

United  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of Peoria, Illinois

# The Chimes



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## Worship Schedule

### **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 7, World Communion Sunday  
Children over 3 stay in worship with us  
Communion Sunday

*10:00 am Service*

Psalm 26; **Mark 10:13-16**

Rev. Laura

VIVID at 4:00 pm at Big Barn Bash

### **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 14

*10:00 am Service*

Psalm 22:1-15; **Mark 10:17-31**

Rev. Laura

### **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 21

*10:00 am Service*

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; **Mark 10:35-45**

Rev. Laura

### **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 28

Reformation Sunday

*10:00 am Service Food on the Fourth*

*Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); **Mark 10:46-52***



## Halloween Carnival

October 26th

6:00—8:00 pm

United Presbyterian Church

2400 W Northmoor Rd

693-2002

Everyone Welcome!  
Games, cupcake walk,  
prizes, food

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October Calendar

**Church Leadership****Session****Laurie Hartshorn, Clerk of Session****Class of 2018**

Jenna Hague  
Mark Hanson  
Linda Kelley  
Ralph Krall  
Cindy Shipley

**Class of 2019**

Charlotte Cronin  
Mary Jo Mays  
Alicia McKeighan  
Megan McKeighan  
Kathy Nordvall

**Class of 2020**

Tim Cole  
Deb Hanson  
Don Hartshorn  
Pam Madden  
Alexis Maloof

**Board of Deacons****Class of 2018**

Victoria Best  
Marcia Boyer  
Rose Dickerson  
Vicki Ghidina  
Angie Gross  
Laurie Hartshorn  
Michael Kelley  
Ron Kirchgessner  
Charlene Mousty  
Sandy Nott  
Rose Schmollinger  
Trudy Sholtz

**Class of 2019**

Theresa Bender  
Ken Krancher  
John Madden  
Sue McGill  
Rick Noetzel  
Deb Paul  
Nancy Pogue  
Bev Ranson  
Myrna Schwarz

**Class of 2020**

Bill Barrett  
Judi Beck  
Audrey Beeney  
Pat Bensing  
Theresa Buley  
Betty Downard  
Ann Gropp  
Megan Marsh  
Nancy Thompson

**Session Committee Liaisons**

Church Life  
Hospitality & Growth  
Christian Education  
Human Resources  
Member Care  
Mission  
Properties  
Stewardship & Finance  
Worship & the Arts  
Preschool

Charlotte Cronin  
Linda Kelley  
Cindy Shipley  
Alicia McKeighan & Pam Madden  
Mary Jo Mays & Deb Hanson  
Jenna Hague  
Don Hartshorn  
Megan McKeighan & Tim Cole  
Mark Hanson  
Kathy Nordvall

Pray for the pastor being prepared by God to partner with United Presbyterian Church.

Interested in joining United Presbyterian Church?  
Contact the pastor or visit our website at: [www.unitedpc.org](http://www.unitedpc.org).

## Letter from Laura

I visited the home of a friend a few weeks ago. She loves her home and has described aspects of it to me over the years but it was a delight to actually be there so I'll have a picture in my head for future conversations.

Here's what I love about the place. First, it is a home, not a house, and holds love lightly within it. It's a peaceful place. Second, many of the details of updating and remodeling have been done after much thought and planning, suiting the interests, needs and hobbies of the owners. Third, almost all of the furnishings and decorations have a story. She described to me who made various pieces of furniture and the provenance of other pieces – these kerosene lanterns were my grandmother's, this chair belonged to a friend, my husband built this to fit right into this space and used recycled wood for the drawers. I kept asking for more stories, and they flowed out.

What I loved best was the expression on her face as the stories poured out. Watching her eyes light up or take on a faraway look for a moment as she would recall how she's been around a particular item her whole life, bathing in her contented smile, I was moved by the delight my friend takes in remembering. As she does so, she temporarily peoples the space of today with her ancestors who lived their lives as best they knew how. Each one taught her something of how to be Jesus in the world to others. It's not the things that matter. It's what they remind her of that's so important. They are visible signs of the relationships of her life which make her who she is. The furniture and furnishings are eclectic and yet they blend beautifully because both they and their stories are loved and appreciated.

