don Hartshorn (Preschool Committee); Marijane Trotter (Christian Ed Committee); Debbie Hanson (Church Life Committee); Katrina Larson (Toddler teacher, staff) and Catherine Price (Preschool teacher, staff).

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Weekly Events

Sunday

- 9AM - Adult Sunday School taking up Joshua, Judges, and Ruth on Zoom & in Room 107
- 10AM - Join us in person, or on YouTube, and Facebook for Worship. Children gather in the Narthex for Sunday School programming

Tuesday

- 10AM - CoffeeTalk. Stay connected with these Zoom conversations

Thursday

- 10AM - Midweek Bible Study on the Gospel of John (Room 100 and Zoom)

Committees and Session Meetings

All meetings can have Zoom options. Please let the Committee Chair know in advance.

- Christian Education - 1st Sunday at 11:15AM (Chair: Pam Scranton)
- Church Life - 1st Monday at 6:30PM (Chair: Charlotte Cronin)
- Nature Connections - 2nd Wednesday at 6:00PM (Chair: Judy Helm)
- Preschool - 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM (Co-Chairs: Andrew Harrison and Pam Scranton)
- Properties - 1st Monday at 6:30PM (Chair: Jim Pugh)
- Missional Engagement - 1st Tuesday at 7:00PM (Shared Chair. Contact Jenna Hague or Nicole Livesey)
- Worship & Arts - 2nd Sunday at 11:15AM (Co-Chairs: Mark Hanson and Jerry Randall)
- Human Resources - 2nd Tuesday at 6:00PM (Co-Chairs: Debbie Sullivan and Linda Kelley)
- Foundation - 2nd Tuesday at 7:00PM (Chair: Rich Helm)
- Stewardship & Finance - 3rd Tuesday at 7:00PM (Chair: Evan Hague)
- Session - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Don't Forget Snack Pack Donations!

We are always in need of individually packaged food items.

- Cereal
- Juice
- Snack items such as: pretzels, chips, cookies, fruit snacks,
- Mac N Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Individual Soups
- Ravioli
- Spaghetti O's
- Beef Stew, etc

