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EDITION

# The Chimes

SHARING STORIES AND NEWS FROM  
UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CHAPEL HILL



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## Office Volunteers Needed

As we prepare to open the church office five days a week (exact date TBA), we are in need of additional volunteers to serve.



Openings are two Friday mornings from 9:00-12:15 and some Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons from 12:30-4:00.

Responsibilities include welcoming visitors to the church office, answering the phone, and simple clerical tasks. Parking is available outside the Campus Ministry entrance. If you're available to volunteer, or if you'd like to volunteer in the office as a substitute, please contact Shelley Adams at [shelleyhadams@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyhadams@gmail.com) or (919) 942-2525.

# Our Staff

**Meg Peery McLaughlin**, Co-Pastor

**Jarrett McLaughlin**, Co-Pastor

**Kim McNeill**, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries

**Nancy Myer**, Staff Associate for Children's Ministries

**Joey Fala**, Director of Music Ministry

**Berry French**, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry

**Hadley Kifner**, Pastor for Spiritual Nurture

**Erin Collier**, Director of Communications and Stewardship

**Ellen Parker**, Director, UPPS

**Sara Richard**, Administrative Assistant

**Peter Costa**, Financial Manager

**Melani Willhite**, Financial Assistant

**Dennis Dallke**, Property Manager

**Johnny Clay**, Sexton

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**Cover Photo: Laying on of hands at our Officer Ordination and Installation on January 9.**

# In-Person Programs Return in February!

## Sunday Schedule beginning on February 6:

**9:45 am - Sunday School** for all ages (with nursery care for those 3 and younger)

**Children's Classes:**

**3-year-olds - K:** Room 128

**1st-3rd grade:** Youth Center

**4th-5th grade:** Room 221

**Youth Classes:**

**6th-7th grade:** Room 136

**Confirmation:** Dunham Hall

**10th-12th grade:** PCM lounge

**Adult Classes (details below):**

**Crossroads:** Stephen Ministry Room

**Power Your Mind:** Vance Barron Hall

**Presby 101\*:** Fellowship Hall

*\*standalone class on Feb. 6*

**11:00 am - Worship\*\*** (Sanctuary and livestream)

*\*\*About our worship schedule: In response to the current COVID trends, we will continue to have only one worship service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary until we reach our COVID capacity benchmark (40%), when we will then move to two services. Livestream of our 11:00 service will continue.*

**4:00 pm - Children's & Junior Choirs** (Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite)

**5:00 pm - Youth Choir** (Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite)

**6:00-7:00 pm - Youth Group** (no meal)

All programming is indoors, with a mask requirement and no food or snacks. If current COVID data requires a change in plans, we will communicate all changes via social media, [upcch.org/together](https://upcch.org/together), and email. If you have any questions about our COVID protocols, please contact a member of the program staff.

## Adult Education Options - Sundays at 9:45 am



### Crossroads Class

Crossroads Class will continue their study this spring, doing an overview of books of the Bible and using videos from *The Bible Project*. This group has been meeting via Zoom and will meet in the Stephen Ministry room when in-person classes resume.



### Power Your Mind

Parents, grandparents, teachers, and anyone who cares about children and youth are invited to come learn healthy and effective coping techniques using the workbook "Power Your Mind." The 8-week class will offer specific tools and skills for managing emotions, controlling impulses and handling situations as they arise. Sign up at:

[upcch.org/power-your-mind](https://upcch.org/power-your-mind)



### Presby 101

Are you new to UPC, new to the Presbyterian denomination, or just curious to know more about what it means to be part of the PC(USA)? In 2022, we'll be offering periodic stand-alone classes about what it means to be Presbyterian! Join us on Feb. 6 in the Fellowship Hall, when we'll talk about scripture and how we interpret it.