My friend is a very faithful woman. Life has not always given her what she wants but she transforms what she receives as heritage and circumstance by trusting God. She gives me hope, as she tells the stories of her ancestors, for the good time we'll have on 9/30 as we gather to remember UPC's family stories. We'll be surrounded by furnishings that remind us of the places we've traveled from, including items rescued from the sodden mess of a fire to become beautiful again. We have many good stories about our ancestors in Arcadia and First and here at UPC. The laughter, worship, mission, tears, connections and relationships of all the years make us who we are now. Remembering our past this Sunday will help solidify our identity. We're not just choosing a pastor. The pastor is also choosing UPC. The work we're do today will help our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) answer with truth and confidence the questions they will be asked by potential pastors: "Who are you? How did you learn that? What are your bedrock convictions? What are your dreams?"

Come help share the stories. Come be surprised. Come laugh and learn and help us prepare for the pastor even now being prepared by God. Show up and be part of the story.

Blessings,  
Rev. Laura

## Worship & the Arts



### VIVID in October

We invite all of our VIVID attendees to experience the Big Barn Bash in October! You can see the CE section of the newsletter for more information. We will continue our normal VIVID service in November.

### Are you a Facebook User? If so, you can help us!

If you are a Facebook User, you can help the church out by doing three very simple things. 1) Please "Like" the United Presbyterian Church page 2) give us a 5-star rating with a brief little note on why you like the church 3) Recommend the page to other. These three easy things will greatly help visitors when they look at the page to get a sense of our church and they will be more likely to view the content on our Facebook page. Thank you!

### Sermons available online

Were you gone on a Sunday but still want to keep up-to-date with the sermons? We have you covered! Just visit <http://unitedpc.org/resources/sermons/> for the latest sermons. You can also view archived sermons by searching preachers or sermon texts.

### Home Communion Needs Volunteers

We need volunteer ordained elders and deacons to serve home communion on the first Mondays of the month to our members who are homebound or in living centers. Please contact Pat Weinkauff at 685-0778 if you would like to volunteer for this. All supplies a liturgy, and route guide are provided. Those unable to join us in worship are especially grateful for the visits.

### A Practice Based Faith

The other day I was listening to one of my favorite spiritual thinkers, Father Richard Rohr. He was saying how the vitality of the Christian faith in the future relies on two things; a robust Trinitarian understanding of God and a Practice-based faith.

The first part of this equation has a lot to do with our understanding of Jesus Christ. You see, when we say "Jesus Christ" we are really making two important affirmations of faith. Firstly, we are recognizing the humanity of Jesus who walked alongside us and was one of us. A lot of non-denominational and charismatic churches worship a very "human" Jesus which is great, but there is more to Jesus' story. Secondly, when we say "Jesus Christ" we are recognizing the Cosmic nature of Christ; the eternal Logos who throughout the course of time goes before us, is with us, and comes after us continually revealing the nature of the Godhead (the Cosmic nature of Christ is beautifully celebrated in Celtic theology). If we profess our faith in Jesus Christ we are holding these truths in tension with one another while proclaiming faith in the united Trinity. God is relationship and movement and life and love.

When our concept of God becomes larger and larger over time, it directly affects how we worship. As children, often times we can only process a small Jesus who is our friend. This revelation may be wonderfully necessary and life-giving at the time, but at some point that particular notion of Jesus needs to be amended. If we commit to being life-long learners and experiencers of the faith, this process of understanding and renewal does not stop! It keeps on evolving. And this evolution necessitates a renewed way of connecting with God on a "soul level".

I have found practices such as mediation, confession, Eucharist, prayer walks, and other forms of contemplative prayer to be cable vessels for my expanding understanding of God. These daily practices allow for nuance, non-cerebral investigation, and experiential and emotional connection to the Divine.

Like Father Richard Rohr, I do believe the future of the Christian tradition (in terms of richness and vitality) relies on the extent to which we don't box God in with our theology and the extent to which we convert understanding into experience. God does not just reside in our minds. God is everywhere present and finds home in our seeking, our questions, our doubts, our pain, our pleasure, and our rejoicing.

To see how a practice-based faith looks like in a worship service, I invite you to Imago Dei Church in Peoria on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. I will be playing music with Aaron Nyquist from "The Practice" at Willow Creek Church as he leads us in a 90-minute gathering that will bring time-tested spiritual practices together with modern forms of worship, and help us learn the practices that can sustain our souls as we join God in the healing and restoration of the world.

## Thank You

Thank you all for your prayers, love and support since Dave's diagnosis last October and his passing in August. We have been overwhelmed by the many acts of kindness you have shown our family. No words can adequately express our sincere appreciation for all that you have done, but please know that you have touched our hearts forever. We are so very grateful to be a part of this wonderful church family.

