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UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CHAPEL HILL



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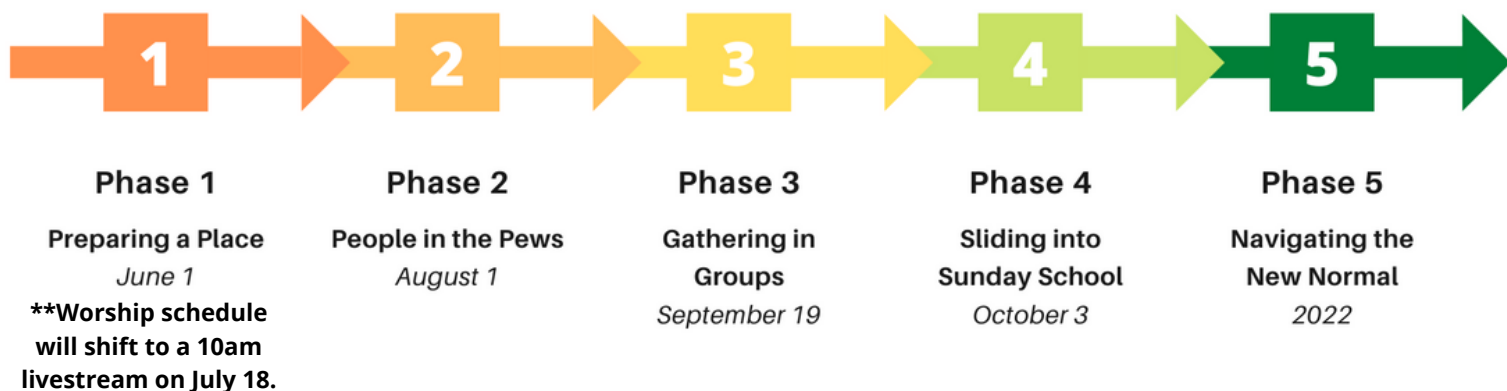
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## Our Regathering Timeline



# Concerns & Celebrations

**We grieve with:** *Sandy Alexander*, upon the death of his mother, Eleanor; *Jean Carpenter*, upon the death of her husband, Henry (Memorial Service 8/14 at 1pm); *Vince Tollers*, upon the death of his brother, Jim

**We pray for:** *Rob Kurtz*, recovering from surgery; *Gary Crunkleton*, recovering from surgery; *Mary Lynne Hutchins*, facing surgery; *Winnie Morgan*, undergoing treatment; *Don Boulton*; *Polly Moreau*

**We celebrate with:** *Liam Drake*, upon placing first in his division of the NC Federation of Music Clubs' recent scholarship competitions and winning the Past President's Award; *Janet McDowell*, on the birth of her grandson, Benjamin; *Jay and Mary Ann Klompemaker*, on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Eloise; *Ken Krzyzewski*, upon his retirement; *Scott and Caroline Anderson*, upon the birth of their son Prescott; *Jay and Linda Kopel*, on the birth of their twin grandsons James and Judson; *Brad and Emily Geerdes*, upon the birth of their granddaughter, McKenzie; *Pat Hawkins*, upon the birth of her twin grandchildren, Oliver and Amelia

## Welcome, New Members!



**Sarah & Will Walton  
(Jamie)**

*Transfer of membership from  
Raleigh Court Presbyterian  
Church, Roanoke, VA,*



**Kyle & Jessica Beardsley  
(Esther, Hazel)**

*Joining by reaffirmation of faith*



**Dennis Appleyard**

*Transfer of membership  
from Davidson College  
Presbyterian Church,  
Davidson, NC*



**Alli Buikema**

*Transfer of membership  
from Hope Church (RCA),  
Holland, MI*

New members are welcomed to UPC on a periodic basis. To learn more about membership at UPC and how to become a part of our faith community, contact Meg Perry McLaughlin ([meg@upcch.org](mailto:meg@upcch.org)).

## New UPC Name Tags

We're ordering a brand new batch of name tags (magnetic or pins) to have when we return to in-person worship. These name tags are FREE and available for all active members and attenders, thanks to the UPC Endowment Fund. (Even if you still have an old one, please sign up for a new one so we can all match!) Visit [upcch.org/nametags](https://upcch.org/nametags) to fill out the simple request form – please sign up separately for each individual in your family who wants one. Sign up by July 10 to have your name tag ready by August 1!

