



# The Chimes



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## Worship Schedule

### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, Labor Day weekend  
Children over 3 stay in worship with us  
Communion Sunday  
10:00 am Service  
Psalm 125; **Mark 7:24-37**  
*"Flip Flop"*  
Rev. Laura

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9  
Sunday School Begins  
VIVID at 4:00 pm with Communion  
10:00 am Service  
Psalm 19; **Mark 8:27-38**  
*"Who Do You Say That I Am?"*  
Rev. Laura

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16  
10:00 am Service  
Psalm 1; **Mark 9:30-37**  
*"The Last Shall Be First"*  
Rev. Laura

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23 Mission Emphasis Sunday  
10:00 am Service Food on the Fourth  
Guest Preacher: Bryce Wiebe, Director of  
Special Offerings, PC(USA)

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30 Fifth Sunday  
Psalm 124; **Esther 7:1-10**  
*"For Just Such A Time As This"*  
Rev. Laura

## SMALL BITES WITH BRYCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018  
1 P.M.  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2400 W NORTHMOOR RD,  
PEORIA, IL 61614

Enjoy appetizers and desserts while mingling with guests from across Great Rivers Presbytery for a "bite sized" look at mission work from a biblical perspective lead by Bryce Wiebe, Manager of Special Offerings for the Presbyterian Mission Agency in Louisville, KY.

Please RSVP by Monday, September 16 to [upc@unitedpc.org](mailto:upc@unitedpc.org) or 309-693-2002.



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

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Linda Kelley  
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Christian Education  
Human Resources  
Member Care  
Mission  
Properties  
Stewardship & Finance  
Worship & the Arts  
Preschool

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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

As I'm writing this, I'm hitting the snooze button repeatedly on my phone. I really need to leave the house on time today. I have an appointment up the street with some of the folks that live at Independence Village. These are the only home gatherings I go to: the ones we've hosted at living centers. I'm not underfoot there. People living in such places are not afraid to say what they think to a pastor, because they've lived long enough to know that elders are forever and ministers come and go. They've lived long enough to be disappointed, challenged and frustrated by participating in the institutional church of Jesus Christ. And they've lived long enough to know how important and life sustaining it is to be in a community of faith, so they stick with us, warts and all. And they are willing to be honest.

As of today, this will be about the 20<sup>th</sup> gathering the Mission Study Task Force will have hosted. Our initial goal was 25 small groups or home gatherings, so we're approaching the level of participation we're looking for. We are not looking to stop, however. We know not everyone has had a chance to participate in a home gathering yet. We want as much input as possible. We will continue to host if asked to do so.

Here's where we need some help from you. We have had a chance to talk with many folks that are routinely in and out of the church facility. What we don't know is how many more folks are hoping to get in on this home gathering process. We are willing to hold it open past the end of August, if you want to be a part of this. We do want to hear from you. Your input is important. We are willing to schedule day, evening and weekend meetings and have even had someone volunteer to make home visits if needed. Please contact the church office any time Monday through Friday, to let us know of your desire to participate.

Another way you can participate in providing feedback during this time is by **completing the survey**. We sent the link to the survey out over this past weekend to those on our Constant Contact file. If you get the weekly Ringer and have received this issue of the Chimes via email, you are in our file. If you are not/did not, then we need to add you. Please tell us to do so! If instead you would like a survey mailed to you, please let Trish know (693-2002).

Thank you for helping us learn what we need to know as we prepare for new pastoral leadership and helping us discern where God is calling us to go.

Blessings,

*Rev. Laura*

## Stewardship & Finance & Foundation

### Update on Unite to Move the Mortgage!

A collaborative program of Stewardship and Finance and the Foundation

We are pleased to report the UMM! program officially launched on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> and we received our first gift that day! Altogether, we had 106 givers in the month of July. Our goal is 500 participants. The payment made against the principal of the mortgage at the end of July shortened the mortgage by six months and included 10,600.00 in participation bonus money. The end date has moved from April 2024 back to October 2023. Thanks for your ongoing and generous support of UMM. United, we make a difference.



