

Publications

UPC's publications help keep members up to date on everything happening at the church. Weekly publications include the Sunday bulletin and announcements, as well as the *Weekly E-News*, sent out each Friday morning. To sign up for the *Weekly E-News*, click the "*Weekly E-News Sign-up*" icon from the bottom of the UPC website (www.upcch.org).

The Chimes is UPC's monthly newsletter. All members who have not unsubscribed from church emails receive *The Chimes* via email. Copies may be mailed upon request and are available at church on Sundays.

Social Media

UPC utilizes social media to help communicate with members of the congregation and community regarding church programs, events, schedule changes, and special services. Stay "in the know!"

UPC Facebook: facebook.com/upcch

UPC Instagram: instagram.com/upc_ch

Youth Instagram: instagram.com/upcpcyc

Youth Twitter account: twitter.com/upcpcyc

Weddings

UPC is happy to accommodate weddings for our members, family of members, Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) students or alumni, and others under special circumstances. To read the full list of Wedding Guidelines, please visit the "Resources/Forms" tab of the UPC website (www.upcch.org).



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Welcome to University Presbyterian Church



God calls us together to be the Body of Christ in the world so that we can laugh with those who laugh, weep with those who weep, and care for those who are in need.

All are welcome at UPC

Sunday Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School For All Ages: 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
(Sundays, September - May)

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Join Us!

We joyfully welcome new members in worship on the second Sunday, every other month. Becoming a member of UPC isn't the end of the journey of faith; it is the beginning. If you would like to learn more about membership, we welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Please call (919) 929-2102 to speak with Kate Fiedler (Kate@upcch.org).

Sunday Parking

On Sundays, there is FREE parking on Franklin and Henderson Streets until 2:00 p.m. and all day in the Rosemary Street parking deck. Handicapped parking spaces are set aside on Sunday directly in front of the church on Franklin Street. Please reserve these spaces for those with handicap parking permits.

Second Sunday Lunch

New members, students, and visitors are our guests at a congregational potluck lunch held on the second Sunday of each month from September through April, with the exception of December when the congregation is invited to our Advent Brunch. The lunch is served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Baptisms

UPC baptizes infants and children of members, as well as adults, pending approval from the Session.

Confirmation Classes

Youth in 8th grade are invited to be a part of the Confirmation class during the Sunday School hour each year. This class covers a variety of topics that help youth explore their faith in the context of becoming church members. They learn basic tenets of what the Presbyterian Church (USA) believes and are encouraged to decide for themselves the aspects of their faith they hold dear. This class culminates with each youth writing their own Statement of Faith and sharing it with the UPC Session just before they are confirmed before the congregation.

History of the Church



A Presbyterian church has stood at this location since 1849, when the first building was completed on a one-acre lot purchased from the University of North Carolina. Since then, a number of additions and renovations have been needed, including the rebuilding of our Sanctuary after a devastating fire in 1958. Our present Sanctuary was dedicated in 1962.

Today, our church's commitment to the university remains strong in a vibrant campus ministry, but membership and mission have widened to include the entire Chapel Hill community. Our congregation represents an exciting mix of townspeople from Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and the Research Triangle area, and a growing number of both young adults and retirees.

Programs and Ministry

Sunday School: Classes for all ages are offered September - May, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Classes for Adults: Multiple classes are offered each year, exploring the Bible, faith in literature, theology, relationships, and current events. Join us in discussion and discovery as we grow in faith and fellowship.

Contact: Kate Fiedler (Kate@upcch.org)

Classes for Youth and Children: Youth and children gather in age-level groupings to explore the Bible and faith through story, art, music, and play. Childcare is available for children under three years of age.

Birth-5th Grade

Contact: Nancy Myer (Nancy@upcch.org)

6th-12th Grades

Contact: Kim McNeill (Kim@upcch.org)

Godly Play: During 11:00 a.m. worship, children age four through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play. This is an interactive and developmentally appropriate model for teaching children the stories of our faith and the sacred language used in worship and faith formation. Godly Play invites children into the biblical story by way of their own life experiences and the natural "work" of children ... PLAY.

