

The Spire Lite

September 2020



Every month for the foreseeable future, you will be receiving The Spire Lite. This newsletter will be a smaller version of The Spire. It will contain the news of Upland Baptist Church, the birthday and anniversary list for the current and upcoming month. We will also be talking about upcoming events, so please be sure to keep an eye out for The Spire Lite each month.

Worship

Worship will continue to be both in person and virtual.

10 am in the sanctuary, social distancing protocols in place and we ask that everyone wear a mask for the service.

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to participate virtually in worship. We continue to encourage anyone who worships with us virtually at 10am to text in greetings and prayer requests. Text 610-453-8317. As always you can watch an earlier service, through the archives.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Psalms 150:6

Offerings

Offerings can be mailed to Upland Baptist Church 325 Main Street, Upland, PA 19015 or given electronically through PayPal at www.uplandbaptist.org.

Facebook

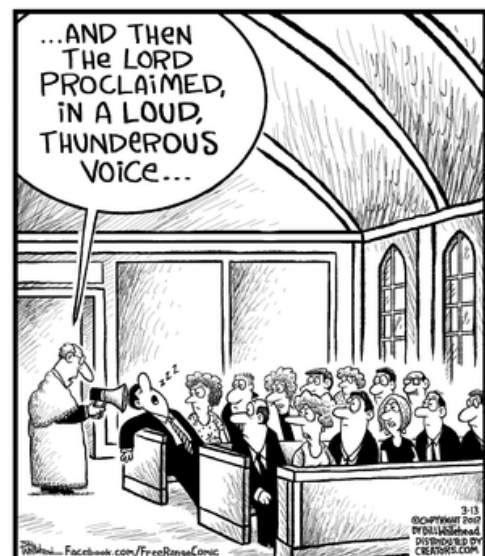
If you use Facebook, be sure you are a member of the Upland Baptist Church Facebook group. Each day there is a daily devotional posted for the group.

Church Office Hours

We are reducing the hours that the church office is open for now. Lori will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm. Please be sure to wear a mask, if you need to visit the office.

Pastor Brenda will be working from home most days. She is available by phone, 610-453-8317. She is also willing to set up a zoom visit or do an in person, socially distant visit if needed. Please feel free to call her.

We must be intentional about staying connected. Please be sure to out to Pastor Brenda and your church family.



Prayer Meeting

We will be having a virtual prayer meeting every other Wednesday evening at 7pm beginning, September 9th. Please join the zoom prayer meeting through your phone, tablet, or computer, or simply call the number below and join like a conference call. Pastor Brenda is offering Zoom practice sessions and tutorials for those who have not yet zoomed!

To join the meeting...

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ministrelife.zoom.us/j/99716210300?pwd=RkFyeEx6d2pQME9WODBmeklhRzduQT09>

Meeting ID: 997 1621 0300

Password: Isa43

Dial: 1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 997 1621 0300

Password: 926257

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under the News Flash tab.*

Clearances

As you are aware, to volunteer in any capacity at the church, you need to have current child abuse and criminal clearances on file at the church. These clearances are valid for 5 years. Many of us in our church family have clearances expiring in November. If you have current clearances from another volunteer opportunity or a job, you can provide us with copies. Otherwise keep your eye out for more information about updating clearances in the near future.



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

Birthdays and Anniversaries for September and October

September Birthdays

- 3 Doris Moody
- 11 Louise Sauk
- 13 Betty Singley
- 15 Monica Manerchia
Diane Lord Ogram
Rosemary Richardson
Marsha Scott
- 18 Dave Miskowic
- 20 Bill Lord, Sr

September Anniversaries

- 7 Akky and Hans Geveke
- 14 Charlene and Dan Miller
- 21 Stephen and Kimberlee Kalichak

October Birthdays

- 1 Karin Lord
- 2 Parker Ferguson
Peggy Rhoads
- 7 Aaliyah Harman
- 9 Florence Osbourne
- 23 Sharon Jackson

October Anniversaries

- 10 Jane and John Kofroth
- 12 Florence and Herb Osbourne
- 23 Sharon and Jim Jackson

Keeping in Touch

There are lots of ways to keep in touch these days: phone calls, texts, and emails have, out of necessity, replaced lunches, coffee breaks and in person visits. We are missing our water ice on the bricks after worship and our fellowship gatherings where we could catch up with each other.

In an effort to keep in touch with one another, we are inviting everyone to become a *Church Pal*. All you have to do to sign up is contact Pastor Brenda and you will be given a name to be their *Church Pal*. Then, for the next few weeks, you are encouraged to text, email, send cards or talk on the phone with your *Church Pal*.

Simply, text or call 610-453-8317 or email brendaabshaw@gmail.com to join this new opportunity to make someone's day. Think about how excited someone will be when you get in touch with them!



Police Treats

The way we do police treats has changed. Instead of dropping off weekly snacks, we treated the Upland Police Department to a pizza lunch in July. We are planning to do so again in October as we continue to show our support for our community police department.



Food Bank

The Food Bank has continued to operate through this entire pandemic. We experienced some flooding in the Food Bank during the storms in August but had little lasting damage. A larger wet dry vacuum was purchased to make clean up easier in the future. We are grateful to be able to continue to assist our neighbors.

What new skill have you learned?

There have been lots of new normal in our lives right now. I have learned to...

- Sew face masks in multiple sizes
- Crochet
- Attend a zoom meeting
- Host a zoom meeting
- Have everyone home for dinner every night!

I hope these past months have brought some exciting challenges and learnings to your life as well. I would love to hear what you're doing.

Pastor Brenda

Devotional Thought...

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-3a

Title: God is with us

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1 (NRSV)

Life often feels out of control. Things happen that we don't anticipate, and we can't stop. Sometimes it is a natural disaster, but more often it is a disaster made at the hands of humans. Whatever it is, it is destructive, painful and life-changing.

We cling to the promise that God will be with us always, in those moments. We read in Isaiah that when we pass through the waters, God will be with us and when we walk through the fire, we will not be burned. The promise is not that we, as believers, will not have to experience these horrific events, but that we will never experience them alone!

There will be times that life will surprise us, but God is never surprised. He knows our names; he has redeemed us. God claims us as his own. We are God's sons and daughters. He is a loving Parent, who promises to be with us no matter what life throws at us. We can trust that God will be with us as we walk through the raging waters.

PRAYER: Lord God, thank you for calling me by name. I cling to your promise that no matter what life brings today you are with me. AMEN

Pastor Brenda Shaw – Upland, PA



On Sunday, September 10, 2000, Pastor Brenda preached her first sermon as the pastor of Upland Baptist Church. The sermon title was *The Bread for Life*, John 6:24-35. We celebrated communion together as we began this journey together. We will celebrate Pastor Brenda's anniversary when we are together again.



A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said: "Well, they certainly will in a minute!"

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