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Rev. Larceeda "British" Hyrams was raised in Chicago, IL, and is a graduate of Purdue University (Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering) and a double-graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary (Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education). She is currently pursuing her Doctor of Ministry degree at Duke Divinity School. She has worked as a consultant, I.T. project manager/supervisor, and as a math professor. More recently, British served two associate pastorates in Charlotte, NC, and is currently serving as Presbyterian Campus Minister at North Carolina Central University. She also serves as a board member for the Presbyterian Foundation, William Black Lodge, Presbyterian Campus Ministry of North Carolina and is a member in the Union County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (a public service organization). British is married to her college sweetheart, Kevin. Together they love and support three young adult children—Jamal, Akilah, and Aman.

Cover Photo: Games on the front lawn after worship, as part of our "Games People Play" series

Pastor's Message



Jarrett McLaughlin
Co-Pastor

No matter how many times I hear it, the statistics never ceases to shake me:

- Worldwide, 2 billion people lack appropriate nutrition – half of them are children.
- 46 million Americans rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for their daily food.
- In Orange County alone, 4,420 children are food insecure.

Hunger is over there and hunger is right here in our backyard.

A year ago, your Local Outreach committee broke into two teams to study both hunger and homelessness and the organizations that are doing something about these issues. This edition of the Pastor's Corner is dedicated to the work of the Hunger Team.

The fact of the matter is that when it came to our mission investments, we were spreading ourselves thin. The Hunger Team set out to help UPC reduce the number of agencies we support, while also deepening our relationships with the ones discerned to be most vital to our church and our community.

After much prayerful discernment, the Local Outreach committee identified TABLE and the Society of St. Andrew as key partners for shaping the church's hunger outreach. We want to share what we have learned about hunger and these organizations with you. Below you will find a number of ways to engage.

September is **National Hunger Action Month**, and UPC intends to take part. We are challenging everybody in the church family to do at least one thing to fight food insecurity in the coming weeks. Your first opportunity comes on **Sunday, September 18 with a meal-packing event hosted by Rise Against Hunger**. We intend to pack 12,000 meals in one hour, and all ages are welcome.

On September 25, Ashton Tippins from TABLE will join us during the Sunday School hour and offer some education about their mission to feed children in Orange County. Because learning and action go hand in hand, we will invite you to respond the next week by **bringing food items as a part of your offering for World Communion Sunday on October 2**. All collected items will go to support TABLE in its mission. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for a small team to deliver, sort, and pack these items the next day.

Also **on October 2, our hunger-themed Sunday School class will host Olivia Warren from the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA)**. We will learn about this organization's impressive operations that partner willing volunteers with farmers who have excess food in their fields. SoSA encourages the ancient (even Biblical) practice of gleaning by which growers would leave a portion of their crops in the field for the poor to harvest. After learning about the practice and impact of gleaning, we will have an opportunity to practice it ourselves at a **sweet potato gleaning project on Wednesday, October 5**, most likely out in Johnston County. Gleaning events are wonderful, intergenerational events where adults and children of all ages are welcome. Why Wednesday? The Chapel Hill/Carrboro schools are out that day, and chances are there is very little on your calendar already. If you're looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend that day with your family and family of faith, please sign up.

Just before Jesus fed 5000 people, his disciples said, "Send these people away so they can go buy themselves something to eat." Jesus calmly replied, "You give them something to eat." With so many mouths to feed, I have to imagine they felt a bit overwhelmed.

The statistics about hunger are overwhelming, but there is something that you can do about it. I invite you to take up the challenge and find at least one way to contribute to these efforts this month. I look forward to seeing you out there.

