



The Chimes



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Worship Schedule

October 6, 2019 World Communion

Join us for worship at 10:00 focused on **God's beautiful world** and especially on the beauty of Monarch Butterflies. Rev. Laura

Stay for Monarch Day activities from 11 - 2
Peace and Global Witness Offering received

October 13, 2019

Psalm 66:1-12, **Luke 17:11-19**

"Returning Thanks" Rev. Laura

OSF Hospice at 2:00

VIVID at 4:00 with Communion

October 20, 2019

Blood pressures taken/
Chimes deadline

Psalm 119:97-104, **Luke 18:1-8**

"Do Not Lose Heart" Rev. Laura

October 27, 2019 – Reformation Sunday

Food on the Fourth

Psalm 65, **Luke 18:9-14**

"What Kind of Prayer?" Rev. Laura

Looking ahead: On **Sunday, November 3rd**, we will have an **All Saints Day service**. If you wish to add a name of a loved one who has passed away since last November 1st to the names included in this service, please provide that information to Keli Briggs, our Faith Community Nurse, by October 25th.

After worship, we will dedicate the **Walk with Randy resources** prepared by Nature Connections, honoring one of our own saints, Pastor Randy.



Halloween Carnival

Friday,

October 25th

6:00-8:00 pm

United Presbyterian
Church

2400 W Northmoor Rd
693-2002

Everyone Welcome!
Games, cupcake walk,
prizes, photo booth

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Les Boswell, Mark Hanson, Sean Jennings*, Nicole Livsey, Alexis Maloof*, Sally Maubach, Stan Strickler; *Co-Moderators

Foundation

2019-Ellen Grohovena, Richard Kern

2020-Theresa Bender, Fred Roland

2021-Evan Hague, Rich Helm

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.

Interested in joining United Presbyterian Church?
Contact the pastor or visit our website at: www.unitedpc.org.

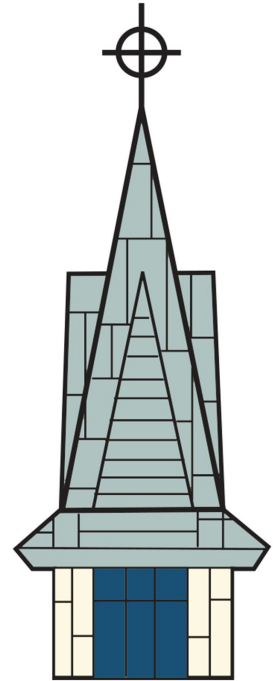
LETTER FROM LAURA

The last three times I've moved, I've downsized before I packed. When I moved to Peoria, I only moved stuff I like and want to continue to share space with. Everything else was eliminated.

Part of the fun of only keeping things that I enjoy is also using them all the time, instead of 'saving' them. Spread across my guest bed is a beautiful quilt in the cross and crown pattern that I stored in a cedar chest for 15 years. When I went to Olney, there was a wonderful elder who was the epitome of a Christian engaged in his community: he'd been dean of the local junior college when it was founded, had served on the county and city boards, was currently the president of the board of the local hospital, and was utterly devoted to his congregation, where he had grown up, taught Sunday school and had served for many years as Clerk. He chaired the mission study for us, and kept that entire group on task, called out the best in them, and was a font of historical information. The last time I saw him, he'd dropped in to see if I was still worried about something we'd been discussing. A few days later he suddenly died, while out on his morning walk. Gale was the sort of man one would never want to lose, and we gave witness to his wonderful, self-effacing life. About three weeks later his widow Shirley stopped by. After we'd chatted a bit, she asked if it were true that I like the color purple. Yes. Out came the quilt now in my guest room and she told me she had made it some three years earlier. While she had labored over it, Gale would ask her from time to time who she was making it for and she would always say, I don't know, but I'll know when the time comes. Even today, this memory brings tears to my eyes – of the mystery of God working within her as she created such beauty, of Gale's pragmatic nature wondering why she would work on something without knowing the recipient, of Shirley's heart being nudged when Gale died to recognize she had made this quilt for the pastor who would bury her husband. It is amazing to see in hindsight how God's hand has been in something all along.

