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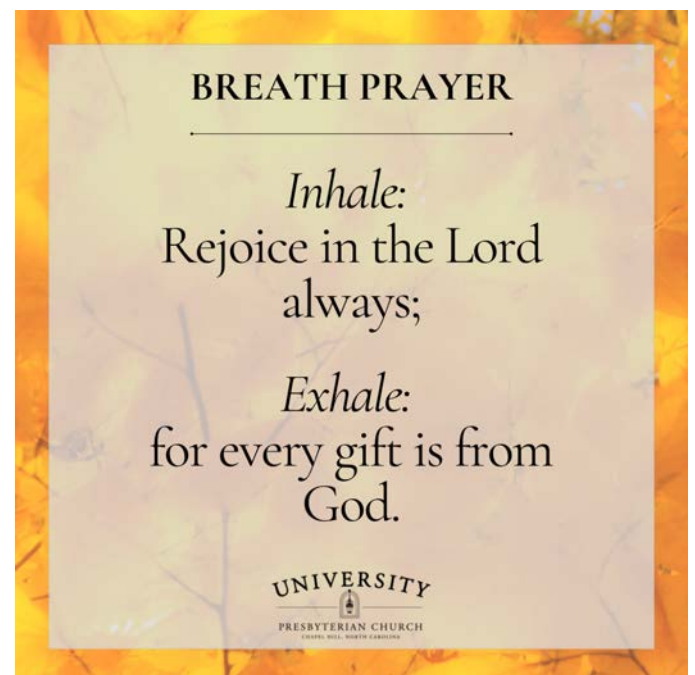
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Cover Photo: Gleaning sweet potatoes with the Society of St. Andrew

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Pastor's Message



Jarrett McLaughlin
Co-Pastor

The skeletons are going back into storage as pumpkins are composted and we find creative ways to purge our homes of leftover Halloween candy. Before long preschools all across the land will be sending home handprint turkey paintings. As we start to see temperatures consistently dip low, a word about the boilers and heat:

It is with immense gratitude that I share with you that, thanks to our Endowment, UPC will be able to secure the best possible solution for our heat issue. The Board of the Endowment unanimously recommended to Session that the entirety of the fall 2022 discretionary funding be used for the purchase of two boilers, which is what a building of this size needs. We can all give thanks that, years ago, some collection of church members had vision enough to see the need for an Endowment and that so many have generously donated to that fund. All these years later it is an incredible gift to have this resource to help in a moment such as this.

While the Endowment is softening the blow to our financial reserves in a year that has already taxed them significantly, this does not change the fact that we still truly need a 13% increase in our revenue in order to have a realistic maintenance budget moving forward. The Endowment can offer some supplemental support from time to time, but our church home requires a good bit of repair, and we aim to be prepared for that in the years to come.

It is for this reason that the Session also commissioned a Vision Team to begin the work of discerning the shape of a future capital campaign. Did you know that UPC's bi-centennial will be 2029, only 6 years away? We'd like for this place to be in good shape as that celebration approaches. You can see who has been elected to serve on that team in the Session review on page 16, but I would like to interpret why the Session has made this decision.

As the Property Committee assessed the infrastructure of our building and began to plan for a 10-year maintenance schedule it became clear that there are some expenses that we simply will not be able to support through an annual Stewardship campaign. It seems a faithful decision to craft a campaign that will enable UPC to address some critical maintenance issues while also considering any outreach commitments for UPC as we seek to follow Christ in the greater Chapel Hill community and world. Please join me in praying for this team as they go about their deliberate discernment.

Meg and I remain grateful to be your pastors in this season of thanksgiving, but we'll probably spare you the handprint turkey painting if it's all the same to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jarrett", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.



Thanks for taking the Hunger Action Challenge!

We're so grateful to everyone who participated in our Hunger Action Challenge! Here's a recap of everything hunger-related we did at UPC in September & October:

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event - Sept. 18

On Sunday, September 18, over 150 people of all ages gathered in the Fellowship Hall to pack meals with Rise Against Hunger. We packed over 12,000 meals in less than one hour! Thank you to everyone who participated!



Hunger Class

We're grateful to Ashton Tippins from TABLE and Olivia Warren from the Society of St. Andrew for coming to share more about their respective organizations and the ways they are working to address the issue of hunger.



Food Drive for TABLE - Oct. 2

On World Communion Sunday, UPC donated 869.2 lbs of food to TABLE, all of which went directly to children and families in need. A special thank you to the volunteers who transported the donated food to TABLE and helped stock their shelves!