**Help us know  
who's behind the  
mask!**



Sign up for a UPC name tag today!

# Preparing Our Hearts



**Hadley Kifner**  
*Temporary Parish Associate*

On August 1st, the front doors to the church will swing wide open and once again we shall gather together for Sunday morning worship. No links, no power cord, no WiFi needed. Walking across the black and white checkered floor of the narthex and down the red carpeted center aisle, toward the font and table and pulpit, may stir up emotion that has been held deep within during this pandemic time. And since there is nothing quite like coming home to realize that you can be yourself, come as you are, and let it all out, emotions may come spilling out.

In the weeks between now and then, let us prepare our hearts for regathering. With intention, let us be mindful of what we have lost or gained, let go of or clung to; let us be mindful that some of us may be giddy to reunite with our church family and some of us may dread the thought of sitting in the pew without a loved one beside us. Things have changed – our jobs, relationships, homes, hopes, health, plans, and maybe even our relationship with Church. But one thing remains: the love of God that bound us together before and kept us connected during the pandemic is the same love that shall be stirred up afresh among us as we wade into what ministry and life together at UPC might look like ahead.

Love has kept us together and has showed up time and time again during the past year in the way of small group zooms, camping chairs in a circle outdoors, games in parking lots, communion through car windows, hymns sung in car garages, and passing the peace through a computer screen. As the signs in our yards have proclaimed: Love is never cancelled.

What's more, love is not only never cancelled but it redefines itself in the midst of chaos, change, and uncertainty. That love welcomes us back, thanks be to God!

Here is a simple breath prayer that may help us prepare our hearts for regathering:

Inhale: *Change continues.*

Exhale: *God's love endures.*

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*Change continues.*

Exhale:  
*God's love endures*

## Preparing a Place: Ways to Help



### Church Work Day (July 25)

Participants will be able to attend the July 25 live-streamed service at 10am, then get to work preparing the building together. Tasks might include sorting, organizing, or other light work. Lunch will be provided from Mediterranean Deli. To sign up, visit [upcch.org/together](https://upcch.org/together).



### Usher Volunteers

Ushers work together to greet worship participants, help monitor COVID protocols, and provide leadership during emergency situations. These volunteers will play a vital role in our safe return to worship in the sanctuary. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/UPCUshers](https://tinyurl.com/UPCUshers).



### Punch on the Porch Hosts

When in-person worship resumes on August 1, so does Punch on the Porch, a time of outdoor fellowship and light refreshments. We need volunteers (individuals/families) to help host: setting up, serving, and cleaning up. All supplies are provided - just bring your welcoming spirit! To sign up for one or more weeks, visit [tinyurl.com/PunchonthePorch](https://tinyurl.com/PunchonthePorch).



# GIVE LIGHT

*Adding solar-powered lights to UPC  
in honor of John Wilson*

**Giving Goal:**  
**\$30,000**



Since March 2020, John Wilson has generously worked with our church staff to produce online worship, which offered our congregation *light* during a difficult time.

To honor John's gift to our church family, we want to *give light* by installing solar-powered lights on the grounds of UPC.

Will you join us in giving thanks for John's work by *giving light*?



#### **About the lights:**

- **Historic-inspired fixtures** to complement our building and location
- **Solar-powered & LED** to help care for the environment (one of John's deeply held ethics)
- **Provides the finishing touches** on the Faith Forward/Dunham Hall Campaign



*An approximate artistic rendering of the lights, with solar panels on the roof of Dunham Hall*

**For more details and to give,  
visit [upcch.org/give-light](http://upcch.org/give-light).**

## Rob Kurtz Retiring After 20 Years

Since 2001, Rob Kurtz has served as the UPC Sexton in the ministry of details and logistics, faithfully making sure our building (and during the past year, our parking lot) is clean and ready for whatever the church and preschool need! After 20 years at UPC, Rob has announced his plan to retire on August 10 to start a new adventure in Florida. We will miss his kind and helpful spirit, and we want to celebrate his ministry here and bless him as he enters this new chapter.

We will be collecting love gifts for Rob - to give, please write "Kurtz Love Gifts" in the memo of your check, or choose "Kurtz Love Gifts" in the fund option online.





# Summer Fun with UPC

June marked the return of two traditions: Montreat Youth Conference and Vacation Bible School! While attendance was limited and activities were modified for COVID protocols, all who participated had a blast. A big thank you to the chaperones and volunteers who made these events possible!