The purple quilt lies inside a bedframe made by my husband's great grand-father's brother. My favorite Stiffel lamp from our childhood home lights the corner. A purple chair from Bev's house sits under it; Harriet's watercolor, once mistaken for a Wyeth, hangs on the wall. I realize I love these things because of the memories associated with them. They call to mind so many people and times and nudge me to realize that I am woven, warp and woof, into the stream of countless lives, as they are woven into mine. I am thankful in this harvest season for the many ways I am surrounded by reminders of blessings. Look around yourselves and notice what brings your own blessings to mind. Count them. Name them one by one. Be thankful, for God is indeed good, all the time.

Blessings,
Rev. Laura



Mission

An Invitation to the Peace and Global Witness Offering- Collected October 6th

Sometimes the church talks about the work we do as an obligation or a duty. But if we think of it as an invitation, our attitude changes. World Communion Sunday is certainly an invitation; an invitation to join in God's reign of peace. As we open the doors and prepare the meal, Christ invites all—despite our differences, experiences, and pasts—to come to the table as one body and to make peace through reconciliation and advocating for God's justice.



Christ invites us to join in the ministry of reconciliation and the pursuit to end violence through the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through our participation in this Offering and the ministries it supports, we offer healing, peace, and reconciliation. In joining the Offering, we serve God's people in Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, and the USA, as our hands serve women experiencing abuse, our words bear peace to the incarcerated, and our relationships enable conversations of reconciliation to begin. Visit the Peace & Global Witness Offering website [www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global] to find more information on how our gifts promote peace in our world

This offering will serve as an outreach to the Peoria community on the issue of gun violence with the 25% we retain for our own ministries of peace and reconciliation. The Mission committee is planning a screening of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance produced documentary, *Trigger: The Ripple of God Violence*, along with a Q&A panel of community leaders for this winter. We will also be partnering with our local Moms Demand Action group to enable Peoria public schools to implement the Be SMART framework designed to help parents and adults normalize conversations about gun safety and take responsible actions that can prevent child gun deaths and injuries.

We pray that the God of Peace might inspire us to be peacemakers in every word and deed as we celebrate World Communion Sunday on Sunday, October 6 and give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.



Mission Cont'd

Family Christmas Shop

It is not too late to join the planning team for UPC's annual Family Christmas Shop! This annual event (held this year on Saturday, December 7) provides gifts for families in our community at no cost to them. In addition, the families are able to enjoy an afternoon of holiday treats, family photos, and activities for the kids. If you are interested in helping organize this wonderful event, contact Jennie Boswell at jennie.boswell@gmail.com or 980-225-4477. You don't want to miss out on this great way to serve families right here in our community!



Thank You

Kudos to UPC Bus Ministry. If it were not for the dedication and service of the drivers and greeters of the bus ministry, who serve us so well every Sunday, a few members of the congregation would not be able to attend church. We deeply appreciate the faithful drivers and greeters who serve each Sunday getting us to church and back home safely. These faithful volunteers are courteous, kind and friendly. The greeters are always glad to see us and help us in any way they can during our ride to church or back. We feel that the rest of the congregation and staff should know how extremely grateful we are for this very important part of UPC's ministry to others. May God richly bless this great service, and all of you. Thanks,
The Guys and Gals who ride our bus