With love,

The Family of Dave Nixon

Kathy, Matt, Megan, Jud & Caleb

To my wonderful Church Family, Thank you all for the prayers of concern and healing as I go through my knee replacement surgery. The UPC

rose is beautiful and still looking fresh. I am 2 weeks post-op now and therapy is going well. Special thanks to Jeri Maher, Rose Schmollinger, and Nancy & Terry Thompson. They have each been a special blessing throughout this ordeal. I hope to be back in church very soon. I have missed you all very much! Feeling God's love, Pauline Harris



Dear Friends at UPC,

Thank you for your prayers for my Mother's recovery. She is doing so much better. Thank you Keli for visiting her. Thank you for the red rose, she loved it.

Love,

Pam Madden

Being in the hospital was no fun at all. The rose that you sent me brightened me up a lot. Thank you.

Dick Kemmerer

I want to send a thank you to everyone who sent their condolences on the recent loss of my brother Joe. The cards, words, love and hugs have meant so much to me and my family. Thank you to my church family for the beautiful white rose on the altar in memory of him. I am truly grateful for all the love and support during this difficult time.

Love,

Theresa Bender & family

Thank you for all the many cards, phone calls, flowers and prayers in my recovery. Special thanks to Keli Briggs for her hospital visit.

Most sincerely,

Ralph Krall

Nancy and I would like to thank EVERYONE who responded to our plea for help to pack up my house after my stroke. We were overwhelmed with how many of you responded and helped us pack up and empty the house. Many hands do indeed make quick work. It was truly a God thing that day. If we have not thanked you personally, know that you have been thanked in our hearts and prayers. We are very fortunate to have this church family that responds so wonderfully in times of need. We also want to thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits after my stroke; they meant the world to us.

Dwight and Nancy Jones

The Youth Group and Christian Education would like to THANK the rummage sale committee and all those who supported the rummage sale for the generous donation to the youth mission trip fund. Your support is very much appreciated.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers and all you did for Shirley and me during my recent hospitalization. The rose brightened up my room, and we appreciate Dr. Laura's visit and talking with Keli. You are a wonderful church family.

Ron Streib

Dear Church family,

Thank you all so very much for the kind expressions of sympathy we have received at my Dad's passing. The roses were lovely, the red one sent to the hospital and the white one in his memory in the chancel. The white one is still blooming! The outpouring of prayers and cards were amazing and such a comfort. Thanks to each and every one of you that took the time to remember us. We are thankful that Dad is at peace and resting in the arms of Jesus with no more struggles. Love and God's blessings to you all.

Alice & Jim Bremner

## Christian Education

The Christian Education committee is responsible for educational programs at UPC, youth group activities, nursery and VBS. We welcome new members and volunteers. CE meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:15 in Room 100. Cindy Shipley ([cinship56@yahoo.com](mailto:cinship56@yahoo.com)) is currently the chair.

### Adult Sunday School—This class is growing!

Offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am, the curriculum being used is the "Present Word". **If you are interested in more information, attending class or need materials please contact : Ann Gropp-309-339-3239.** We meet in Room 105 (Sewing room).

### Children's Sunday School

Sunday School—we're up and running and enjoying ourselves! We want to give our teachers Sabbath time this year, time to worship as well as shape young lives. This means we need more help. Can you teach on the second, third and fourth Sunday of a month for us? Or commit to being a sub? Please let Rev. Laura know as she is doing the scheduling and training for us right now. 815-822-0557 or [revlaura1911@hotmail.com](mailto:revlaura1911@hotmail.com). Classes are for age 3-K; 1st and 2nd and 3rd-6th.

## Youth Groups

### Youth Groups Update

Jump Start is for those in 3rd-5th grades

RUSH is for those in 6th-8th grades

QUEST is for those in 9th-12th grades

### Youth Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast

Following church on Sunday, October 21, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm the youth of UPC will be serving breakfast. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, milk, and coffee will be available.

Price for kids 12 and under is \$4.00 and adults is \$7.00.

All proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip, July 16-20, 2019.



### 2018

Oct 7 Big Barn Bash (Deppermann farm) 4-7

Oct 21 Pancake lunch 11:00-1:30

(Fundraiser for 2019 Trips)

Nov 11 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Dec 9 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

### 2019

Jan 13 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Jan 27 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Feb 10 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Feb 24 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Mar 5 Pancake supper 5:30-7:30

Mar 24 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Apr 14 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Apr 28 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

May 19 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

### Big Barn Bash & VIVID

The Youth Fall Kick Off will be at Rodger & Trish Deppermann's farm on Sunday, October 14th from 4:00-7:00 pm. All youth group (Jump Start, Rush, and Quest), their siblings and families and **anyone who wants to fellowship with us**, are invited to attend.