# Coming Soon: Church Database Switch



Later this month, our church office will be switching our main database from Access ACS to ACS Realm. Most information will port over to the new database, but all users will need to create new log-in information to manage online giving, register for events, and access the online directory. We'll share more information in the coming weeks, but here are some initial answers to questions you may have:

**What do I need to do right now?** Nothing yet! We will port over the information later this month, and then reach out to the congregation in phases with an invitation to create a new log-in.

**Will my recurring gifts still go through?** Yes, there will be no interruption in any recurring gifts established before July 18. However, if you wish to edit or change your recurring gift schedule, you will need to create a new log-in.

**What about the ChurchLife app?** Realm has a separate app with more opportunities for congregational engagement- we'll unroll it later this fall.

We thank you for your patience and grace as we make this exciting change!

## Stephen Ministry: Caring Support for All

If you would like to have the confidential caring support of a Stephen Minister, you can call the church office and ask for Meg. She will ask you some general questions to help match you with a confidential Stephen Minister. You don't have to walk your challenging journey alone. Meg will explain that confidentiality is a foundation of this ministry. Now if your foot gets run over by your spouse in the driveway and you post it on Facebook, it's in the public domain and we all can sympathize; but if you share a confidence with a UPC Stephen Minister then we are bound by our ordinations or commissioning to abide by confidentiality. This helps us build trust and community with our care receivers.

If it is someone else that you think could use a caring companion, introduce the topic of Stephen Ministry to them. Help the person to see the benefits of having a trusted friend to talk to and pray with. Should the person agree, have them call Meg or get permission to have Meg contact the person about receiving the care of a Stephen Minister. Some ways to gently suggest a Stephen Minister:

*"As we've been talking about what you're going through, I've been thinking about how much you'd benefit from having a Stephen Minister to walk alongside you."*

*"It sounds like you're dealing with a lot of different feelings right now and adjusting to quite a bit of change. Having a Stephen Minister could help support you as you work through all that."*

*"The work our Stephen Ministers do is such an important part of UPC's ministry. It seems you would benefit from having a Stephen Minister visit with you on a regular basis. With your permission, I'd be happy to contact Meg and have her call you."*



**UPC Stephen Ministers**

Sometimes a potential care receiver might hesitate or decline the idea in the beginning. The person may need to think and pray about the offer. Give the person time, pray for them and then check in again. If you would like to know more about the opportunity of being a Stephen Minister or receiving the support of one, visit [stephenministry.org](http://stephenministry.org). Or, call Winnie Morgan or Ann Henschel for more information.

# Upcoming Opportunities



Help us stock the shelves at TABLE!



## Drive-Thru Food Drive: Sunday, July 18, 2-4 pm

Enter the UPC parking lot from Franklin Street and pull up to our unloading zone. Youth will remove your donations from your car. Our youth and their families will sort and deliver to TABLE on behalf of UPC at the end of the day.

### Things TABLE needs:

- rice (1lb bags, brown or white)
- single-serving boxed cereals (7g or less added sugar)
- oatmeal packets
- canned beans or vegetable (600mg or less sodium)
- juice boxes
- apple sauce (*GoGo Squeez is a great choice!*)
- mac & cheese (*Annie's brand is also vegetarian which is helpful*)
- single-serving shelf-stable milk
- peanut butter
- pasta
- canned pasta sauce (no glass!)
- individually packaged snacks (*granola bars, crackers, raisins, some low sugar fruit snacks, nuts*)
- Allergy friendly items (*gluten free pasta, grains, and snacks, alternative nut butters, etc*)

### Things to avoid:

- Anything over 7g added sugar (natural sugar ok!)
- Anything over 600mg sodium
- Anything over 4g saturated fat
- Food in glass packaging



Want to volunteer? Visit [tinyurl.com/UPCFoodDrive](https://tinyurl.com/UPCFoodDrive) to sign up!

## Facing Racism

An Adult Education  
Virtual Summer Series

Presented by the UPC Racial Equity Team  
and the Adult Education Committee

### Part 2: UPC Perspectives on Race and Racial Equity

July 18, 11am

### Part 3: Where do we go from here?

August 15, 1pm

All sessions will take place via Zoom.  
Registration links will be provided at a later date.

## CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT



**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
**New Hope Camp & Conference Center,**  
**Chapel Hill**

For details and to register, visit  
[upcch.org/retreat](https://upcch.org/retreat)



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