Take the Hunger Action Challenge

We invite you to participate in one or more (or all!) of these opportunities as we seek to learn more about hunger and find ways to help.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event - Sept. 18



Date: Kickoff Sunday - Sept. 18

Time & Location: 9:45 am-10:45 am, Fellowship Hall

For: all ages (nursery care available for young children)

Sign up: required (link below) We need 150 folks!

events.riseagainsthunger.org/UPCCH

As we kick off the program year on Sunday, Sept. 18, join your UPC family for a meal packing event to help tackle world hunger. Rise Against Hunger meal packing events provide a fun, educational way for our church to literally lend a hand to people facing hunger across the globe. Rise Against Hunger combines an assembly line process with an educational experience not only to make a huge impact worldwide, but to help us all understand how serving our neighbors is a meaningful experience. This is a truly intergenerational event, enabling people of all ages to serve. Sign up at the link and help us reach our goal of 150 participants. Together, we'll pack over 12,000 meals in an hour!



Hunger Sunday School Class - Sept. 25 & Oct. 2

Beginning on Sept. 25, there will be a two-week Sunday School class in the Terrace Room focused on hunger and ways we can address this issue locally. Representatives from local partner organizations will teach us about the work they do and ways that we can partner with them. Join us for one or both weeks as we learn together!

Sept. 25: Ashton Tippins from TABLE, a non-profit organization that provides hunger relief and nutrition education services to children living in Orange County (tablenc.org)

Oct. 2: Olivia Warren from the Society of St. Andrew, which brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors (endhunger.org)



Food Drive for TABLE - Oct. 2

As part of our offering on Oct. 2, you're invited to bring non-perishable food items for TABLE to use in their weekly food distribution. Please only purchase items from the list below, and keep the sodium/sugar content in mind:

- Whole grain breakfast/granola bars with protein
- Instant oatmeal packets, left in original box (*see sugar guidelines*)
- Individual cereal cups (*see sugar guidelines*)
- Cans of tuna or chicken
- 1 lb. bags of long grain or brown rice
- 1 lb. bags of beans (black, pinto, chickpeas, and lentils)
- Soup in kid-friendly flavors (*see sodium guidelines*)
- Individual cups of macaroni & cheese
- 1 lb. boxes of whole grain spaghetti noodles
- Cans of spaghetti sauce (15 oz. or smaller; no glass please!)
- Individually packaged raisins, nuts, or trail mix (*see sugar guidelines*)
- Graham, saltine, or whole-grain crackers
- 100% juice - multi-pack juice box size
- Shelf-stable, multi-pack milk boxes
- Peanut butter (plastic 14 oz. or smaller jar)
- Non-perishable fruit/applesauce cups or cans, in water not in syrup, no added sugar
- Squeezable pouches (such as GoGo Squeez) of fruits, veggies, & shelf-stable yogurt



Nutrition Guidelines for TABLE Food Donations (per serving):

7g or less of added sugar
600mg or less of sodium
4g or less of saturated fat

Gleaning Day - Oct. 5

Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 5 (it's a day off for Chapel Hill/Carrboro Schools!) for a gleaning day with the Society of St. Andrew. We'll meet at a sweet potato field (likely in Johnston County) to glean sweet potatoes left in the field, which will then be distributed to local hunger organizations. This event is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to serve together. More details and a sign-up will be available soon.



**Visit upcch.org/hunger for all the details and links for these opportunities,
and to sign up to accept the challenge!**

The Rev. Dr. Bob Dunham, Pastor Emeritus

On June 9, the Session of University Presbyterian Church took official action to confer the status of Pastor Emeritus to the Rev. Dr. Bob Dunham who served this congregation faithfully for 27 years. This act of Session represented the culmination of something we have been discussing and discerning with Bob and Marla for the better part of a year. We were delighted that Marla worshipped with us this past year, but Bob wanted to maintain a healthy distance as the church came out of COVID and resumed in-person gathering.

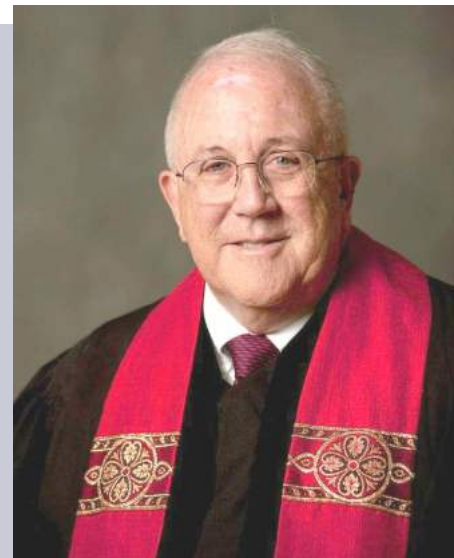
Meg and Jarrett have a steady friendship with Bob and felt that the timing was right to invite him back into the full life and ministry here at UPC. We trust that you will join us in welcoming both him and Marla warmly in the weeks to come. You may be wondering, however, what does it mean to be a Pastor Emeritus?