**VIVID** is going to the Big Barn Bash.

Hot dogs, buns, chips, s'mores, drinks, plates, and silverware will be provided. Bring a dish to share and your own lawn chairs for adults.

We will meet at UPC at 3:30 to carpool. For planning purposed, let the church office know by Friday if your child needs transportation. We will return to the church by 7:45 pm.



Join us for food, fun, and games for all ages.



# Mission

## Mission Trip Opportunity

*Have you loved learning about the ministries of Projecto Amar, Brazil?*

*Are you seeking to experience God in a way that will stretch your faith and allow you to grow spiritually?*

*Would you consider an international mission trip?*

Short term mission trips enable individuals to serve alongside the local Christian men and women who run the ministry and programming at Projecto Amar. The purpose of the mission trip is to create needed purpose and change in the world while building relationships that will benefit the lives of the children being served by God's love in action. There is an opportunity to travel with a team from Vision Trust to Brazil in March 2019! Please reach out to Nicole Livsey ([niclmorrow@gmail.com](mailto:niclmorrow@gmail.com), 815-302-5583) or Jenna Hague ([jenna.l.hague@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.l.hague@gmail.com)) if you would like more information!

Projecto Amar is one of our mission partners through our annual special offering and the several families who sponsor children at the school in Brazil through VisionTrust. This program give kids and teenagers a safe place where they are fed physically, intellectually, and spiritually. Through the love and support that the staff pours into the children, they see and feel the love of God and are given hope for a better future. Instead of being engulfed by a community culture of drugs, prostitution, and violence, these children are now being given a hope for a future they never could have imagined. Children ages 5 and up attend the programs after school. They receive 2 meals, society and citizenship teaching, basic health assistance, and Biblical teaching and discipleship. The children also participate in extracurricular activities such as music, sports, and judo.

## Family Christmas Shop- Save the Date

Save the date for the Family Christmas Shop on Saturday, December 8th! This annual event provides gifts for families in our community. They are invited to attend to receive presents, coats, and books for their children at no cost. In addition, the families are able to enjoy an afternoon of holiday treats, family photos, and activities for the kids.

In an effort to be better stewards, as well as meet the needs of our guests, we will be making a few tweaks to this year's event:

- We will remove all guesswork from which toy or clothing item to buy! Instead of setting out bins to collect a variety of toys, the committee is working with the invited families in advance to provide a wishlist of gifts in a variety of price ranges and will create a registry of needed items updated both online and on the bulletin board starting in early November. This approach will also allow all of our guests have a more personalized experience and reduce the number of extra toys at the end of the event!
- We know our guests are busy and sometimes face travel obstacles to attend. Therefore, we will be changing the format from a store with a set start time and strict time schedule to an open house style where families can pick up their pre-packaged wish list items anytime during a few hour time-span and still enjoy holiday activities and fellowship.

We hope these small changes will continue to provide a welcoming experience for our guests as we share God's love during the Christmas season. A sign-up sheet will also be posted in November for volunteers as present sorters, greeters, nursery workers, gift wrapping, and more.



## Church Life

### Dining Tour Books

Dining Tour Books are available in the church office for \$30.00 each. There are 17 new restaurants this year. The proceeds go towards the Share the Warmth blanket ministry of UPC. For each book sold, we keep \$10.00. Contact the office if you are interested in one.



### Save the Date

Our First Ever

### UPC Ladies Holiday Dessert Bash

Saturday, November 3, 2018

6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Get in the Holiday Spirit early with an evening of music, holiday decorations, silent auction, and door prizes

Featuring music by our own Aaron Schultz and friends

Sign up to host and decorate a table for seven guests. Each hostess is to provide: table cloth, place settings, center pieces and the dessert of her choice.

Hot cider, coffee, & water to be provided.

\$5 donation per guest

Only 7 table are still available, so sign up today.

Contact Jan Mooberry at 309-692-5836 with questions or to reserve your table for yourself and your friends.

All proceeds go to Unite to Move the Mortgage.

There will be babysitting available if needed.

If you don't want to host a table by yourself, share one with a friend. One could decorate the other make dessert. Don't want to host a table but want to come, let the office know and we make sure there is a place for you. Everyone is welcome.