Gleaning Day - Oct. 5

On a sunny October morning, 40 UPC volunteers gathered at a farm in Benson, NC to glean sweet potatoes! We were amazed at how much of the harvest had been left in the field, and how big some of the sweet potatoes were. Together, we gleaned 6,286 lbs of sweet potatoes, which were then loaded up to be distributed through several ministries in Fayetteville, NC.

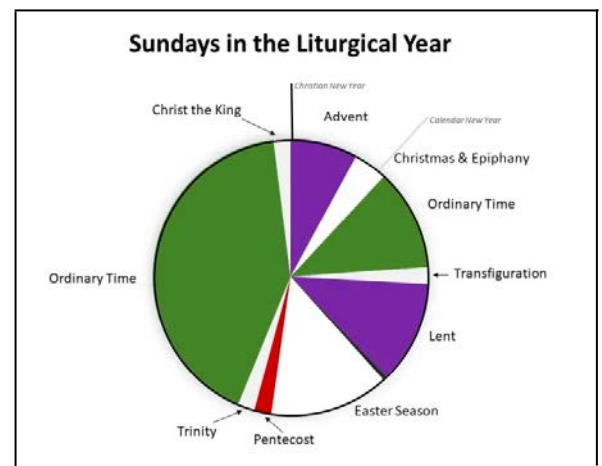


Worship in November

Did you know of a long-standing worship debate? Pastors, music directors, and worship committees everywhere will surely offer differing opinions about *when to start singing Christmas carols in worship*. This is because churches follow a liturgical calendar that tells us where we are in the Christian year, organizing our time around the life of Christ and events of salvation history. The season of Advent prepares us for the coming of Christ into the world at his birth and our longing for his coming again. It is a hugely important and deeply rich spiritual time. Then the season of Christmas lasts for 12 days.

The trouble is, Christmas music starts playing soon after we've packed away the Halloween decor. The world around us is ready to celebrate Christmas while the church is saying "it's not here yet, let's wait." This feels like a disconnect to many worshippers. Christians are called to be "in and not of the world" and we are called to go *into the world* to make disciples. We are called to be counter-cultural and we are called to tend the sheep and feed the lambs around us, a flock that is hungry for a good word that matches where they are spiritually (even if it is "off schedule"). Should the church hold the line and not "do Christmas" until the rest of the world has moved on and packed up their trees?

During the four weeks of Advent, we will be preaching a sermon series called "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem," which will take us into both the Christmas story and Christmas hymns. So to prepare, on November 13 & 20 we will be reclaiming the theology and texts of Advent. We'll save the Advent wreath for the "real" season, but together let's explore what it feels like to have a pre-advent Advent.



Second Sunday Lunch (Nov. 13)



Join us for a potluck fellowship lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Nov. 13!

A reminder of the details:

- The church will provide a main dish and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert for approximately 12 people. Please be generous!
- Drop off your food in the Fellowship Hall prior to 11:00 am worship.
- Please remember to label your dishes and serving spoons with your name if you'd like to have them back, and pick them up at the end of lunch.
- If your contribution contains allergens or is suitable for those with special dietary needs, please add labels such as "gluten-free," "contains peanuts/tree nuts," or "vegetarian."
- Are you a new member, student, or visitor? No need to bring anything — just join us for the food and fellowship!

Seating will also be available in the garden. All are welcome!

A Woman Erased? (Nov. 6)

A Woman Erased? Reclaiming the Faith of Mary Magdalene in John 11

Guest Lecturer: Libbie Schrader

Sunday, Nov. 6 at 9:45 am in Dunham Hall

Join us on Nov. 6 for a special combined Adult Class! Duke PhD Student, Libbie Schrader's work on the biblical text reveals that Mary Magdalene's role was deliberately downplayed by biblical scribes to minimize her importance. Specifically, Schrader looks at the story of the raising of Lazarus told in the Gospel of John. In today's Bibles, Lazarus has two sisters, Mary and Martha. But poring over hundreds of hand-copied early Greek and Latin manuscripts of the Gospel, Schrader found the name Martha had been altered. The scribes scratched out one Greek letter and replaced it with another, thereby changing the original name "Mary" to read "Martha." They then split one woman into two. The reason for the change was that later scribes did not want to give Mary Magdalene too big a role in the events of Jesus' life. Already Mary Magdalene is at the crucifixion and the empty tomb, and in the Gospel of Luke she is exorcized of seven demons and then travels with Jesus and supplies him the funds needed for his ministry. In particular, the scribes may have wanted to avoid giving Mary Magdalene the confession of faith that follows the story of Lazarus. That confession — "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world" — in today's Bibles is uttered by Martha. Schrader argues it was meant to be said by Mary Magdalene.