First and foremost, the title Emeritus communicates that this person is held in honor by the community. That much has always been true. Functionally it signals that, while Bob has been a model of maintaining his boundaries as prescribed by the Presbytery in times of pastoral transition, the time for strictly keeping those boundaries has passed. Bob is now welcome to attend worship without asking permission. He is free to enjoy any aspect of the Church's life together, like attending the congregational retreat later this month.

It does not mean that he has re-joined the staff or is taking on pastoral responsibilities once more. Bob is quite content to be retired. That said, you may catch him donning his Geneva robe every now and again and engaging in worship at the invitation of the Session or staff.

On Sunday, September 18, UPC will celebrate this occasion with a single service at 11:00 am (fear not, 8:30 service will return on Sept. 25) in which we will celebrate the faithfulness of our history and the faithfulness of our future ahead. We have commissioned a hymn for the occasion composed by Mark Miller with lyrics written by the Rev. Jenny McDevitt, a friend and colleague to Bob and many others on staff here at UPC.

Come kick off the program year with us in Word and worship, in song and in praise.



Schedule for Sunday, Sept. 18

9:45 am - Rise Against Hunger Event

Join us as we work together to pack 12,000 meals! (See p. 3 for more details, and note that advance registration is required.)

11:00 am - Worship

After packing meals, we'll gather together for one service to worship God and affirm Bob Dunham as Pastor Emeritus.

Announcing the Thomas Brown Recital Series



This summer, a group of families at UPC helped to make an extraordinary gift to our church possible. The new Steinway piano which graces our chancel is a magnificent instrument dedicated to the glory of God and worship leadership in this family of faith.

This acquisition was also a long-time dream come true of former Music Minister, Thomas Brown. Over the course of his ministry at UPC, Tom brought an unparalleled level of musicianship to our church, his own life being a unique combination of faithful church service and a career as a nationally acclaimed concert pianist. Tom started the tradition of great piano music at UPC with his annual recitals in the sanctuary so it seems fitting that

we honor his legacy at UPC with a named concert series, “The Thomas Brown Recital Series,” which will feature our piano and artists both local and from afar.

Along with a formal dedication of the piano, the first of these recitals will be held on **Saturday, September 17th at 4:00 pm** and will feature Liam Drake, a rising star from our own congregation. He will appear in both solo performance and alongside other young artists: Sasha Varchenko (violin), Jayee Jung (violin), and Catherine Yates (cello) from *Trio Serio*, a chamber music ensemble of the North Carolina Chamber Music Institute. You can read more about NCCMI below. The concert will feature works by Beethoven, Debussy, Dvořák, Mozart, Clara Schumann, and Rachmaninoff. This is a program you will not want to miss.

At this inaugural recital, we will also take the opportunity to honor Tom for his years of ministry at UPC and celebrate his retirement. We hope that you will join us for this wonderful afternoon of music as well as a reception with light refreshments to follow.



Tom Brown, former UPC Music Minister

About the North Carolina Chamber Music Institute

The North Carolina Chamber Music Institute (NCCMI) is a Raleigh-based chamber music program comprised of approximately one hundred students in elementary, middle, and high school. Founded and directed by NC Symphony associate principal cellist Elizabeth Beilman, the auditioned program places young musicians in chamber music ensembles that rehearse weekly throughout the school year. All ensembles receive frequent coaching from distinguished local professionals, perform in formal concerts, have the opportunity to participate in competitions, and play at outreach events in churches, museums, retirement homes, parks, and auditoriums as well as at master classes with nationally and internationally renowned musicians.