## Church Life

### Bus Trip

Please join us on our fall bus trip to:  
Funk Prairie Home Museum, Shirley, IL.  
This includes a tour of the 1864 home, gem & mineral collection, and 1860's machinery & barn at no charge. We will dine at Tony's Diner in Bloomington (lunch on your own). Following lunch, we will tour the David Davis Mansion (US Supreme Court Judge and Lincoln's campaign manager) in Bloomington. (no charge)

All of this fun will happen on Saturday, September 15th.

Depart UPC at 7:30 am; Return at 5:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 for bus (please prepay)

Contact the church office (Trish) to sign up and prepay for the bus.

### Ladies Night Out

September 20, 2018; 6:00 pm

Jubilee Café, Kickapoo

RSVP to Eunice Andrews at 688-8458 or Betty Pugh at 822-8500. Come a little earlier if you want to visit more.

### Anna Circle

Thursday, September 13th

6:00 pm at Weaver Ridge

Chapter 8 *"The Girls Still Got It"*

Mission: Share the Warmth

Saturday: September 29 from 9:30-Noon

### BUNCO

BUNCO is back and ready to start!

Join us in Fellowship Hall on September 14th at 7:00 pm. Bring \$1 (used for prizes) and a snack if you want. Come have fun and great snacks. You don't have to know how to play. Anyone who can throw dice, add numbers, and write it down can play. All ages welcome, including kids. For more information call Eunice Andrews @ 688-8458 or Betty Pugh @ 822-8500.

## Thank You

### Rummage Sale Success

This year's UPC Rummage Sale has come to a close. So much fun. So much work, and such a great success! This year we made \$2,758, an increase of over \$150 from last year. As is our custom, half of that amount will go to pay off the mortgage, the other half toward the Youth Group's next Mission Trip.



Big thanks to the over 25 members of our wonderful church who cheerfully dedicated an uncountable number of hours to make the rummage sale such a great success.

And big thanks to all of you for your donations. Church Life Committee hopes all of your homes feel a little lighter.

Your Rummage Sale Co-chairs,  
Carol Kamrath, Betty Pugh, Brian Holfelner, and  
Charlotte Cronin

Dear Friends,

I miss being able to see you all the time and am thankful for your remembering me with a lovely UPC rose during my recent hospitalization.

Fondly,  
Midge Hillard

## Worship & the Arts

### Music Rehearsals are starting back up...

We will begin our regular music rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are a returning member, I look forward to seeing you at rehearsal again. If you are new to the worship ministry, I invite you to attend any of the rehearsals that interest you to see if it is something you would like to commit to. For any questions about the groups, you can email me ([aschultz@unitedpc.org](mailto:aschultz@unitedpc.org)). Child care is offered upon request during these rehearsals.

Handbell Choir: Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15  
(rehearsal is in choir room)

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15  
(rehearsal is in choir room)

Worship Band: Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15  
(rehearsal is in sanctuary)



### Concert September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm

UPC will be hosting a concert Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Titled "There Always, Something Sings: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Composers on Religious Division and Unity." Soprano Angela Born, tenor Matthew Peckham, pianist Dana Brown, and percussionist Matthew Kibort will be performing works by Paul Winchester, Mohammed Fairouz, Erik Contzius, and Michelle Isaac. This will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the commonalities between Christianity and Islam through music. Angela and Matthew will also be at the morning worship service on September 16<sup>th</sup> to sing one of the songs from the program during the offertory time.

### 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.



### VIVID Worship Service on September 9<sup>th</sup>

VIVID is an intergenerational worship service usually held on the first Sunday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30. Because of Labor Day, VIVID will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> instead.