Join us as she shares more about her research and the implications for how we interpret these stories.



Adult Education Opportunities in November

*****Please note that there is no Sunday School on the day of the Advent Craft Festival (Nov. 20)*****

Crossroads: Bible Study Discussion in Dunham Hall

Rick and Sally Osmer will be leading a Bible Study on Paul's Understanding of Fellowship in Philippians. Explore the letter Paul wrote to the congregation in Philippi. Paul writes from jail to Christians who have long supported his mission around the Mediterranean world. Reflect on your experience of fellowship with other Christians and how it prepares you to share God's love with others in our mission today.

Stillwaters: Spiritual Formation Experience in Vance Barron Hall

November 13: The UPC Mental Health Taskforce will lead a mindfulness exercise on gratitude.

November 27: Pastor Meg will lead an exercise around faith and music, particularly focusing on the hymns of Advent and Christmas to complement the Advent Sermon Series: O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Advent Craft Festival (Nov. 20)



Join us on the UPC front lawn on Sunday, November 20, at 9:45 am for the annual Advent Craft Festival! There will be crafts for children (and children at heart) to make in preparation for Advent. We will have plenty of greenery, candles, and supplies for you to make an Advent wreath to use at home. Children are encouraged to "dress down" or wear an old t-shirt or smock that can get messy.

If you would like to volunteer, please visit upcch.org/acf. Contact Nancy Myer (nancy@upcch.org) or Katie Sanford (kmstewart3@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

We will also have a table for the Alternative Gift Market at the festival - more about this opportunity to give on p. 8.

Help Us Pack 300 Bags for TABLE!

We need your help gathering supplies for 300 food bags for TABLE to distribute as the holidays approach. TABLE provides hunger relief to children in our area. Their weekend backpack program keeps young people fed when they are not in school.

With your help, the Advent Craft Festival and Youth Group will combine to pack 300 bags - we only need the supplies.

Because the bags need to be uniform, we have a specific item list we must follow. Please sign up at upcch.org/food-drive to donate supplies, and bring your donations to the youth center on or before Nov. 13.

Thank you for joining in this meaningful work with our youth!

Contact Kim McNeill (kim@upcch.org) or Nancy Myer (nancy@upcch.org) with any questions.



Opportunities to Give

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty

It is the UPC tradition during Advent to honor and remember the people in our lives through Christmas Gifts of Beauty and Bounty. Your gift can be used to purchase a poinsettia which will be placed in the chancel, or as a contribution to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services to support our neighbors in need. (You can also choose to do both with your gift!) The names of those honored and remembered with these gifts will be in the Sunday Worship Bulletin on December 18.



Visit upcch.org/poinsettias to fill out our online form or to download one. Printed forms will also be available in the narthex. All forms must be received by Dec. 12.



Alternative Gift Market

Are you feeling a little overwhelmed by the prospect of shopping for Christmas this year? Not sure what to get that friend or family member who has everything? Let us help! At the UPC Alternative Gift Market, you can make donations in honor of your loved ones that will help support our partners around the world who are working to serve and support those in need - no gift wrap required. The online market is now open (upcch.org/agm), and we will also have a physical table in the narthex.

Diaper Drive for the Refugee Support Center

Presbyterian Women(PW) requests your support for their annual fund drive to provide diapers for the Refugee Support Center (RSC). Last year, we donated more than 3500 diapers to the Center. As we begin our fifth year of this outreach ministry, we invite you to write your checks to University Presbyterian Church, noting PW Diaper Drive in the memo line. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to University Presbyterian Church, PO Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. We appreciate your continued support.



Meet Our New Members



Tina Allen

Tina moved to Fearington Village a couple of years ago from northern Virginia. She has been married for 57 years and has two daughters, a son-in-law, and two grandsons.



Sean Chiou & Kay Chao

Sean and Kay have lived in Chapel Hill since 2001. They found UPC online and enjoy our worship services. They are very glad to be a part of this family in faith.