For outstanding students, NCCMI provides full and partial scholarships to participate in leadership ensembles, such as *Trio Serio*. Such ensembles rehearse intensively and perform frequently; over the years, their repertoire has included masterworks by Haydn, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Schumann, Ravel, and Shostakovich. Leadership ensembles have performed at major concert venues, including Carnegie Hall, placed at national competitions, including the prestigious Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, and frequently produce students bound for America’s elite conservatories.

Program Year 2022-2023

The Program Year kicks off on Sunday, Sept. 18! Here's what to expect this year:

Sunday Morning Schedule (beginning Sept. 25)

8:30 am - Worship in the Sanctuary

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages

Children's Classes:

Nursery care - Rooms 130/134

3 & 4-year-olds - Room 128

K-1st grade - Room 119

2nd-3rd grade - Room 218

4th-5th grade - Room 221

Youth Classes:

6th-7th grade - Youth Room 106

Confirmation (8th grade) - Youth Center

High School - Children's Ministry Leadership**

Adult Classes (see p. 9):

Stillwaters - Vance Barron Hall

Crossroads - Dunham Hall

Hunger Class - Terrace Room

***This fall, high schoolers are invited to help serve as a leader for children's Sunday school. Interested students will be placed in an elementary class to work alongside the adult teaching team as we provide faith formation and education for our youngest Presbyterians. Interested students should email Kim (kim@upcch.org) to request a class assignment. High Schoolers are also invited to attend adult Sunday school offerings.*

11:00 am - Worship in the Sanctuary (livestreamed)

Sunday Afternoon/Evening Schedule (beginning Sept. 18)

4:30-5:00 pm - Alleluia Choir (PreK-5th grade) - Dunham Hall

optional supervised playground time is provided until 5:30 for Alleluia members

4:30-5:30 pm - UPC Choristers (3rd grade and older) - Dunham Hall

4:30-5:30 pm - Sabbath Sip (fellowship at Tru for parents with children in choir rehearsals)

5:00-6:00 pm - Youth Choir (6th-12th grade) - Dunham Hall

6:00-7:30 pm - Youth Group (6th-12th grade) - Youth Center

Register for the Program Year!

If your child (birth-12th grade) will be participating in any way this year (nursery care, Sunday School, choirs, youth group, trips, etc.), please register so we can ensure we have the most up-to-date information for you and your family! Visit upcch.org/registration to learn more about how to register through Realm (including some helpful tips) and access the registration link.



Children's & Youth Choir Opportunities



Alleluia Choir (Pre-K-5th grade)

Sundays, 4:30-5:00 pm

The Alleluia Choir is a warm and welcoming place for young children to sing the faith while learning the fundamentals of music and building teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills. Members of this ensemble sing twice a semester in worship.

The Alleluia Choir serves as a preparatory ensemble for the UPC Chorister Program (3rd grade and up). 3rd - 5th graders who are looking for an opportunity to sing with fewer commitments are welcome to continue singing and serving as leaders in the Alleluia Choir.



UPC Choristers (3rd grade and older)

Sundays, 4:30-5:30 pm

The Chorister Program is for young musicians who are interested in expanding their musicianship and leading worship on a regular basis. Choristers commit to attending regular rehearsals and singing in worship twice a month.

Treble voices are invited to remain with this ensemble through high school. Tenor/bass voices are encouraged to sing in the Tenor and Bass sections of the Chancel Choir once their voices begin to change.

To see if the Chorister Program may be a good fit, please contact Joey.



Youth Choir (6th-12th grade)

Sundays, 5:00-6:00 pm

The Youth Choir offers a place for fellowship and faith formation through music making. The ensemble prepares anthems to offer in worship alongside the Chancel Choir. In addition to singing in worship, the youth choir presents a spring musical.

Youth Choir members can also sing with the Chancel Choir and attend rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm.

Youth Choir treble voices are invited to sing with the Choristers rehearsals from 4:30-5:00 pm, then transition to youth choir rehearsal.

Stay in the Know!