Worship & the Arts

My first memory of Christmas is from when I was four years old. Most people would think that the memory has to do with a present I received or a special party I went to. It isn't. My first memory is of my dad teaching me a song about the baby Jesus. I worked at home with him for weeks on that sweet little solo. I went to rehearsal and got to be with the "big kids". I was in awe of the magic of Christmas. I have a distinct memory of walking while holding a lit candle (People in the 70s trusted their kids much more than we do) down a long dark aisle. I wasn't afraid. I knew I was going to worship the King. I could feel, at even such a young age, that this wasn't an ordinary service. I was there to remember the Lord of the Universe's birth! I am so blessed that my first memory of Christmas involves our Savior. I'm sure I was excited about Santa and presents but I don't remember that. I remember holding my candle and bringing the gift of song as a present for the King. "What shall I give him poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I'd give him a lamb." What I gave him was my voice. It wasn't much, but it was all I had. This Christmas I hope that you will ask yourself what you can give him. Do you paint, sculpt, write, dance, draw, sew, play an instrument or sing? I want your Christmas to be as pure as my first memory. I want for you to not be caught up in what the world says Christmas is. I want you to be caught up in the gift you are going to give our King. You may be wondering why I would be talking about Christmas in October. 'Tis the season for musicians to start preparing. I encourage you to come to bells, choir or worship team practice on Wednesday night October 9th. We will be beginning our Christmas music. The first 20 minutes of each rehearsal will be dedicated to just Christmas music. Please feel free to come and go as you please. Also, we want to get our youth involved. Please email me at alison@unitedpc.org to let me know if your child or teen is interested in helping this Christmas. I will find a spot for them. Because we aren't all musicians I want you to email me if you have a talent or art that you would like to share. I will find a way to incorporate your gifts into our service. Please pray about how God would like to use you for His glory this Christmas.
Many Blessings,
Alison

P.S. Another reason I probably remember that Christmas is that while going down the aisle one of the kids stopped abruptly and all of the kids behind him stopped suddenly and a girl caught her hair on fire. To see all of the mothers run to help was a major memory in itself.

Church Life

Ladies Night Out

Place: Jason's Deli

112 Spinder Drive, E Peoria 61611

Date: Thursday, October 17, 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 contact Betty Pugh.

Anna Circle

When: Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:00 pm

Where: WeaverRidge

Lesson: Chapter 5, *It's Good to Be Queen*

Mission: Share the Warmth Blanket Ministry. Work days are the 4th Saturday of month at 9:30 am. The following work days are scheduled for the remainder of 2019: Oct. 26th, and Nov. 23rd. All are welcome to join in on this ministry. No sewing skills are required.

BUNCO

When: October 11, 2019

Where: UPC Fellowship Hall

Time: 7:00 pm—8:45 pm

Come and join us for fellowship, good food and play BUNCO. Bring a friend, a snack, and a dollar for the prizes.



Halloween Carnival Friday, October 25th 6:00—8:00 pm

This fun event is for age 2-grade 6. There will be games, 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, October 24 or the morning of October 25.

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.



Fall Festival Save the Date

2nd

Annual

UPC Fall Festival

Saturday, November 9, 2019

6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Get in the fall spirit early with an evening of fun, decorations, a silent auction, and door prizes.

Featured music by Sue Hulin.

The guest speaker is Lee Ranson.

Sign up to host and decorate a table of 7 (host plus 6 guests).

Each hostess is to provide: table cloth, place settings, center pieces and the dessert of her choice.

Hot cider, coffee, and water to be provided.

\$5.00 donation per guest.

Only 5 tables remain so sign-up today. If you don't want to be a hostess but want to come, sign-up also. There will be plenty of room for everyone. Contact Jan Mooberry at 309-692-5836 with questions or to reserve your table or space.

Everyone's welcome.

All proceeds go to reduce the principal on the mortgage.

RSVP by Sunday,
November 3, 2019



Faith Community Nurse

Flu Season

As we say good-bye to summer, it is time once again to start thinking about protection from the flu virus. Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness which can be mild to severe. Certain populations are at higher risk for severe illness including people 65 years of age and older, children under 5 years of age, pregnant women, and those with underlying medical conditions such as heart disease, asthma, or diabetes.

Symptoms of influenza can include headache, muscle/body aches, fever, stuffy or runny nose, sore throat, cough, and fatigue. The flu virus is spread by droplet transmission from a cough, sneeze, or with talking. The virus can land on a person's nose or mouth. A person can also become infected by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then touching their nose or mouth.

A person is most contagious for the first 3-4 days after the illness begins. However, a person may be able to infect others 1 day before symptoms begin, and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick. Complications of influenza include ear infections, sinus infections, pneumonia, and worsening of existing medical conditions.