Matt Cooper

Matt is originally from Austin, TX, and is now in his third and final year at Duke Divinity School. He likes to hike and explore new cities and places with his fiancée Alli, UPC's PCM intern!



Jerry & Adelia Evans

Jerry and Adelia moved from Indiana to Fearington Village after retiring 14 years ago to be near family. They have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren (the youngest of whom is at UNC).



Katherine Higgins (Sara Beth)

Katherine is a hospital chaplain and educator, a knitter, and is writing a dissertation on pastors and transformative learning. Sara Beth enjoys piano and singing in the children's choir.



Anthony & Rachel Horton

Anthony and Rachel moved to Durham in 2017. Anthony is completing a fellowship at Duke in gastroenterology and hepatology and Rachel practices law in Durham.



Andy Ironside

Andy grew up in UPC. He returned to the area a few years ago after 25 years in Florida. He is currently working as a Substitute Teacher and Activity Bus Driver.



Ryan & Stephanie Kelley (Laine)

Stephanie, Ryan, and Laine moved from Washington, DC to Chapel Hill in summer 2020. They are happy and excited to be joining UPC!



**Mike & Chrissy King
(Finn, Grace, Isla)**

The Kings moved here from Ann Arbor in 2020. Mike enjoys running and the beach. Chrissy enjoys playing tennis and visiting museums



Janna Major

Janna is the mother of 2 teenagers and a professional executive chef in the Triangle. She enjoys painting, traveling, and at one time jumping out of perfectly good airplanes.



Jane Ann Mallon

Jane Ann and her husband, Chris Dionigi, retired from Northern Virginia in 2021. They enjoy kayaking, fly fishing, and gardening, and they look forward to creating new friendships at UPC.



Don & Cindy Murashima

Don and Cindy moved to Chapel Hill in 2012. They have two daughters; Claire (in DC) and Nicole (UNC sophomore). Cindy is a Speech Pathologist at Duke and Don is a management consultant.



**Campbell & Mary Scott Rawlins
(Johnny)**

The Rawlins moved from Washington, DC to Chapel Hill this past summer. They enjoy exploring the outdoors and seeing any live music they can find.



**Will & Emily Ray
(Annie, Margaret)**

Emily and Will were married at UPC and recently returned to Chapel Hill. Emily is an oncologist at UNC. Will is the Director of Emergency Management for NC.



Ryan & Jiyoung Ritter

Ryan and Jiyoung have been married for 2 years and moved to Chapel Hill in 2021 from Indiana. They have a new kitten named Kit Kat.



Interested in joining UPC?

Our next meeting to welcome new members will be on Sunday, Dec. 4. Please contact Meg Peery McLaughlin (meg@upcch.org) if you are interested in or have questions about membership!

Recent Children's & Youth Events

Last month, several of our high school students traveled to Charlotte, NC for a weekend service retreat with CROSS Missions! They built furniture, prepared meals, harvested rice, and learned a lot about serving others.



Our PYPs (Parents of Young Presbyterians) enjoyed a trip to Spring Haven Farm to carve pumpkins...with goats! It was a great afternoon of fun and fellowship together.

Are you a family with children 5th grade or younger? You're invited to PYPs events throughout the year! Visit upcch.org/pyps for the full schedule and details about upcoming events.



CYM Event: Faith & Sexuality (Nov. 6)

Parents! Mark your calendars for Nov. 6! We'll be hosting workshops about Faith and Sexuality, with specific times set aside for different ages. Please sign up ASAP if you plan to attend (upcch.org/pyc):

Middle School Youth and their parents (12:00-2:00 pm)

In this parent/younger youth combined session, we will be exploring how we define and hold the limits we want, the difference between love and infatuation, a ladder of intimacy, and ways to have fun without doing it. Join us for faith-inspired conversation, some good laughter, and some candy.

Parents of Kindergarten - 5th grade (4:00-5:30 pm)

Using Kate Ott's book *Sex + Faith* as a guide, we will explore how we as parents have and model healthy conversations, good books and resources, and several other topics. There will be candy, faithful conversation, and laughter in your workshop as well.

Youth Group, 9th - 12th Grades (6:00-8:00 pm)

In this session just for older youth, we will explore healthy relationships, power and consent. We will do work to help build confidence in understanding and recognizing healthy relationships, and ways to avoid unhealthy relationships.

All sessions will be led by Sophie Maness, a certified Christian Educator with over 30 years of experience. She currently serves Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville TN. She has led lots of sexuality education workshops for all ages over the years. Joanne Stratton Tate trained her years ago. By staying up on new research and information her goal is to help families open up meaningful conversation at home in ways that are both healthy and faith-oriented.

