

Life @ UPC

Week of April 28, 2024



WELCOME!

Whether you're visiting, looking for a church home, or part of the UPC family, it's great to have you with us today! No matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here. Please join us for coffee and conversation following worship so we can get to know each other better.



WHAT TO EXPECT

UPC is a church with a vision to grow and nurture followers of Jesus in a welcoming community. That's why our services are designed to be relevant and meaningful for all ages and abilities. Everything you need for worship can be found on the screens and in the worship bulletin. If you prefer, you can download a bulletin from our website and follow along that way.



CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Worship is inclusive and intergenerational. In the lobby you'll find worship bags and streamers to help kids connect with worship in their own way. We have a Parent-Child Room to the right as you exit the sanctuary. On First Sundays, kids stay and worship with their families. Otherwise, they go with teachers for their own time of learning after the Time with Young Disciples.



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WELCOME

Whether worshipping in our sanctuary or from your home sanctuary, we hope you enjoy your time with us today!

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

Here are a few helpful things to know:

- **Coffee, lemonade and cookies** will be available in our Fellowship Hall following worship.
- **Offerings** can be dropped in the offering box at the Welcome Center kiosk in the Lobby.
- **Hearing assist devices** are available at the Welcome Center.
- **Restrooms** are down the hallway to the right as you leave the sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Caring for each other takes many forms. Here are this week's opportunities to connect with each other:

- **Coffee Talk:** Our Zoom room is available every Tuesday at 10AM. Contact the office for the link. All are welcome. BYO Coffee!
- **Bible Study:** Resurrection Living in a World of Death by 1000 Cuts continues at 10AM on Thursday, May 2nd, with Pastor Debra exploring Unionizing Resurrection, *John 10:11-18*.
- **Blanket Making:** All are welcome, May 4th at 9:30AM as we make tie blankets for those in need. Come when you can and leave when you must!

LET US PRAY

We are a congregation that prays for one another. If you or someone you love is in need of prayer or a visit, please call the office.

This week we remember those requesting prayer: Eunice & Jim Andrews, Marilyn Bain, David Brown, Mary Buesing, Bernie Cambron, Jennifer Danosky, Carolyn Gnepper, Shaun Guthrie, Midge Hillard, Don & Carol Irish, Doug Jackson, Carol & Larry Kamrath, Bill Keller, Ramona Kirchgessner, Vickie Kirchgessner, Donald Lingle, Mary Kay McDowell, Phil McGill, Stephanie Murray, Nancy Parker, Shirley Poshard, Projeto Amar, Brian Pugh, Bill Rice, Gary Stalnaker, Allison Sleater, Jim Sullivan, Kirsten Tharp, Terry Thompson, Loyd Weber, Jim Weinkauff, The Kids of the RK Freestyle After School Program, Prayers of Sympathy to the Family of Debbie Sullivan on Her Passing April 18th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- One Day Sewing Retreat, May 11th from 8AM-5PM, BYO lunch and a craft project. A \$5 donation will be collected benefitting youth missions.
- We are celebrating 190 years of Presbyterian presence in Peoria! Join us for our Annual Congregation photo and cake May 19th! Remember to wear flame colors - red, orange, yellow or white!
- Fine Arts Camp Volunteers needed! Sign up to help June 10th-13th. Find detailed info about volunteer roles and QR codes for sign up in the Ringer and April Issue of the Chimes or visit the volunteer table in the lobby after service.

UPC IN THE COMMUNITY

- Our Lenten Diaper Drive has been extended through May due to a great need. Size 3-6 diapers & M/L Pull-Ups are needed most! Monetary gifts can be made by scanning the QR code. For gifts made via check please write "Diapers" in the memo line.
- Thank you for your donation to Porch Pantry Today!
- When we all do a little, it makes a BIG difference! Thank you to all helped beautify the UPC campus yesterday! Help us finish up today after worship.
- UPC Discovery Annual Trike-a-thon May 2nd benefiting St. Jude. Check the Ringer for a donation information.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

It takes ALL of us to do the work of ministry. Sign-up to help. You can also sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby!

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Morning Welcome Team



Sunday Morning Kitchen Clean Up



Sunday Morning Acolyte



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Because we are thankful for God's many gifts, we give back to God through the ministry and mission of UPC. You can make your weekly offering or participate in extra giving opportunities using the QR Codes below.

General Ministry Offering

These offerings are used to sustain the day to day ministry operations of UPC.



Pastor Compassion Fund

Through this fund Pastor Debra can provide confidential support to congregants or neighbors in need. Currently we have some friends in great need. Please consider your donation today.



Blanket Ministry

You can help Anna Circle maximize their impact with a donation to the Blanket Fund. You can mail in a contribution or give online by typing tinyurl.com/upcblanket into your browser or by scanning the QR code at the right.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Join us at one of these events! All are welcome!

Sunday, April 28

Porch Pantry Donations
10:00AM Worship - Luke 24:36b-48
10:15AM Sunday School
11:00AM Coffee Hour

Monday, April 29

1:00PM Staff Meeting
1:00PM Bridge Club (Room 105)

Tuesday, April 30

10:00AM Coffee Talk
1:00PM Mah Jongg
4:00PM PACC
6:30PM Families Anonymous (Room 106)

Wednesday, May 1

5:30PM Bells
6:30PM Worship Band

Thursday, May 2

Preschool Trike-a-thon
10:00AM Bible Study (Room 106 & Zoom)
6:00PM Grief & Loss (Room 106)

Friday, May 3

11:30AM Ladies Lunch Out (Pekins on War Memorial Dr.)

Saturday, May 4

9:30AM Anna Circle (Room 106)
9:00AM Session Retreat (In Person & Zoom)

Sunday, May 5

Communion Sunday
June/July Chimes Information Due
10:00AM Worship - *John 15:9-17*
11:00AM Coffee Hour
11:15AM Pack Snack Packs

Serving in Worship Today (4/28)

Worship Leaders: Ron Schmollinger
Worship Musicians: Tom Abbot, Pat Bensing, Alex Higdon, Sue Hulin, Anne Swanson, Jimmy Willis
Welcome Team: Jeri Maher
Kitchen Clean Up: Jeri Maher
Tech Deacons: Craig Mousty & Sean Scranton

Serving in Worship Next Week (5/5)

Worship Leaders: Theresa Buley
Worship Musicians: Tom Abbot, Pat Bensing, Andrew Harrison, Sue Hulin, Nancy Jones, Alex and Bailey Scranton, Anne Swanson, Jimmy Willis
Welcome Team: Jeri Maher
Kitchen Clean Up: Jeri Maher
Tech Deacons: Craig Mousty & Sean Scranton

Office Hours

April Crofts, Administrative Manager is available M-TH from 9AM to 4PM.
Pastor Debra, Spiritual Formation Director - Alison Meuth and Pastoral Care Specialist - Anna Saxon are available by appointment.