Contact: Nancy Myer (Nancy@upcch.org)

University Presbyterian Preschool (UPPS): UPPS is a half-day early childhood program serving two- to five-year-old children. The preschool provides a safe and nurturing environment, while promoting the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of young children. For more information, please visit www.upps-ch.com, or call UPPS at (919) 929-8658.

Contact: Ellen Parker, Preschool Director
(preschool@upcch.org)

Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC): All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend PYC on Sundays from 6-7:30 p.m. This amazing group of teens help one another strive to be faithful Christians in the world. Youth enjoy a variety of summer trips that play a big role in forming their faith, all while having a blast! See www.upcch.org/pyc for more information on weekly events, trips, and retreats.

Contact: Kim McNeill (Kim@upcch.org)



Vacation Bible School (VBS): Taking place each summer, VBS is a morning activity (8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.), held at New Hope Camp and Conference Center, and is open to all children ages three years-rising 5th grade (grade the child will enter in the fall).

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Parents of Young Presbyterians (PYPs): UPC is committed to providing ways for parents with young children to connect and encourage one another. The PYPs meet throughout the year for support in the adventure of faithful parenting, to help parents ask and answer the tough questions that come with raising a family, and to have fun!

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Music for Youth and Children: UPC offers a rewarding choral experience for young people of all ages. The choir program seeks to enrich, inspire, and nurture spiritual and musical growth through learning, sharing, and offering music to the glory of God at worship Sunday mornings during the school year.

Children's Choir (grades K-2) rehearses on Sundays from 3:45-4:10 p.m., goes Christmas Caroling, and participates in the Junior Choir spring musical.

Junior Choir (grades 2-6) rehearses on Sundays from 4:15-4:55 p.m., goes Christmas Caroling and Halloween Bowling, performs a spring musical, and attends Montreat Worship and Music Conference.

Youth Choir (grades 6-12) rehearses on Sundays from 5-6 p.m., goes Christmas Caroling, performs a musical in the Fellowship Hall, joins Youth Choirs from the Chapel Hill community in a Benefit Concert in May, and attends Montreat Worship and Music Conference.

Contact: Beth Auman Visser (Visser@upcch.org)

Music for Adults: Chancel Choir: The UPC Chancel (Adult) Choir leads worship from September-May primarily at the 11:00 a.m. service and occasionally at the 8:30 a.m. service. The choir strives to offer its best to God in the work of worship.

Contact: Tom Brown (Brown@upcch.org)

Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM): PCM offers programming for students and welcomes new participants at any time. The programming is supported by the outreach of UPC. For more information, visit the website at www.uncpcm.com.

Contact: John Rogers (JRogers@upcch.org)

Young Adults (YA): YA is for adults who are out of college and not in the Parents of Young Presbyterians (PYPs). The group gathers for lunch after church on Sundays to enjoy food and fellowship and meets twice a month for discussion.

Contact: Kate Fiedler (Kate@upcch.org)

Presbyterian Women (PW): All women of the church are invited to join Presbyterian Women. Monthly Circle meetings are held in members' homes.

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Congregational Retreat: The annual congregational retreat takes place each fall and is an opportunity for UPC members of all ages to gather in Montreat for intentional time together as a church family. The retreat includes time to experience scripture, keynotes, and workshops and provides plenty of time for fellowship. Through this retreat, we examine and seek to understand how God is working in our lives and in our faith.

Pastoral Care: The pastors and program staff are available to discuss pastoral concerns.

Stephen Ministry: Life changes—including happy changes—often cause us to feel pressures that can be relieved by having someone to talk to. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and all meetings are confidential. Meeting with a Stephen Minister might be a one-time thing or might continue for a period of time, depending on what members find helpful.

Contact: Hillary Bergman Cheek (Hillary@upcch.org)

Outreach and Missions

Global Outreach: The Global Outreach Committee coordinates the mission and outreach work we do with partners around the world and works to educate the congregation about the lives of people in other nations. For information about this committee, contact Sam Leaman (leaman@aol.com).

Local Outreach: UPC has a long tradition of extensive outreach to our local neighbors, providing vital and diverse support. If you want to become a member of the Local Outreach Committee, adding your voice and vision to the group, contact Claire Chipman (claire.e.chipman@gmail.com).

Additional Contact: Bart Phillips, Chair of Outreach (theonebart@gmail.com)

