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Church Picnic

FALL KICK-OFF
music & food & games

Sunday, August 27th
11:00am

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August Calendar

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Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower the church.

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Contact a pastor or visit our website at: www.unitedpc.org.

Worship & Arts

Enthusiasm Goes a Long Way

If you are reading this article right now, chances are you care a good deal about the communal life and pulse of United Presbyterian Church. Whether you are trying to get events on your calendar, read articles by programming staff, or search for updates, you care about this church. But why do you care? Why are you personally, spiritually, and emotionally invested in UPC? Think about your answers for just a few moments...

I'm going to venture to say part of your answer includes you being excited about SOMETHING at UPC. Unless you are motivated by an impenetrable sense of obligation, you are actively involved in this community because something about the work excites you and engages your passions.

When you are having a meaningful conversation with someone, part of the dramatic conversational development occurs when you take turns sharing something that excites you and allowing the other person to enter in, albeit momentarily, into this excitement. There is no way that people are inherently interested in the history of the banjo. But when I get pumped up about it's Afro roots, and how it got hijacked by racist white people in the minstrel show era, and how it was subversively used on pre- Civil War plantations for communal gatherings and dances, people are interested! Why? Because this history and the instrument excites me and people get excited because I am excited! They are naturally drawn into my excitement, not the subject of my excitement. But after a while the excitement has the potential to be transferred to the subject of my initial excitement.

Right now at UPC we are going through a transition. Instead of being needlessly worried about outcomes we have little control over, we need to focus on why we are here at UPC in the first place. And don't stop there. We need to SHARE this excitement with others. The breadth and life and energy and soul of UPC is so much more than the staff. Its more than any individual. It is the community of saints and sinners. It is the many intertwined relationships, it's the missional pulse that drives a collective body of people to action, it's the countless people within and without our community whose lives are enriched by our missions, it's the resounding worship of the faithful, it's the divine presence in the sacraments we partake of, and its in the sweat, tears, and pain of countless people who have worked to make UPC what it is today.

We have so much to celebrate and so much to give praise for. Let this transitional time be one of excitement for possibilities yet unseen. Tell your neighbor. Tell your friends. Tell anyone who has ears to hear. Share why you are excited to be at UPC, and soon others will start to share in your excitement, and, God willing, share in the subject of your excitement.

Aaron Schultz



Back to School VIVID Worship on Sunday, August 6th

Join us for a special Back to School VIVID on Sunday, August 6 at 4:00 p.m. We will learn about the fruits of the spirit through story, song, art, and prayer. All are encouraged to bring their back packs, purses and briefcases for a special blessing. At 5:00 p.m., we will have a meal together. This month's meal is build your own burgers/hot dogs, salad, and other kid-friendly goodies.

As a special service project this month, donations of food for the snack pack program will be collected. Suggested items include: 100% juice boxes, single serve microwavable meal cups, granola bars and single serve fruit cups.

VIVID is an intergenerational worship service that values hands-on activities, intergenerational community, and an informal environment to promote relationships. VIVID stands for the kind of worship experience we hope to create: Interactive, Intergenerational, and Illuminating.

Children and Youth

Children's Sunday School

Cinema Sundays

Ages 3 & up

Summer Sunday mornings after the Time for Young Disciples, children will be escorted upstairs for an all ages short video and discussion. If the weather is nice, they can be picked up on the playground after worship. As always, you are encouraged to stay in worship with your children if you choose. This summer we are hoping to add more hands on activities for children in the Sanctuary.

Youth

Youth Groups

We currently have two youth groups, one for a group of High School Sophomores and up and a group of 6th graders through High School Freshman who stay together as a group.

Youth groups usually meet 2nd and 4th Sundays, but to get the most up-to-date information, email Karen Miller at Karen@unitepc.org to get on the youth updates email list.

Rummage Sale Help-Unloading—At Sale Friday & Saturday, August 4-5 Morning and Early Afternoon

Again, as many youth as possible for these dates, with Friday until 1:00 p.m. being the most crucial. If you can do a couple of hours on either day, let Karen know those times. This is a huge fundraiser for our mission trip.

Preparing for Youth Sunday

August 13 (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) &

August 20 (11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.)

Youth that went on the mission trip as well as others are going to prepare for the service on youth Sunday, August 27. If you went on the trip and kept a journal, please bring them with you as we plan to share about our experiences during the service. Even if you did not go on the trip, you are still a part of our Sunday. Hope to see you all there.

All 3 groups (Quest, RUSH and our 8-11 year old youth) will meet September 10 to kick-off the season. Emails and post-cards will be sent out with details.

Connecting Point

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Connecting Point will not return this fall. We are currently re-tooling and looking at new ideas to serve UPC. We are so grateful for The Randall and Nordvall family for providing us meals each night for years, but they have decided to step down for some well-deserved rest. Choir and Worship Band members can feel free to bring their own dinner in and use the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights.