# Taizé Worship - Feb. 8, 7 pm

Lasting about 30 mins, a Taizé service includes chant-like simple songs sung repeatedly, surrounded by brief periods of silence, Scripture, and prayer. We invite you to come as you are and invite anyone else who may desire a simple evening of singing, praying, and sacred reflection in the Sanctuary.

Moving forward, we will be offering a Taizé service on the second Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates are: March 8, April 12, May 10.



## Souper Bowl of Caring



The Souper Bowl of Caring began over 25 years ago with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." On Sunday, February 13, Kirk Club youth will take part in this national effort to love our neighbors. They will hold soup pots at the sanctuary doors following worship to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2021, groups participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring generated over \$5 million in cash and food items. All money collected at UPC will be donated locally to TABLE; none of the money is sent to Souper Bowl headquarters. Please drop your donation in the soup pot on Sunday, February 13, or donate online on the UPC website.

## Lent 2022 - Save the Dates

Lent is a season of repentance and reflection as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Full details about our Lenten schedule will be available in the next edition of *The Chimes*, but be sure to go ahead and mark these dates on your calendar now:

Ash Wednesday: March 2  
Palm Sunday: April 10  
Maundy Thursday: April 14  
Good Friday: April 15  
Easter Sunday: April 17



# Hit the road with your PYC friends in 2022!

*Trips are back, and we want you to join us!*  
**Register by Feb. 20\***

## Montreat Youth Conference

For: Completed 8th-12th graders  
 Dates: June 12-18  
 Cost: \$425

## Appalachia Service Project

For: completed 8th grade - adults  
 Dates: July 17-23  
 Cost: \$425  
 \*Waitlist only\*

## Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference

For: Completed 6th-8th graders  
 Dates: July 12-15  
 Cost: \$450

## High School Sabbath Retreat

Where: Ocean Isle, NC  
 For: 9th-12th graders  
 Dates: April 8-10  
 Cost: \$250

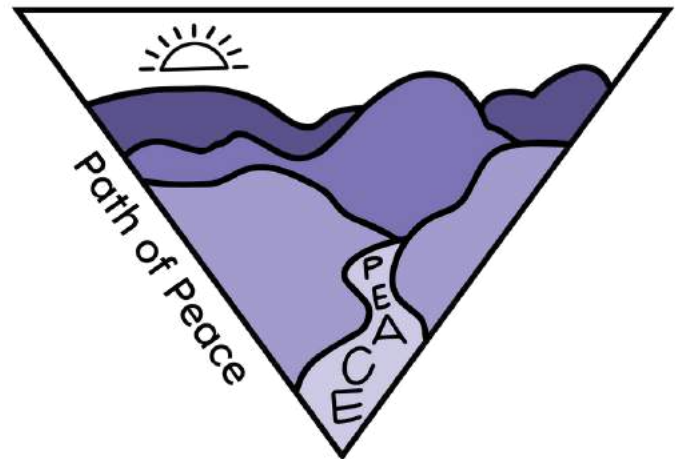
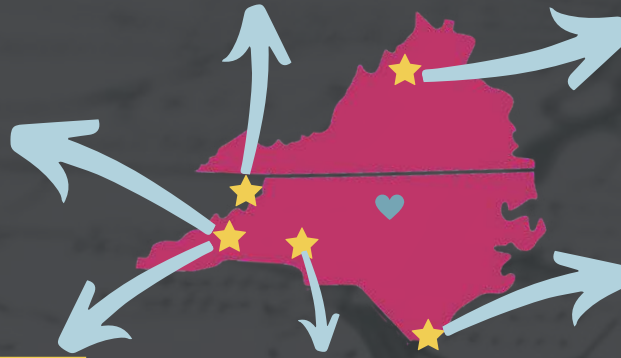
## Montreat Music and Worship

For: Rising 4th graders - adults  
 Dates: June 19-25  
 Cost: \$450

## Spring Break Service Trip

Where: Charlotte, NC  
 For: 6th-9th graders  
 Dates: March 25-27  
 Cost: \$225  
 \*Register by Jan. 30

*For full details and to register, scan the QR code:*



## Vacation Bible School 2022

**June 27-30**

For children age 4 (by 9/1/2022) through 4th grade (this school year)  
 Registration opens February 20.