The best prevention is to get a yearly flu vaccination. The vaccine for 2019-2020 will be targeted at three common strains of the virus. It will be available in nasal and injectable forms. After receiving the vaccination, it takes about two weeks for the body to build up protection against the flu. In addition to receiving the vaccine, always cover your cough or sneeze, avoid touching your face, and wash your hands frequently. Antiviral medication may be a treatment option, especially for people at high risk for complications. Please see the display in the Welcome Center for additional information.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfact.html>
al.com/news/2019/08/updated-flu-guidelines-from-cdc-when-should-you-get-your-flu-shot.html
cdc.gov/flu/treatment/index.html

Keli Briggs, MSN, RN
 Faith Community Nurse

Health and Wellness

Needs New Members

The Health/Wellness Committee is looking for new members. You do not need to have a medical background to serve on this committee, but just an interest in health and wellness for yourself and others. We could use some new input and program ideas. Let us know if you are interested or need more information. Thank you.

Cheryl Harkness 691-7469
 Keli Briggs 693-2002

Blood Drive

The Health & Wellness committee will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, October 7th from 2-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign-up will be available after service on September 22nd & 29th in Fellowship Hall.

You may also sign up on line at

www.redcrossblood.org

(Enter Sponsor Code: PEORIAUPC)

Thank you in advance for considering this very important opportunity.

News and Notes

Happy 100th Birthday Gladys

Gladys Neal will turn 100 on October 7th. Let's gift her with a note or card celebrating her special day.



Prayer Corner

Please keep the following people in your thoughts:

Eunice Andrews
 Marilyn Bain
 Amy Barger
 Jack Bensing
 Mary Buesing
 Penny Brower
 Chris
 Dana (Jones)
 Betty Downard
 A'Miyah Eakle
 Mary Everett
 Friends of Jeni Freidman
 Carol Fuller
 Carolyn Gnepper
 Pat Hagenbuch
 Geneva Hall (Gulley)
 Jes Hall
 Mary Etta Hanson
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 Carol Hicks
 Doug Jackson
 Mary Jermac
 Michelle & Terry Johnson (Kelley)
 Ann Jones
 Dwight Jones
 Betty Keller
 Mike Kelley
 Debbie Kutter
 Virleen Mach
 Mary (Bender)
 David McDowell
 Megan & Alicia's newborn
 Michelle Morrill (Hultgren)
 Pennie and baby Willow
 Dean Peoples
 Christy & Jeff Presseau (Maloof)
 Projeto Amar I and II
 Jerry Prusak
 Jeff Rickett
 Janet Shepler
 Veronica Shumaker
 Dave Smith
 Jacquie Spaulding
 Carol Stalnaker
 Larry & Sara Stotts
 Jack Umdenstock



Felicia Vallosio
 Parker Waldschmidt
 Jim Weinkauf
 Richard West
 Jon Wrigley
 Ruthie Yingling
 Young man battling cancer

Prayers of Christian sympathy for Myrna Schwarz and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Robert Schwarz, on September 2nd.

Just a gentle reminder

We have been happily sharing space with the Preschool for many years. The nursery used on Sundays is also classroom space Monday through Thursday for our two toddler classes. The way it is laid out and furnished to achieve the teaching goals of the preschool doubles as wonderful space for our own infants and toddlers on Sundays and other times. Occasionally we find that much older children are being sent in there or are being allowed to play in there without supervision. Perhaps because the space is not age appropriate for them, when this happens, we find that every item seems to get pulled off the shelves and not put back, and that the teaching materials are being pulled out and not cleaned up. As you can imagine, it is extremely upsetting for the toddler teachers to come into their classroom on a Monday and find a huge mess to be cleaned up, instead of being able to simply set up their lessons for the day.

We know that the problem is not coming from our scheduled usage. Adults check the room throughout the morning and our nursery workers clean up and check over everything before they leave for the day. Please remember that the nursery is designed for use by people under three, that the art supplies in there are for weekday teaching and that children should not be in there without adult supervision outside of the nursery hours of 9:00 to 11:00 on Sunday mornings. Please help us continue our good relationship with our preschool and be respectful of the multiple intended uses for that space.