We're gearing up for a full year of fun, fellowship, and faith formation for our children and youth!
Here are just a few ways to keep up with what's happening:

For Children & Youth:

Subscribe to the
CYM Weekly
Email



For Children Only:

Subscribe to
Remind Texts for
Parents

TEXT
@UPCCHKIDS
TO 81010

For Youth Only:

Subscribe to the
PYC Google
Calendar



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Adult Education Options (Sundays at 9:45 am)

Adult Sunday School classes will resume on September 25.

Stillwaters (Contemplative Class) - Vance Barron Hall

Still waters run deep. Sometimes in order to truly experience the deep presence of God within and around us, we must sit still and be quiet. This kind of sitting is not a passive practice of spirituality but rather an intentionally contemplative one.

Please join us for Stillwaters, a new Sunday School class being offered this Fall. Inspired by this past year's Lenten study focusing on different spiritual practices, this class aims to create sacred space and time for prayer, creativity, exploration, and reflection. Together, we will practice the presence of God. It will be organized as an informal choose-your-own-adventure type of experience with options including guided conversation in small groups, daily examen, lectio divina, spiritual autobiography, contemplative prayer, and more.

If you feel busy and breathless and are yearning to connect with God but are not exactly sure how best to tune your ears, open your heart, and sit still in the quiet, this class may interest you. We'll meet beginning on Sunday, Sept 25, in Vance Barron Hall, 9:45-10:45 am. All ages welcomed. Contact Hadley Kifner at 919.929.2102x113 or hadley@upcch.org with questions.



Crossroads (Bible Study) - Dunham Hall

This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." – Jeremiah 6:16

Since 2019, Crossroads has brought together multiple generations of UPC members to reflect on scripture and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Each week's discussion provides an enriching opportunity for fellowship and shared examination of various Biblical texts illuminated by leading theologians, Biblical commentators, and well-respected spiritual leaders.

Last year, we made a journey through the Old and New Testaments – examining each book using videos from *The Bible Project*. The previous year, we completed a multi-month study of N.T. Wright's video series, *The Storied Word of the Bible*, which was a fascinating course on how the various stories of the Bible all fit together to tell one grand story of God's faithfulness. Past studies and discussions have included Tim Keller's *Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex and Power, and the Only Hope that Matters*, Dallas Willard's *The Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives*, Kara Powell and Chap Clark's *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids*, and various books and stories of the Bible.

Please make plans to join Crossroads on Sunday mornings in Dunham Hall at 9:45 AM. All ages are welcome! Contact Robert Owen at 404-964-7960 or rowen@tuckermidis.com with any questions.



Hunger Class - Terrace Room (Sept. 25 & Oct. 2)

In connection with National Hunger Action Month, we will be offering a two-week Sunday School class focused hunger and ways we can address this issue locally. Representatives from local partner organizations will teach us about the work they do and ways that we can partner with them. (See p. 3 for more about this class offering.)



Ways to Connect this Fall

For Women

Presbyterian Women

Are you interested in getting to know other University Presbyterian women who meet for fellowship and study? We will be using the Presbyterian Women study guide titled *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. There are monthly morning and evening circle gatherings starting in September. All women are welcome!

Circle 1: Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00 am at the home of Vicki Lotz

Contact: Diane Rizzo (rizzod1970@gmail.com or 919 357-6128)

Circle 2: Monday, September 12 at 10:00 am in the Game Room at Carolina Meadows

Contact: Shelley Adams (shelleyhadams@gmail.com or 919 942-2525)

Circle 3: First meeting on October 4

Contact: Gail Norwood Kinder (gailnorwood@me.com or 919 259-5955)

Circle 4: Tuesday, September 6 at 11:00 am, a hybrid meeting by Zoom and at Chapel in the Pines

Contact: Susie Smith (snyncks@gmail.com or 757 274-255)

Circle 5: Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm at the home of Mary Ellen Olson

Contact: Mary Ellen Olson (maryeolson27@gmail.com or 919 302-1426)

Circle 6: Thursday, September 15 at 10:00 am in the Heron Room at Carol Woods.