### Halloween Carnival

October 26th

6:00—8:00 pm

This fun event is for ages 2—grade 6. There will be games, food, prizes, a cupcake walk, the balloon guy and much more.

We need **LOTS** of volunteers to help run this big event. Please consider signing up to help in some way on the board in the foyer.

We also need **LOTS** of cupcakes. Sign-up at the poster board if you can donate 6 cupcakes. Please bring cupcakes on Thursday, Oct. 25 or the morning of October 26.

And last but not least, we need **individually wrapped candy**. You can bring the candy to the church office any time.

Don't forget to wear your favorite costume.



### Bus Trip

We are taking a bus trip to see Folepi Wonderland Sunday, December 9th. The bus leaves UPC at 4:30 pm and returns after dinner (on your own). The restaurant will be decided. Cost is \$5.00 per person (prepay). Please call Trish at 693-2002 to make reservations. Note: First 13 people will get seats on the church bus, overflow will be asked to drive their own cars.





## Church Life Cont'd

### Ladies Night Out

Place: East Port Galley Restaurant,  
2501 N Main St, East Peoria, IL

Date: October 18

Time: 6:00 pm

RSVP to Eunice Andrews @ 688-8458 or Betty Pugh  
@ 822-8500.

### Anna Circle

Date: Thursday, October 11th

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Weaver Ridge, Peoria, IL

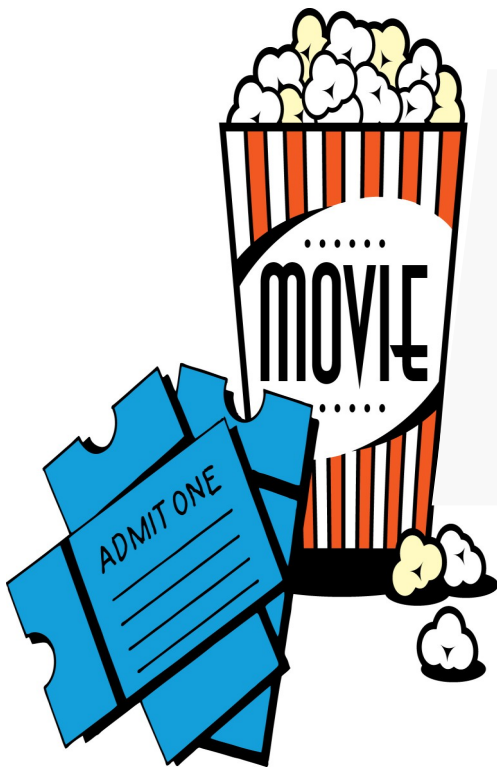
Chapter 9 of "The Girls Still Got It"

Mission: Share the Warmth blanket-making on  
Saturday, October 27th from 9:30 –12:00 pm.

### BUNCO

Join us for a fun filled evening playing BUNCO in the UPC Fellowship Hall on October 12. We begin at 7:00 pm. Bring a dollar for prizes along with a snack to share. All ages encouraged to have fun counting, adding numbers and throwing a dice.

## Movie Premier



### You are invited to a free Movie Premiere

**Thursday, October 25, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, UPC**

Last fall, winter and spring, you may have noticed a video production crew roaming our church and outdoor environment. It was *University Television Western Illinois University* filming for a new video, *Discovering Nature Classrooms In Early Childhood*. The 30 minute video showcases UPC Discovery Early Learning Center's outdoor classroom and the work of our staff and UPC Nature Rangers. The video, sponsored by Illinois State Board of Education for *Apples Video Magazine*, shows our children, parents, UPC Discovery staff, and Nature Rangers sharing the benefits and history of our certified *Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom*.

**Come see our Stars walk the red carpet! See the lights and action!**

**Eat Free Popcorn!!**

**It's short! It's fun! It's your church at work!**

## Parish Nurse

### Cancer Prevention

October is Cancer Awareness Month.

Decreases in cancer risk are possible with healthy lifestyle choices. Risk factors for cancer include lack of exercise, alcohol consumption, sun exposure, certain viruses, smoking, obesity, and diet.

The overall leading cause of cancer death for men and women is smoking related. Teens and young adults can be more likely to have breast cancer associated with a diet high in sugar, animal fat, and alcohol. Sunlight and tanning beds can cause skin cancer. Hepatitis B and C increases the risk of liver cancer. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) can also cause cancer.