Thank you!
 Rev. Laura

Christian Education



Fall Programs Have Begun

Here's What's Going On:

Sunday School: Children ages preschool through sixth grade are meeting upstairs to learn about God's word. They are dismissed to class following the Time With Young Disciples.

Adult Bible Study: Classes meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00

Youth Group: Kids traveled to Camp Good News for a picnic and some gaga ball, they're helping Nature Connections by distributing Monarch Day door hangers on September 22, and serving food during Monarch Day events on October 6

Connecting Point Lite: Bring your own dinner & drink and come to class on Wednesday evenings at 6:30—please use the front door to enter church. Rev. Laura's class on Revelation runs through October 16th. Join us at any time. You might want to bring your own Bibles or we have different translations here to use.

Looking Ahead

October 6th-Monarch Day
 October 7th-Blood Drive
 October 7th-Gladys Neal's 100th Birthday
 October 25th-Halloween Carnival
 October 27th-Big Barn Bash
 November 9th-Fall Festival
 November 10th-VIVID
 November 11th-Mission/Moms Demand Action
 December 1st-Blue Christmas
 December 7th-Family Christmas Shop

Youth Group



Big Barn Bash
Sunday, October 27
4:30 to 7:30



Calling all UPC Youth Group families and Christian Education committee families! Join our hosts Trish & Rodger Deppermann on their farm and enjoy an evening of games, roasting hot dogs, campfire songs, s'mores, and a hayrack ride!

Bring the whole family, some sweaters and sensible shoes, and let's enjoy an evening down on the farm!

RSVP to: pam@scrantons.org



Mission Trip Fundraisers

Oliver's North, on Willow Knolls Road, is a very gracious partner with us on fourth Sundays of the month. When folks from UPC dine in or carry out on those evenings, Oliver's donates 15% of their earnings to our Youth Group. It's easy—no supplies, no set-up, no clean up! Here are the evenings scheduled for 2019-2020:

No October event

November 24

No December—Christmas break

January 26

February 23

March 22

April 26

May 24

Deacon Alert

We have double booked the dining/fellowship hall for October 12th. Deacons will be meeting in Rooms 100 & 105. Please be considerate of the class in the Fellowship Hall as you pass through.

Monarch Day 2019

Sunday, October 6

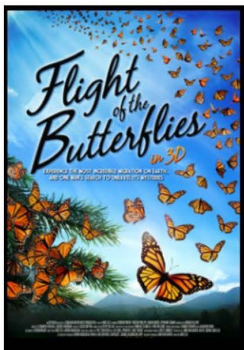
Join the celebration of one of the miracles of God's natural world. This is a wonderful time to bring your families and friends to UPC. Mark your calendar to be at United Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, October 6. Church service at 10, Monarch Celebration and Lunch from 11-2:00



Free Butterfly Pork Chop Lunch by Reservation*

Activities for All Ages!

- Special music and dance celebrating God's creation in 10:00 a.m. church service
- Tagging and release of monarch butterflies raised by our preschoolers
- Photo booth with costumes for children and grand children
- Award winning documentary film *Flight of the Butterflies* on our big screen
- Booths on supporting the great Monarch Migration
- Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom (art, music, building activities) open
- Free butterfly pork chop lunch!



Funded by the National Science Foundation, *Flight of the Butterflies* cost 3 million dollars to film.

"It weaves together the life and studies of Dr. Fred Urquhart and the life cycle of the monarch butterfly from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to adult insect"

... the result is "an educational but equally engrossing bit of filmmaking that was armchair travel at its most engaging".

"Flight of the Butterflies is an amazing, beautifully shot film that is a wonder for the eyes."