Designed for worship and faith formation, the service invites the participants to bring their hearts, minds and bodies to the events. Lively music chosen by Aaron, a lesson that speaks to all – whether 3 or 23 or 83 – and the chance to engage with the Bible story in a variety of ways provides another way of learning beyond what is already available on Sunday mornings. This year we're adding Communion to every service and continue that fellowship after the service by sharing a meal together. Altogether, the evening creates the atmosphere that only occurs when all ages are joyfully and deliberately together, giving thanks and praise to God.

If you haven't been able to come to VIVID before now, give it a try some first Sunday evening this year. You might meet new people, you'll certainly get to know each other better, and you are always welcome and appreciated.

### Home Communion Needs Volunteers

We need volunteer 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 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.



# Mission

## School Supply Drive Thank You

Thank you for the congregation's generous donation of school supplies throughout July. We were able to pass along the supplies to the local agencies to share with their foster families.

Please be on the lookout for our committee's future plans to support local foster families through opportunities to partner with The Forgotten Initiative, a local nonprofit that works with foster families and agencies.

## 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 wish list 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 late October. 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. If you are interested in a leadership role in helping with this year's event, please reach out to Jenna Hague at [630-386-0245](tel:630-386-0245) or [jenna.l.hague@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.l.hague@gmail.com).

## Projecto Amar Update

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 gives 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, Biblical teaching, and discipleship. The children also participate in extracurricular activities such as music, sports, and judo. Recently our partners in Brazil celebrated their 30th year of service!

Here are a few updates they wanted to share:

-In June, the children of Projecto Amar learned all about the benefits of recycling through some fun, experiential learning activities.

-On June 19th, the children of Projecto Amar had a special visitor - Lady Sany. She was a part of the Projecto Amar ministry as a child. She is now a dentist and lives in Germany. Each time she returns to Brazil to visit family, she makes time to visit the children of Projecto Amar and encourage them with her testimony.

-On June 21st, the children and staff of Projecto Amar put on a special performance to commemorate 30 years of life-changing ministry and raise support locally to continue to serve the children of Goiania. It was a very special evening.

-The World Cup was the perfect time for the children and staff to spend time enjoying a national pastime, as well as praying for the country of Brazil and learning about being champions for Christ.



## 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

Going into fall there is one adult Sunday school class 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.** Class to start on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am in Room 105 off fellowship hall.

### Children's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the 10:00 am church service. The curriculum that we will use for the upcoming year is; "God's Big Story" for 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade and "God Loves Me" for Pre-K-Kindergarten. **Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.** Children will start the service in the sanctuary with their family and after the Time With Young Disciples will be taken upstairs for Sunday school. The first and fifth Sundays children will stay in worship with their families.

**WANTED: Sunday school teachers for all age groups (Pre-K -K, 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>). Training and support provided. We would like to have several teaching teams this year so our teachers can also attend worship. Please contact Cindy Shipley @ [cinship56@yahoo.com](mailto:cinship56@yahoo.com) or Rev. Laura if interested in helping out.**

### Vacation Bible School

VBS is typically held in July Sunday-Thursday from 6-8 p.m. It is a week of learning, music, art, games and snacks. On average, about 80 kids attend VBS. Ages Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. If interested in volunteering contact Cindy Shipley @ [cinship56@yahoo.com](mailto:cinship56@yahoo.com).

### Nursery

Nursery is provided on Sundays and for special events for children up to 3 years old. The nursery is located across from the church offices. We do have paid nursery workers but would like to establish a volunteer list. Please email Donna Selling at [dselling85@gmail.com](mailto:dselling85@gmail.com). if interested in assisting in the nursery occasionally.

### Youth Groups

**QUEST** - High School youth group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 5:00-6:30.

**RUSH** - Middle School 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 3:30-5:00.

**JUMP START** - The 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays from 2:30-3:30.

Past projects include: serving meals at the Mission, Family Christmas shop, Faith in Action Sunday, volunteering for VBS, working in the nursery, serving the community. They are offer a mission trip experience every summer. For more information or to volunteer contact Cindy Shipley.