Lifestyle choices that may decrease cancer risk include:

- Eating smaller portions, and eating slowly
- Drinking more water
- Reducing alcohol intake
- Eating more vegetables, fruit, and whole grains
- Exercising for 30 minutes every day

Also, talk with your health care provider about the Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines, and if Hepatitis C screening should be done

Important screenings to consider are:

- Colonoscopy
- Mammogram
- Lung Cancer CT for heavy smokers
- Pap Smear for women
- Prostate Screening

It is important to talk with your health care provider as to when you should start screening depending on established guidelines and your risk factors.

Resource: American Cancer Society

Keli Briggs, MSN, RN  
Faith Community Nurse

### Youth Suicide Prevention

Unfortunately, youth suicide is a significant concern in our society today. For youth 15-24 years of age, suicide is the second leading cause of death and for 10-14 year olds, it is the third leading cause of death according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Warning signs of suicide found at [www.youthsuicidewarningsigns.org](http://www.youthsuicidewarningsigns.org) include:

- Displaying hopelessness about the future
- Exhibiting significant distress or emotional pain
- Discussing or making a plan for suicide
- Demonstrating changes in behavior that are concerning, which may include anger, agitation, withdrawal from people or situations, or changes in sleep habits.
- If warning signs are noticed in anyone, there are appropriate ways to respond.
- Ask if the person is alright or if they are having thoughts of suicide
- Let them know you are concerned about the changes in their behavior
- Always listen carefully and remain non-judgmental
- Make sure they know what they have shared has been heard
- Assure them that they are not alone
- Share that there is help available, and guide them to professional help as needed

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline\  
1-800-273-TALK

[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

Information from <http://www.suicidology.org/Portals/14/docs/NSPW/WS%20Press%20Release%20Final.pdf>

Keli Briggs, MSN, RN  
Faith Community Nurse

## Parish Nurse

Please keep the following people in your thoughts:

Eunice & Jim Andrews  
 Mary Buesing  
 Ken Brower  
 Penny Brower  
 Dusty DeVore  
 Kerry Dickerson  
 Mary Everett  
 Geneva Hall (Gulley)  
 Jaxson Harper  
 Pauline Harris  
 Midge Hillard  
 Margaret Hutchison (Madden)  
 Mary Jermac  
 Dwight Jones  
 Katie (Cronin)  
 Aunt Helen (Kelley)  
 Mike Kelley  
 Vickie Kirchgessner  
 Ralph Krall  
 Duane Mach  
 David McDowell  
 Gladys Neal  
 Dean Peoples  
 Christy Presseau (Maloof)  
 Stephanie Rittmiller (Rouzer)  
 Sabrina Schumaker  
 Larry & Sara Stotts  
 Josh Swank  
 Felicia Vallosio  
 Cal Vobroucek  
 Don Wagner  
 Pat Weinkauff  
 Jon & Kim Wrigley  
 Ruthie Yingling



For those in active service: Holly Donald, Teslyn Armstrong

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Alice Bremner on the death of her father, Ralph Johnson, on September 5.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Theresa Bender on the death of her brother, Joe Prusak, on September 9.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Joy and Joe Stewart on the death of her daughter, Sue Brown, on September 12 and son-in-law Darhl Brown, on September 17.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Pauline Harris on the death of her father, Robert Nachbar, on September 18.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Linda (David) Smith on the death of her Mother, Virginia Schoonover, on September 20.

**Pastoral Care** If you or someone you love is hospitalized and needs a visit from UPC, please make sure you contact us directly at 693-2002. Unless the hospital tells us you're in, our staff and deacons will not know to visit or reach out. We appreciate you filling in our knowledge gaps this way.



## Nature Connections

### Nature Connections

#### Photo Contest Reminder

The calendar says fall is here with all the changing colors of nature. Now would be a GREAT time to capture some photos of those colors for our next Nature Connections Photo Contest. Remember all contest photos need to be taken on UPC's campus which includes the woods, the pond area, the flower beds and the creek area. It would be wonderful to share the seasonal changes on our campus. The March 17, 2019 deadline for photos will be here before you know it. Now is the time to get out there and enjoy the crisp, cool air and wonderful show of fall colors in nature.

## News and Notes

### Collators Needed

If you want to share a little time in fellowship, have some fun, and help your church; sign-up to help collate the monthly newsletter, THE CHIMES. We collate on the fourth Wednesday of the month around 12:45pm. If you can't make it every month, not a problem, come when you can. Call Trish at the church office (693-2002) for more information or to sign-up.