How to get Free Butterfly Pork Chop Lunch Tickets

The pork chop lunch is free but **you must make a reservation for you and any guests you invite.** That is how we know how many pork chops to make! **Tickets will be collected in the lunch line.** We will have a drawing for fabulous door prizes! Sign your ticket to enter. If you bring guests, sign their ticket before you give it to them. Then have them also sign the ticket. If your ticket is drawn you win! If a guest ticket is drawn, you both win!! You can get tickets in the following ways:

Pick them up during Fellowship September 15, 22, 29

Reserve by emailing upcmonarchday@gmail.com

Reserve by calling Trish 693-2002

Brought to you by UPC Nature Connections and Church Life Committees

Coffee Filter Butterfly

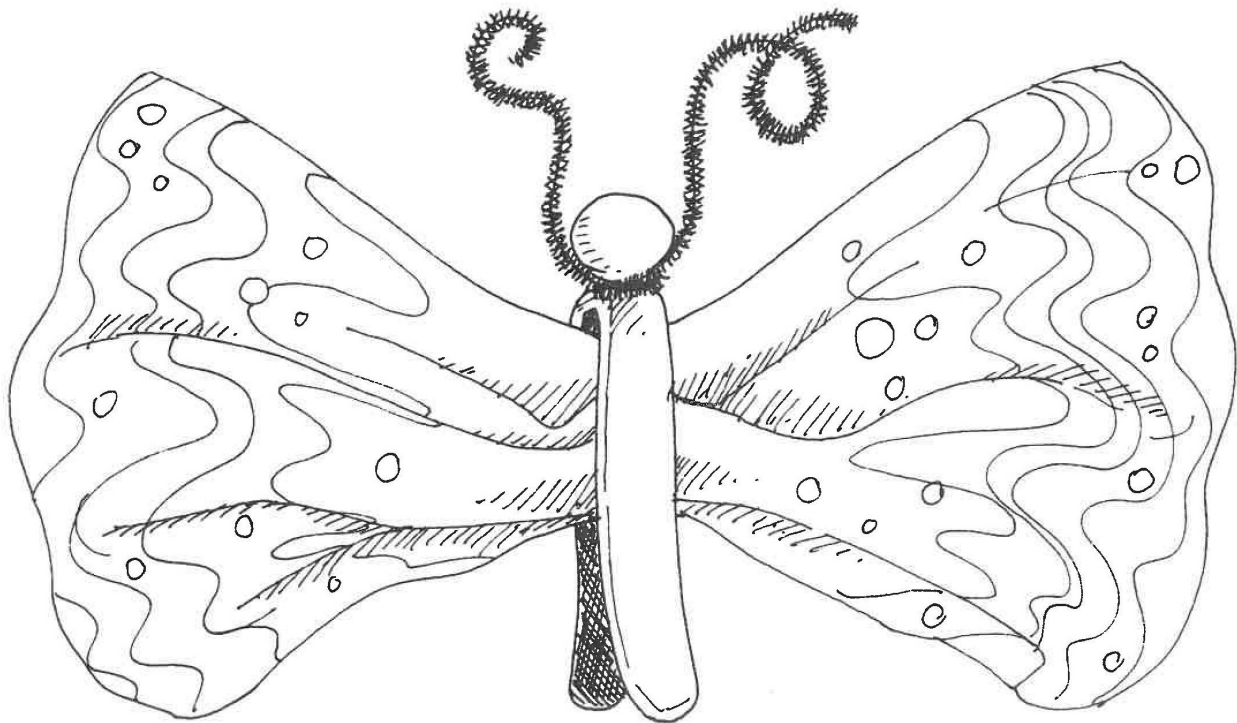
Young Children and Younger Elementary Children

What You Need

- Food coloring (3 to 4 different colors)
- 3 or 4 shallow bowls
- Water
- Coffee filters (basket-shaped)
- Slide clothespins
- Pair of tweezers or tongs
- Medicine dropper
- Black pipe cleaners

What You Do

1. In advance, fill the bowls with water about one-third full and mix in several drops of food coloring.
2. Tell the children to fold a coffee filter in half, then in fourths and in eighths.
3. Show children how to dip the end of the coffee filter in one of the bowls of food coloring.
4. Children can hold the filter with tweezers and dip the other end in another color. Spread out to dry.
5. Children can also use a medicine dropper to add drops of color to the filter after the first colors are dry.
6. When the filters are completely dry, children can fold again in fourths and slip on a clothespin. They can add antennae by twisting on a black pipe cleaner.



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