Contact: Helen Brantley (hbrantle@gmail.com or 919 918-3692)

Woman to Woman

UPC's "Woman to Woman" is a wonderful, low-key community of women of faith, who enjoy discussing life, the world around us, and how our faith affects and is affected by all we encounter in life. We are currently in the process of determining our plans for the fall. If you're interested in joining this group, email admin@upcch.org and we'll keep you posted!

For Men

Men's Breakfast

After months of meeting by Zoom, the Men's Breakfast group is finally ready to break bread together again in the Terrace Room! The Men's Breakfast meets on the first and third Monday mornings of the month, from 7:00-8:00 am. This group meets for breakfast, fellowship, and a discussion led by one of the participants. Our next meeting is September 12 (second Monday to avoid Labor Day). All men are welcome. Contact Dan Redwine (danredwine@gmail.com) to learn more.

Co-Ed

Small Groups

Small groups gather for fellowship and faith formation, discussing Sunday's scripture and sermon and life's highs and lows. We'd like to open the opportunity for a new group or two to join. If you are interested in participating, please email meg@upcch.org and we will begin the process of calling forth leaders and sorting out times.

Racial Equity Documentary Screening

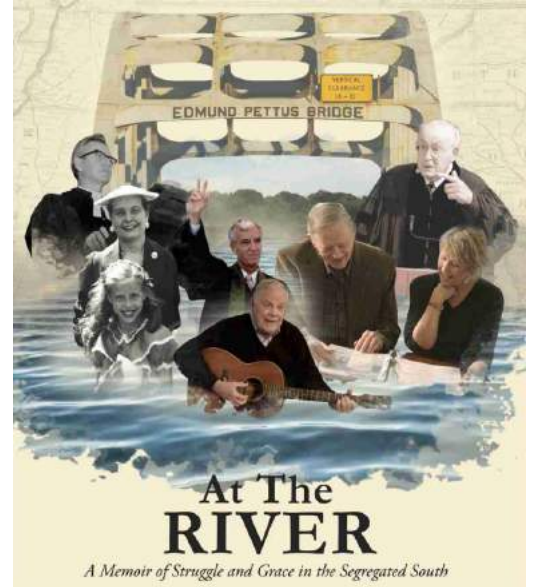
Date: Sat., Oct. 15

Time & Location: 3:00 pm at UPC

For: high school youth-adults (childcare available for younger ages)

Sign up: required; visit upcch.org/at-the-river

At The River is a feature-length documentary about a certain time and place in the deep south. In the Civil Rights era of the 50's and 60's, most Presbyterian ministers stood on the banks of the cultural river of segregation and white supremacy and opted not to speak out. However, a few young southern Presbyterian ministers did brave those currents through their sermons, community organizing and participating in marches and protests. They faced dangerous, hate-filled consequences for these actions. *At The River* chronicles their lives and their decisions, as well as director Carolyn Crowder's first-hand experience as a young white southern girl from Montgomery, Alabama.



Join us at UPC at 3 pm on Sat., Oct. 15 to watch *At the River* together (2 hours) and then participate in a discussion facilitated by director Carolyn Crowder. A catered meal from Mediterranean Deli (suggested donation \$5/person) will be provided after the program. Please register in advance to help us as we arrange childcare and place food orders.

Refugee Ministry - An Update

In early 2022, University Presbyterian entered into a supportive relationship with Sameer and Salama Dastageer and their four children who fled from Afghanistan this time last year. A faithful team of UPC members including Leslie May, Steve Kinder, Sharon Stevens, Pat and Molly Morgan, Catherine McKenas, Beth Visser, Sandy Alexander, and Alan Swendiman surrounded this family with emotional and material support. Our Local and Global Outreach committees contributed funds to help establish them in their Durham home. You, the members of UPC, contributed to an additional offering to help with supplemental expenses like food support and preschool expenses.

Sameer took a job as a repairman for an apartment complex and is doing well. One child entered the Durham Public Schools while the two middle children attend Westminster Presbyterian Preschool which is very close to their home. Thanks to a scholarship from the Preschool itself, a fund from Westminster Presbyterian, and contributions from a private donor, the children will continue in the same preschool this coming year, where they are thriving. We are currently in the process of facilitating a vehicle donation to the family, and special thanks go out to Marc Pons and Chapel Hill Tire for helping with some basic repairs. September makes the final month of our rent assistance to the family, and they seem poised to stand on their own. The team will continue to have a relationship with the Dastageers, and already we were able to supply them with back to school supplies.