VBS Thanks

Vacation Bible School

Thank you so much to the nearly 60 volunteers (not even counting those that helped set up on FIA Sunday) that made VBS an amazing success! We shared God's love with 90 children for five nights. Your commitment to children and UPC is incredible.

Parish Nurse

School Immunization Information

Attention Parents and Guardians- the following is a list of Illinois school requirements for the 2017-2018 school year. Do not wait- schedule appointments today!

IMMUNIZATION Requirements for Illinois K-12 Schools

Illinois law requires ALL students entering school at grade levels K – 12 to show proof of:

2 MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) Vaccines

Students entering Kindergarten must show proof of receiving:

2 Varicella (chicken pox) Vaccines

Students entering 6-12th grade must show proof of:

Hepatitis B (series of three doses which most children receive as an infant

1 Tdap vaccine

Students entering 6th, 7th or 12th grades must show proof of:

1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine (Exception: 2 doses required for 12th grade if the first dose was received before age 16)

A **PHYSICAL EXAM** is required for all students entering:

PreK

Kindergarten

6th grade

9th grade

A **DENTAL EXAM** is required for all students entering:

Kindergarten

2nd grade

6th grade

A **VISION EXAM** is required for all students entering:

Kindergarten

Any student entering an Illinois school for the first time

A **SPORTS PHYSICAL** is required EACH YEAR for all students participating in a school sports event.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Kirsten Tharp, Parish Nurse.

Grief Gathering

The next Grief Gathering for parents grieving the loss of a child, will be held on Friday, August 11 at 12:00 p.m., in Room 100. This month is part three of a six part series designed specifically for parents grieving the loss of a child. All are welcome to join at any time during the series. Contact Kirsten Tharp, Parish Nurse with questions.

CPR/First Aid

Free CPR/First Aid training will be held on Monday, August 28 from 9:00 a.m. – noon in the Fellowship Hall. Seating is limited, so contact the church office to reserve your spot today. Contact Kirsten Tharp, Parish Nurse with questions.

Church Life

Church Picnic

The annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 27th directly following our worship service on the grounds of United Presbyterian Church. At 10:00 a.m. the Youth Group will lead the worship service and at 11:00 a.m. the picnic begins. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. We ask that you bring a dish to share. There will also be games, explorations of the church grounds and the nature classroom, and live music.



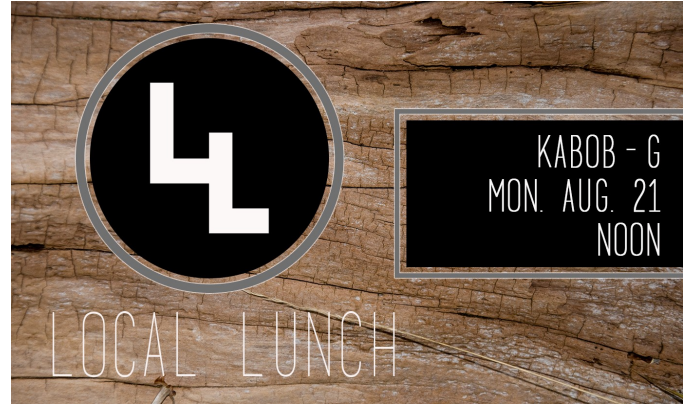
Fall Bus Trip

A wonderful bus trip will be offered this fall to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, IL on Saturday, September 16th. The bus will depart from the church at 8:00 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Bus cost is \$10.00 and can be prepaid in the church office. Museum cost is: Adults \$15.00 and Seniors 62+ \$12.00, Children 5-15 \$6.00. Museum tickets can be purchased at the door. Café Moxo (a 5 minute walk from the museum) or Subway in the museum are options for lunch on your own. Contact the church office today and sign up and prepay for the bus.

Eating Together

Men's Breakfast: August 10th, at Le Peep, 9:00 a.m.

Ladies Night Out: August 17th, 6:00 p.m., Avanti's on Knoxville. RSVP to 699-8080. Come early and visit.



The next local lunch will be at Kabob-G on Monday, Aug. 21st. Kirsten Tharp will be hosting.

News and Notes

Thanks

Thanks for the lovely rose and many cards from everyone. Thanks to Sandy Nott for the carnations, it brightened my day and Pastor Stephen for communion on Sunday. It meant so much to me.

Betty Keller

Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin noon on Wednesdays

Ringer noon on Thursdays

CHIMES 8:00 a.m. next to last Wednesday of the month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 Communion Blood Pressure Screening 10:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship	7 8:30 Exercise 5:30 Member Care 6:00 Tai Chi 6:30 Church Life No Properties	8 9:30 PASG Board 10:00 Independence Village 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous 6:30 HR/Stewardship	9 9:30 PEO BX 1:00 Sewing 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Nature Connections 7:00 Preschool Committee	10 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Men's Breakfast 11:30 PASGDTs 6:00 Bereavement	11	12 8:00 Hiking Group
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