### Special Events

The church is always happy to share great news with your church family. Having a special anniversary or birthday? Let us know and we will put it in the bulletin. Contact the church office @ 693-2002.

### HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much; he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving; she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam; especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers; also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There are (really) 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

Answers will be in next months CHIMES. Happy hunting.



## Next steps in calling new pastoral leadership to UPC

All pastoral relationships have three partners: the Presbytery, the Pastor (or Associate or CLP) and the congregation. All three parties **must** be in agreement for the establishing, continuing, changing and dissolving of pastoral relationships with a congregation for these transitions to happen.

We are already deep into the Mission Study, the major required step in the calling process, which is being done by our Mission Study Task Force. Here are the next steps we'll be taking in calling new pastoral leadership for UPC. There are several points at which UPC will report to and receive approvals from the Presbytery of Great Rivers through the Commission on Ministry (COM). Here's what lies ahead.

1. Full financial situation of the congregation is provided to Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) on the Church Financial Report Form, demonstrating UPC's capacity to sustain the mission of the church including the support of pastoral leadership (completed by time Session asks to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).
2. Mission Study conducted (about 75% complete).
3. Mission Study Task Force (MSTF) presents final report to Session and then to congregation. This will contain both short term goals for the remainder of the interim time as well as goals for the next five years.
4. The goals are implemented now, under the leadership of the interim pastor.
5. Session determines what the shape of leadership will be at UPC (how many pastors and what staffing pattern should UPC have in 2019 and beyond?), reports the choice and seeks permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) from the Presbytery's COM to fulfill the plan.
6. After approval by COM, the Session determines the number of persons to serve on the PNC and asks the UPC Nominating Committee to bring a slate to be elected who represent the diversity in the congregation.
7. Session calls a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the PNC and commissions them to their service.
8. PNC meets for training with COM and completes the Ministry Information Form (MIF). The primary resource for the PNC in the calling process is the COM ministry partner, not the interim. The mission study already being done, the PNC will use it to complete the MIF, will also determine the top 10 characteristics desired in the next pastoral leadership, do some demographic study, and come to a cohesive understanding of how they will represent UPC's vision and reality to potential candidates. They will send a draft of the MIF to COM for input and then send the corrected MIF to the Session for approval. The PNC is a congregational committee, not a Session committee, but will provide regular updates to the Session and the congregation on its progress, without violating the privacy of those they are interviewing.
9. Session approves the MIF (especially the salary range to be offered) and submits the final form of the MIF to COM. Upon approval by COM it is entered into the national calling system (CLC).
10. PNC receives Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from pastoral candidates and starts the interviewing process.

11. PNC narrows choices, intensifies interviewing, COM does background checks and fit and fitness interviews with potential candidates.
12. PNC identifies final choice, schedules face to face interview here with candidate and spouse (if applicable) in the Peoria area, and experiences the candidate in a “neutral pulpit” – the potential candidate conducts worship in a neighboring congregation. The PNC decides whether to offer the position to the individual or continue looking.
13. If the PNC chooses to proceed, upon acceptance of the offer, a candidating weekend is scheduled at UPC. The candidate’s bio is circulated to the congregation and a call goes out to a congregational meeting to be held right after worship on the candidating weekend. The candidate (and family) spend the weekend in Peoria, at social events on Saturday. The candidate conducts Sunday worship, with a congregational meeting being held right after worship, with a balloted vote. The vote information is delivered to the candidate, and upon acceptance, the decision is announced. Hooray!
14. Flurry of paperwork and processes follow, as the candidate must be released from her/his previous call and say good bye, be accepted into membership by the Presbytery (#10 has laid foundation for this), find housing, move, etc. Normally a pastor finishes a call in 4 to 6 weeks and is on site within 8 weeks of accepting a call to a new position.

UPC says goodbye to Interim Pastor, and welcomes new pastor a few weeks later.

## Message From the Session

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Commission on Ministry (COM) of Great Rivers Presbytery concurred with the request of Rev. Laura and the UPC Session to renew the interim contract. The Session made the request to COM since it is pleased with how Rev. Laura is fulfilling her current contract. Rev. Laura does her share in sustaining the ongoing worship and pastoral care of UPC and goes far beyond her job description as she attends to the administrative and organizational needs of the church, especially in light of staff transitions that have occurred this year. While she is an ex officio member of all committees, the expectation is that she work directly with HR and Stewardship and Finance. The church’s financial situation continues to improve under her leadership.