Thank you for enabling this ministry of hospitality.

Opportunities to Serve at UPC

Join the Usher Team

Are you interested in serving as a welcoming presence on Sunday mornings? Join our usher team! There will be an usher training session in Dunham Hall after worship (12:15-12:45 pm) on Oct. 2 for existing ushers and those who would like to become ushers. Ushers serve on a rotating basis based upon individual availability. This is a very easy way to get involved and serve if you are a new member or have been coming to UPC for many years. For more details, contact Brian Curran (brianjpcurran@gmail.com).



Train to Become a Stephen Minister

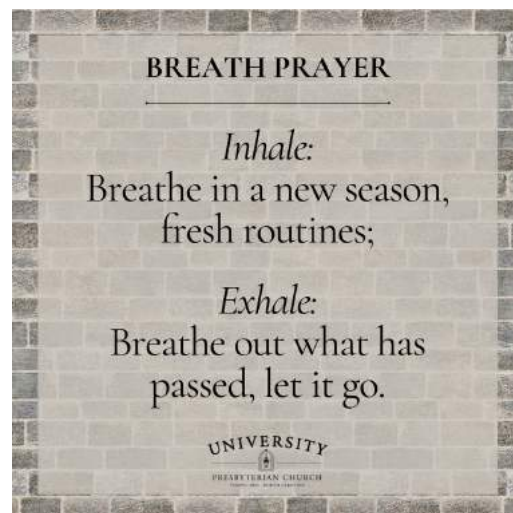
We are adding to the legacy of UPC's Stephen Ministry program and a new training cohort begins in October!

Stephen Ministry training resources are known for their excellence, practicality, psychological integrity, and theological depth. In-person and led by various experts in the congregation and community, training sessions last for 2.5 hours each and cover topics such as caring ministry, assertive relating, spiritual gifts discovery, grief support, spiritual growth, and more. Congregations and other organizations use these resources to strengthen and expand ministry. Individuals use them to improve their ability to relate to and care for others, grow in faith, and journey through life crises.

Contact Hadley Kifner (hadley@upcch.org, 919.929.2102x113) if you are interested or would like to know more.

Office Volunteers

We are in need of a few more afternoon office volunteers! Openings are 4th Wednesdays, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, and 3rd and 4th Fridays (all 12:30-4:00 pm). Responsibilities include welcoming visitors, answering the phone, and doing simple clerical tasks. Parking is available outside the Campus Ministry entrance. If you're available to volunteer for one of these shifts or as a substitute, contact Shelley Adams (shelleyhadams@gmail.com or (919) 942-2525).



Church News

Session Report

At its August meeting, the Session:

- Approved the transfer of membership of 5 members due to moving away from the area
- Heard a report from Anna Rose Medley and Lee White, elder commissioners who represented UPC at the meeting of New Hope Presbytery in July
- Approved the endorsement of TABLE, granting the organization the ability to apply for a hunger grant from New Hope Presbytery
- Heard from the Property Committee on the continuing work on the waterproofing and other building projects
- Received the Treasurer's Report. UPC gratefully received an undesignated bequest following the death of a dear member. In accordance with UPC's financial policy, 50% was allocated to the general reserve and 50% to the endowment fund. While pledge revenue receipts in June and July were lower as is common in the summer months, pledge receipts year-to-date are still strong. Non-pledge contribution revenue year-to-date is approximately \$132,000 (out of \$300,000 budgeted).
- Approved the formation of a Visioning Committee to evaluate and discern long-term capital needs. This will be the seed team for UPC's next capital campaign.
- Approved revisions to the wedding fees

Congregational Meeting Report

At a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 21, the congregation received the Nominating Report and approved the following slate of nominees for Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members:

Elders, Class of 2025 (unless noted):