## Congregational Retreat 2022

**September 9-11**

We're going back to Montreat!  
 Registration opens March 1.

# Answering the Call - The Road to Ordination

Discerning the call to service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a sacred task – one that entails a great amount of time learning, reflecting, and consideration within two ordered phases: inquiry and candidacy. Thankfully, the road to ordination is not walked alone! One of the great joys of a congregation is to come alongside an individual exploring a call to encourage and support them as they prepare for ordination.

Recently, the UPC Session experienced that joy in endorsing not just one, but three women in their respective steps in the ordination process:



## **Nancy Myer, Endorsed as Candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament**

Nancy has been part of the UPC staff since 2014 as our Staff Associate for Children's Ministries. During her time here, the call to ministry has grown even stronger, leading her to enroll at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte and begin the ordination process. Nancy has gracefully balanced her classwork and her ministry work, and the two have informed each other along the way. As she reflects on the experience thus far, Nancy says, "I am grateful to this family of faith at UPC for nurturing my call to ordained ministry and for your patience in allowing me to practice what I learn along the way!" She plans to graduate in April 2023 and hopes to continue to minister and serve at UPC after graduation and ordination.



## **Kim Rubish, Endorsed as Candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament**

Kim began attending UPC as a middle schooler, where she found a safe place that valued and affirmed her and her voice, and where she first began to sense a call to ministry. After attending Duke Divinity School and UNC School of Social Work, and serving as the PCM intern for 3 years, Kim now serves as the inaugural Pastoral Resident with both PCM and Cary Presbyterian Church. In this role, she has been able to further lean into her love of pastoral care and relational ministry. As she thinks about her path toward ordination, Kim says, "the love, support, and encouragement of UPC has been endlessly important in my discernment--the UPC community has been ever-present in affirming my call and helping me grow on this path!"



## **Alli Buikema, Endorsed as Inquirer for Ministry**

Alli is our current PCM intern and a new UPC member. Originally from Holland, Michigan, where she was raised in the Christian Reformed Church, Alli is a second-year divinity student at Duke. In addition to her work with PCM, she resides in the Friendship House Community, a partnership of divinity students and adults with developmental disabilities. Alli sees her call as leading her to serve as the pastor of a church. Alli says, "I am deeply grateful to have been welcomed so warmly into the UPC family this past year and to receive support and encouragement as I continue living into my call and exploring pastoral ministry. I look forward to forming new relationships at UPC in the years to come!"

These three endorsements will be sent on to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in New Hope Presbytery, where Nancy, Kim, and Alli will engage with committee members and seek their support to go before the Presbytery at the next stated meeting on February 26.

Thanks be to God for these three women, and for this congregation that nurtures and affirms the call to ministry!

# Refugee Support - An Opportunity to Help

In early September we all watched as thousands of people were evacuated from Afghanistan. As people of faith we wondered what we could do to help as families came to the US in search of asylum. A number of UPC saints attended a training in October, and from there we identified the members of a Core Team to accompany a family as they make a new life here in our community.