## Shhh It's A Surprise

A surprise birthday party is being planned for Ann Canham on Saturday, September 1, 2019. Her edition of the CHIMES will not include this article, so please don't tell her.

Hosted by her children from 2:00—4:00 pm in the church fellowship hall, everyone is invited to share in her 90th birthday celebration. No gifts please. If you have a fond memory or something to share with Ann, jot it down on a card and bring to the party. A book will be compiled of all the memories of her with others. Please RSVP to the church office @ 693-2002.

And remember, **it's a secret!**



## Christian Education Visioning Retreat Report

We did a Christian Education Visioning Retreat on August 12<sup>th</sup>, with members of CE and UPC Discovery committees in attendance. Our text for the day was I Kings 8:1-43. The Temple has been completed and is being dedicated to become a house where God can dwell. We spent time at prayer stations, listening for God's voice in response to the following:

- \*in making a list of the stories of Scripture we believe are important for the children of UPC to hear, learn, and understand.
- \*in listening for God speaking through the covenants made through Moses, David and Jesus as to how Christian Education happens at UPC.
- \*How we are called to live out the baptismal covenant made by the congregation to take responsibility for the nurture of those we baptize.
- \*in writing an ACTS prayer (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication), addressing God, confessing the places where this congregation has failed to live up to the promise to make this "a house where God can dwell," giving thanks for those committed to Christian Education and Faith Development and Spiritual Formation, and seeking God's direction for the future.
- \*Considering who in the congregation has the gifts for teaching and the ways in which we might invite them to minister alongside us.

We also talked about a time when we had been in a house where God dwelled and how we knew it to be so. Finally, we identified ways in which UPC can and/or does inspire devotion to God and to Christian Education. Finally, we named our values: welcome/hospitality; nurture; inclusivity; security; community and stewardship and some goals: supporting others, having mission experiences with "the other"; creating a bridge from childhood/youth CE to Adult CE; relationship with God; prayer; scriptural foundation; building on the foundation laid in our preschool for faith development of 125 children and creating developmentally appropriate benchmarks for learning across the ages.

We are excited about the vision being developed. If you would like to take part in any way with Christian Education: as a teacher, a sub, a committee member, or helper for all the practical things, such as sorting supplies and helping with crafts, we would love the help. Please talk to Rev. Laura or Cindy Shipley about your ideas.



## News and Notes

### New Books in the Library

We have received a donation of Christian fiction books which have been placed on the shelves. They are hard cover books and the series is called Mysteries of Sparrow Island (Guidepost books).

Also, an endearing novel entitled "The Red Door Inn" has been placed on the paperback revolving shelves. This book has been recommended by Max Lucado (and by me). If you like stories revolving around starting up a bed and breakfast, you will love this one.

We have also been given two paperback teen fiction books by Robert Liparulo. The titles are "Timescape" and "Gatekeepers."

Enjoy your ability to read.  
Marlene Boeker

### Mah Jongg

We have a UPC group that is playing American/Western Mah Jongg at the church on Fridays from 1:00– 3:00 pm. Mah Jongg is a Chinese tile game (not like the matching game on a computer), and we follow the National Mah Jongg League rules of play using a play card to make combinations of runs to achieve a Mah Jongg. If you know how to play and have been looking for a group, please join us!

Call Cheryl Harkness @ 691-7469 for more information.

### Dining Tour Books

Dining Tour Books will be 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. They will be available after Labor Day.

### Data Base Update

We recently updated the database which serves the CHIMES and Ringer mailings. If you are no longer receiving either of these pieces of information, or wish to receive them for the first time, please let the office know. We want everyone to receive these mailings.

## Church Life



### 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 15 table are 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.



### 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.

### AARP Driving Classes

UPC will be hosting AARP Driving Classes October 4 & 5 from 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Sign up in the church office or call 693-2002. If we don't have enough for the class, it will be cancelled.