In addition, she is doing the specialized work of the interim time. She is leading us through the transition to new leadership, she has us learning our history and discovering and articulating our current identity. She’s guiding us to discern our current and future mission as part of the Body of Christ. She is teaching us how to grapple with shifts in structure, leadership, and power and is helping us renew denominational ties through both her grasp on the big picture and her connections in the larger church. We are grateful for our relationship with her.

### SESSION SHORTS

The Session met on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 and conducted the following business.

Welcomed Susan Haag and Nicole Livsey into the membership of the church by Reaffirmation of Faith and will receive them publicly on 9/30. Received the report that COM approved the contract renewal for Rev. Laura and UPC today.

The Session established a Safety Committee and its composition and charged them with reviewing and implementing the details of the Safety Task Force final report.

Session noted the move of the BSA on 10/1 to a facility able to accommodate their program growth and approved the following:

~a Youth Pancake Breakfast on 10/21, as a fundraiser for 2019 trip

~the Youth Triennium at Purdue as the Sr. High 2019 Summer trip

~a week at Stronghold as the Jr. High 2019 Summer trip

~the joint request of CE and Missions to direct the Sunday School offering to the purchase of a cow for a family in Kenya (Mission will match offerings up to \$250) and removed David and Bernice Labeda and Rebekah Weber from the rolls, as all have relocated out of state. The Session also affirmed that meetings may not be held at UPC without being cleared through the church office first.

After approving volunteers for the teaching ministries of UPC, the Session agreed that next steps for implementation of the *Standards of Ethical Conduct* now in the HR manual will be requesting affirmations of the standards from all committee and board members in addition to those in the teaching ministries.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 8:30 Exercise 2:00 Blood Drive 5:30 Member Care 6:30 Tai Chi 6:30 Church Life	<b>2</b> 9:30 PASG General Meeting 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 5:30 SOLT Rev. Laura 6:30 Families Anonymous	<b>3</b> 8:30 PBS 10:30 Staff 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Choir 7:00 MSTF 7:15 Worship Band	<b>4</b> 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement <div>AARP Driving Class 9-1</div>	<b>5</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Communion</b> 9:00 Adult Education 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Library Open 4:00 Big Barn Bash/ VIVID @ the Dep- permann's	<b>8 No Preschool</b> Home Communion Visits 8:30 Exercise 1:00 Parents' Bereavement 6:00 Moms Demand Action 6:00 Tai Chi	<b>9</b> 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:00 Human Resources 6:30 Families Anonymous	<b>10</b> 8:30 PBS 11:00 PEO BX 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:00 Nature Connections 6:15 Choir 7:00 Preschool 7:15 Worship Band	<b>11</b> 8:30 Exercise 11:30 PASGDTS 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:00 Anna Circle 6:30 Stewardship & Finance	<b>12</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 7:00 BUNCO	<b>13</b> 9:30 Deacon Quarterly Meeting
<b>14</b> 9:00 Adult Education 9:00 Mission 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Christian Ed/ Worship & the Arts 2:00 OSF Hospice Program	<b>15</b> 8:30 Exercise 11:30 PASGB 6:00 Tai Chi	<b>16</b> 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	<b>17</b> 8:30 PBS 10:30 Staff Mtg 11:30 ANG 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Choir 7:15 Worship Band	<b>18</b> 8:00 Session Info Due in the office 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:00 Ladies Night Out @ East Port Gallery Restaurant <div>Rev. Laura at SOLT ASSY</div>	<b>19</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg	<b>20</b> Armstrong/Blasé Wedding
<b>21 Blood Pressure Screening</b> 8:00 CHIMES Info Due 9:00 Adult Ed 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 Pancake Breakfast Youth & Doughboys	<b>22</b> 8:30 Exercise 1:00 Parents' Bereavement 6:00 Tai Chi	<b>23</b> 11:30 PASGNP 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous 7:00 Session	<b>24</b> 8:30 PBS 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Choir 7:15 Worship Band	<b>25</b> 8:30 Exercise 11:30 PASGK 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:30 Movie Premier 7:00 Richwoods Homeowners Mtg.	<b>26</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 6:00 Halloween Carnival	<b>27</b> 9:30 Share the Warmth
<b>28 Food on the Fourth</b> 9:00 Adult Ed 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Movie 11:15 Snack Pack Assembly	<b>29</b> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Tai Chi	<b>30</b> 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	<b>31</b> 8:30 PBS 1:00 Collate CHIMES 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Choir 7:15 Worship Band <div>October 2018</div>			

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