Debbie Bevin
Lyn Billings (class of 2024)
Mike Edmiston
Nate Garber (youth elder)
Bob Mosteller
Nancy Oates
Robert Owen
Naomi Sherry
John "Spencer" Spencer
Ben Urick
Anne Wilson (class of 2023)

Deacons, Class of 2025 (unless noted):

Laura Aycok (youth deacon)
Marla Dunham
Jim Evans
Mike Hammersley
Bob Johnson
Karen Morrell
Mary Norris Oglesby (class of 2023)
April Smithwick
Chip Sudderth
Beth Visser
Ashley Wallace

Nominating Committee:

Scott Buck
Emily Damone
Annette Munson
Bill Whisenant

From the Music Department

Choral Scholars

This year, we are fortunate to welcome back our wonderful choral scholars, Nuria Shin and Carrina Macaluso. Last year, both Nuria and Carrina contributed greatly to our choir, not only in their consummate artistry and faithful attendance, but also in the joyful energy they bring to our ensemble and children's music program. This fall, we welcome a new scholar, Jackson Moseley, to our choir. You can read about him below.

Choral scholars at UPC are sacred music interns who serve as section leaders in the choir. The concept of having choral scholars to help lead worship has its origins in the collegiate chapels of England and the tradition has since been adopted by churches across America. While choral scholars are traditionally voice majors from the UNC Music Department, they may or may not have experience singing in a church setting so in addition to contributing their vocal leadership to our choir, they also have the opportunity to explore repertoire from the sacred canon in a liturgical context while growing other aspects of their musicianship. For their commitment to the church, a modest stipend is awarded to each choral scholar toward their continued musical education.

Please help me in sharing UPC's appreciation for our student musicians whenever you see them around.



Jackson Moseley is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, where he majored in music and psychology. Jackson, a bass, studied voice under Marc Callahan for four years, and he has been a member of the Glee Club, Carolina Choir, and Chamber Singers over the semesters. In addition, he was a member of the co-ed Christian a cappella group Psalm 100 on campus. He intends to pursue nursing as a career and is currently applying to UNC's accelerated nursing program, which will begin May 2023.

A note from Joey about his continuing education

I am pleased to share with our congregation that I was accepted into the Doctor of Musical Arts program at UNC Greensboro in the spring and began classes in late August. As I continue to serve as your full-time Director of Music, I will keep a light course load (commuting one day a week) as I work towards this "long-term project" degree. While my concentration will be in organ performance, I will also fulfill a cognate in choral conducting and additional studies in music education. With our wealth of resources in instruments and choral ensembles, the faculty was enthusiastic about overlaps in musical coursework and concert programming at our church so I look forward to being able to share music with you that I am preparing as a part of my studies. I am grateful to UPC for the support and encouragement to continually deepen my skill sets as a musician.



Around the Building



We appreciate your patience with our **waterproofing project** this summer! Work on the Robertson Lane side of the building is complete, and work in the garden is underway. The waterproofing company anticipates finishing the work by Labor Day (just in time for UPPS and the program year to resume!).

As a reminder - work is only in one part of the garden. It will not disturb the wall where the remains of so many of our saints have been committed over the years. UPC is committed to preserving the integrity of the space.

This project is an unplanned expense, but the Session of the Church authorized using money (approx. \$150,000) from the General Reserve in order to fund it and ensure that our building remains a healthy and safe environment for housing the vital ministry that takes place within these halls.

Work is also complete on our **apartment upgrade!** With fresh flooring and paint, a newly constructed bathroom space, and new furniture, this studio apartment is now a clean and cheerful space for our music resident to live in.

We are especially grateful to Jeff Howard, Mike Edmiston, and Ken Krzyzewski for their leadership on this project and for the many hours they gave to bring this vision to life. We are also thankful for the UPC Endowment, which funded this project.



We are grateful to the Jim Bryan family for the memorial gift of 50 new **mahogany choir chairs** for the chancel. Jim was a long-time UPC member and singer in the Chancel Choir. A plaque to commemorate this gift will be installed in a discreet location on the back of the retablo and will read "I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me. (Psalm 13:6)"



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