## New and Notes

### Health and Wellness Committee

We are looking for new members to serve on the Health/Wellness Committee. You do not need to have a medical background to serve on this committee, just an interest in health and wellness for our members. If you are interested in helping us with programming/activities and would like to join our group, please call for more information.

Cheryl Harkness @ 691-7469, Chairman  
Keli Briggs @ 678-8597 or the church office @ 693-2002.

### Snack Packs

It's that time of year again to start making Snack Packs for Northmoor School. Volunteers as always are welcome to help with this project.

We will be meeting the fourth Sunday of the month beginning September 23, through April 23, 2019.

We will meet at 11:15 am in Room 105. This will give volunteers time to get a drink and cookies.

At this time we do NOT need any more plastic bags. I will let you know when you can start bringing them again.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you September 23.

Theresa Bender

## Nature Connections

### Fall Work Day

It's time for Nature Connections Fall Workday. Saturday, September 29, 8:30 to 11:30. The preschool parents and Nature Connections team will be cleaning up the Nature Explore Classroom, building a toddler mud kitchen (for making mud pies), and working on trails and garden areas. This is a day for experiencing the fun of working in God's Natural World with others. This is a workday for adults. Youth, age middle and high school, are always welcome.

It is a good opportunity to earn service hours. Drinks and snacks provided.

Many hands make for light work!

## Safety Task Force

### Sunday Security Plan

The Safety Task Force has recognized that our most vulnerable time as a congregation is Sunday morning during worship service when everyone is focused on the front of the sanctuary. To address this concern the Task Force has recommended and Session has approved the following plan to improve our Sunday security starting after Labor Day. The plan is to lock the South doors by the portico and to activate the west door card reader from 10:10 to 11:00 am. Ushers will monitor the doors for a few more minutes to admit latecomers arriving after the doors are locked, and the doors will be opened again when service ends. Any member with a key card will still be able to enter through the west door. The changes should not be noticeable to anyone arriving close to the start of worship. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue efforts to make UPC a safer place.

## Parish Nurse

### Staying Healthy With Immunizations

August is Immunization Awareness Month.

Vaccines help protect us from serious diseases throughout our lives, and are recommended for infants, children, teens, and adults. Different factors such as age, health conditions, job, travel, and lifestyle help determine which vaccines are appropriate and at what age.

Unfortunately, outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases do happen in areas of the United States. Although vaccines have greatly reduced diseases that, at one time, harmed or killed many people, the germs that cause these diseases can be spread to people who are not protected by vaccines. One such example is the recent outbreak of measles thought to have originated in an unvaccinated traveler who was exposed while abroad, resulting in spread of the disease when returning to the United States.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and FDA take many steps to ensure safety of vaccines. It is through years of testing that a vaccine is considered safe and effective. Doctors and scientists from the FDA evaluate the results of clinical studies. Sites where vaccines are given are inspected by the FDA as well. The CDC and FDA continue to monitor vaccines for use and safety once they are licensed.

Proper immunization can have a significant effect on population health. While vaccines are very important for children, adults should receive appropriate immunizations as well. This is especially important if a person has other health conditions. Even if vaccines were received as a child, protection from some may lessen over time.

Please take a few minutes to look at the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more information about immunizations and schedules for different age groups.

Keli Briggs, MSN, RN

Faith Community Nurse

CDC (2018) <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/vaxwithme.html>

Please keep the following people in your thoughts:

Eunice Andrews

Jim Bremner

Mary Buesing

Ken Brower

Penny Brower

Dusty DeVore

Kerry Dickerson

Geneva Hall (Gulley)

Jaxson Harper

Midge Hillard

Mary Jermac

Dwight Jones

Katie (Cronin)

Mike Kelley

Vickie Kirchgessner

Duane Mach

David McDowell

Gladys Neal

Dean Peoples

Christy Presseau (Maloof)

Stephanie Rittmiller (Rouzer)

Sathoffs (Trish's parents)

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 sympathies for the family of Dave Nixon on his death on August 5th.