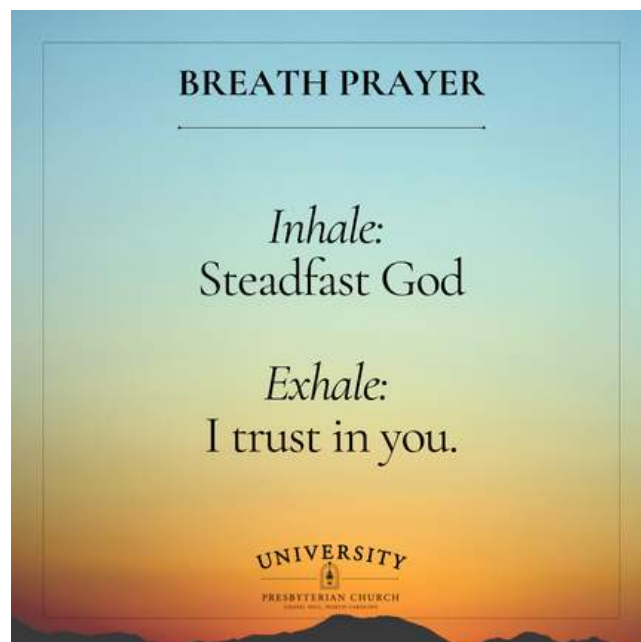


With gratitude to Leslie May who introduced us, we are pleased to support parents Sameer and Salama and their four children, ages six, four, three, and five months. If you are doing the math in your head, yes, Salama left Afghanistan 9 months pregnant and gave birth to a beautiful little girl here in the US. She also broke her ankle during those early days in this country and continues to recover. Currently, they are living with Sameer's brother in Durham, but we are working to secure them housing of their own and may be asking for help equipping that home in the near future. Stay tuned.

**How Can You Help Now?** The first thing you can do is pray. Pray for Sameer as he enters the work force here. Pray for Salama as she heals and as she learns a new language. Pray for the children as they enter school.

The Core Team will publicize additional ways that you can help. Grocery cards to Food Lion will be helpful, as will diapers and formula, and we will give you a path for providing those soon.

The Core team will likely do much of the interpersonal communication with the family, but none of this would be possible without the support of every single person who gives to UPC. Your generosity, organized with love and a vision for providing hospitality to the refugees in our midst, is what enables this calling. On behalf of the Core Team, we say thank you.



# Submit Nominations for Officers

In the fall of 2022, the congregation of University Presbyterian Church will vote on a slate of new church officers to serve our church.

The slate for **Elders** will consist of 8 adults, each nominated for a three-year term; and one youth nominated for a one-year term. These elders will guide the church and serve as spiritual leaders.

The congregation will also elect a new **Board of Deacons**, 9 adults and 1 youth, devoted to a ministry of care and compassion. The congregation is divided into 27 geographically determined neighborhoods, each served by a specific deacon. Deacons elected this year will also serve a 3 year term, with the youth deacon serving a one year term.

The 2022 Nominating Committee is seeking your input in its discernment process. The committee will consider prayerfully all candidates submitted by the congregation. Submissions will be received until February 14, 2022. To learn more and submit nominations, visit [upcch.org/nominating](http://upcch.org/nominating)

Your 2022 Nominating Committee is: Brian Curran, Laura Horrigan, Sandy Grubbs, Lisa Lord, Chelsey Wommack, Donna Van Engen, Lee Scott, Erin Kent, Patty Baum Haydon, and staff liaisons, Kim McNeill and Jarrett McLaughlin



## Presbyterian Women

All women of the church are welcome to attend monthly PW circles:

**Circle 2:** Mon., Feb. 7 at 9:45 am by Zoom. *Contact:* Rachel Harshaw (919 928-4514 or [rachel@jehars.com](mailto:rachel@jehars.com))

**Circle 3:** Tues., Feb. 1 at 10:00 am by Zoom. *Contact:* Mary Ann Klomp maker (919 270-0657 or [maryann6543@gmail.com](mailto:maryann6543@gmail.com))

**Circle 4:** Tues., Feb. 1 at 11:00 am by Zoom. *Contact:* Susie Smith (757 274-2551 or [sny ncks@gmail.com](mailto:syncks@gmail.com))

**Circle 5:** Wed., Feb. 2 at 7:00 pm by Zoom. *Contact:* Mary Ellen Olson (919 302-1426 or [maryeolson27@gmail.com](mailto:maryeolson27@gmail.com))

Thank you for your generous support of the recent diaper drive benefitting the Refugee Support Center. 3516 diapers were delivered to the Center in January, along with a donation of \$1,350.



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