Prayers of Christian sympathies for the family of Ralph Krall on the death of his sister, Faith Ann Cornell, on August 13th.

Prayers of Christian sympathies for the family of Betty Keller on the death of Betty's cousin, Susan Draher, on August 13th.

Prayers of Christian sympathy to the family of Walter Mead who died August 8th. Walter was a visitor at UPC.

**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.

## Parish Nurse Cont'd

### Back to School Prayers

Back-to-school can be a nervous time for everyone. Use these prayers to uphold people in prayer and to help you remember those who could use a word, touch, or small act of kindness as the new academic year gets underway.

#### A Prayer for Students

Lord, we lift hearts grateful for gifts of curiosity and imagination. Fill the minds of your children with a quest to understand your world, and bless their hearts with the security of knowing you are present whether the learning is joyful, hard, lonely, or full of friendship. Wherever they go, you are there. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Teachers

God, thank you for calling some to be teachers and providing them the gifts and training to lead others on a lifelong path of learning. Instill patience in hurried moments, insight to find the best strategies, and stamina that sustains when weariness threatens. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Parents

Precious Lord, we send our precious children into the world of learning, but they are never far from you. May the hearts of all at home be knit tightly together in a web of support and encouragement for healthy learning habits so we may share healthy life adventures wherever you lead. Thank you. Amen.

#### A Prayer for All Who Serve

Our God, some are students, some are teachers, some are parents, but many more serve and support learners of all ages. Be present in the offices, buses, classrooms, and playgrounds of all who touch the lives of students. Give them words of encouragement and affirmation of the lasting value of the work they do each day. Amen.

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<http://chreader.org/back-school-prayers/>

### Back to School and Bullying

Going back to school can be an exciting time, but with that excitement often comes many concerns for children and parents. One such concern is bullying, which can lead to an array of consequences including poor grades, health problems, and low self-esteem.

While bullying has been around for a long time, it has, unfortunately, reached epidemic proportions. This is due, in large part, to the use of social media. Anyone can be bullied, but children who have lower peer acceptance, are perceived as weaker, or are socially different are more likely to be victims.

The types of bullying include: verbal, physical, cyber, reactive (a former victim of bullying starts to bully others), and relational (includes exclusion of certain people from peer groups). Cyberbullying can involve sending threatening messages, tricking someone into sharing personal information, creating websites to embarrass someone, or hacking someone's account and posing as that person for cruel purposes.

Often times, children who are being bullied don't want to tell anyone for fear of retaliation. Changes in a child's personality may be an indication that something is wrong. Supporting the child, letting them know it is safe to share their feelings and what they are experiencing, and letting them know they are not to blame for the bullying and there are consequences for the bullies is very important.

Children should be encouraged to use their parents as advocates in bullying situations. Locating advocates and resources in the community can also be helpful. Parents can teach their children safety strategies in dealing with bullies including walking away from the situation and reporting the bullying to a teacher or other safe adult. It is recommended to report bullying situations to the school administration. By law, schools are required to conduct an investigation into such matters.

Parents can also help by educating their children that bullying is never okay, having rules and limits with aggressive behavior, and acting as a role model themselves.

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Resource: <http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/articles-and-answers/healthy-children/bullying-at-school>

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<b>2 Communion</b> 9:00 Adult Education 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Library Open	<b>3 Office Closed Labor Day</b>	<b>4 First Day of Pre-school at UPC</b> 9:30 PASG Gen Meeting/ Twice Loved Sale 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous 6:30 Den#233	<b>5</b> 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:00 Home Gathering 5:30 Bells 6:15 Choir 6:30 Home Gathering 7:15 Worship Band	<b>6</b> 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement	<b>7</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg	<b>8</b>
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