Sex+Faith

Talking
with Your Child
from
Birth to
Adolescence

KATE OTT

PYC Calendar for November

Join in for Youth Group in November! All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us on Sunday evenings from 6 pm-7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted) in the Youth Center.

Nov 6 - Faith and Sexuality: Middle Schoolers and parents at noon
High Schoolers at 6 pm-8 pm

Nov 13 - Pastor Jarrett on Stewardship

Nov 20 - TABLE Packing Event - Sign up to donate (upcch.org/food-drive)!
Then help us pack at Youth Group

Nov 27 - No youth group - Happy Thanksgiving!



Register Now for these Youth Trips!

SPRING



MS SERVICE TRIP

*For 6th-8th grade
Charleston, SC*

April 4-7, \$300

Register by: Nov. 27



HS SABBATH RETREAT

*For 9th-12th grade
an NC lake or beach (TBA)*

April 14-16, \$300

Register by: Jan. 15

SUMMER



MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

*For completed 8th-12th grade
Montreat, NC*

June 11-17, \$450

Register by: Nov. 27



MONTREAT WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE

*For rising 4th-completed 12th
Montreat, NC*

June 18-24, \$500

Register by: Jan. 15



MASSANETTA MS CONFERENCE

*For completed 6th-8th grade
Massanetta Springs, VA*

July 11-14, \$450

Register by: Jan. 15



APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

*For completed 8th grade-adults
Location TBA*

July 16-22, \$475

Register by: Oct. 30

To learn more about these trips and register, visit upcch.org/trips

Montreat Worship & Music Conference

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to return to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference this summer, and would love to have you join us! All congregation members (completed 3rd grade through adults), are welcome for this time of relaxation, music, and fellowship. *Housing is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so early registration is recommended!*

- For Children (completed 3rd-5th), Middlers (completed 6th-8th), and Youth (completed 9th-12th), the cost of attendance includes all classes – art, handbells, drama, choir, etc. – plus housing and food. Scholarships are available.
- We need all hands on deck to make the magic happen, so please contact Hadley Kifner (hadley@upcch.org) if you are interested in being a Chaperone or Cook. Housing and food is also included for these volunteers.
- For adults who wish to attend and participate (open to all adults, not just the choir!), please contact Joey Fala (fala@upcch.org) for more information.

Registration is NOW OPEN at upcch.org/mwm and closes January 15. We can't wait to see you there!



Great Music *in* WORSHIP & CONCERT

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHAPEL HILL

The UNC Baroque Ensemble; Brent Wissick, *director*
The Choir of University Presbyterian Church

Bach Cantata Concert

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
BWV 61

and other music for Advent by J. S. Bach,
Dieterich Buxtehude and Felix Mendelssohn

Saturday, November 12 at 4:00 pm

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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209 East Franklin Street

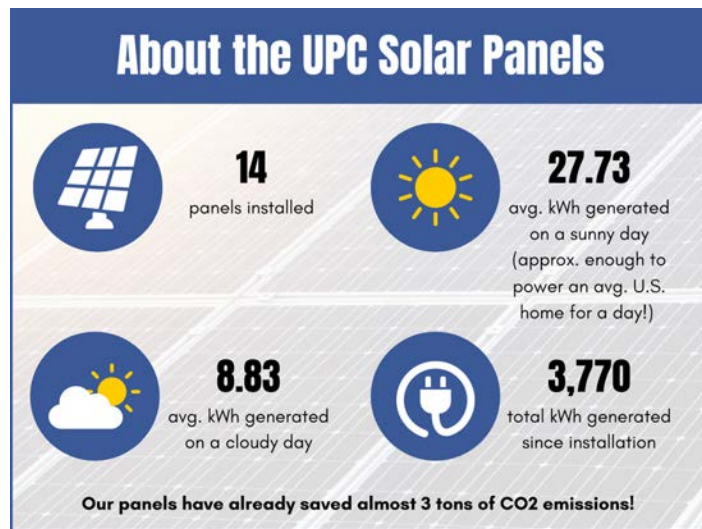


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UPC Goes Solar!



Thanks to your generosity in the Give Light Campaign in summer 2021, we were able to add solar panels to the roof of Dunham Hall in June. Those panels started producing energy in early July.



More Earth Care News:

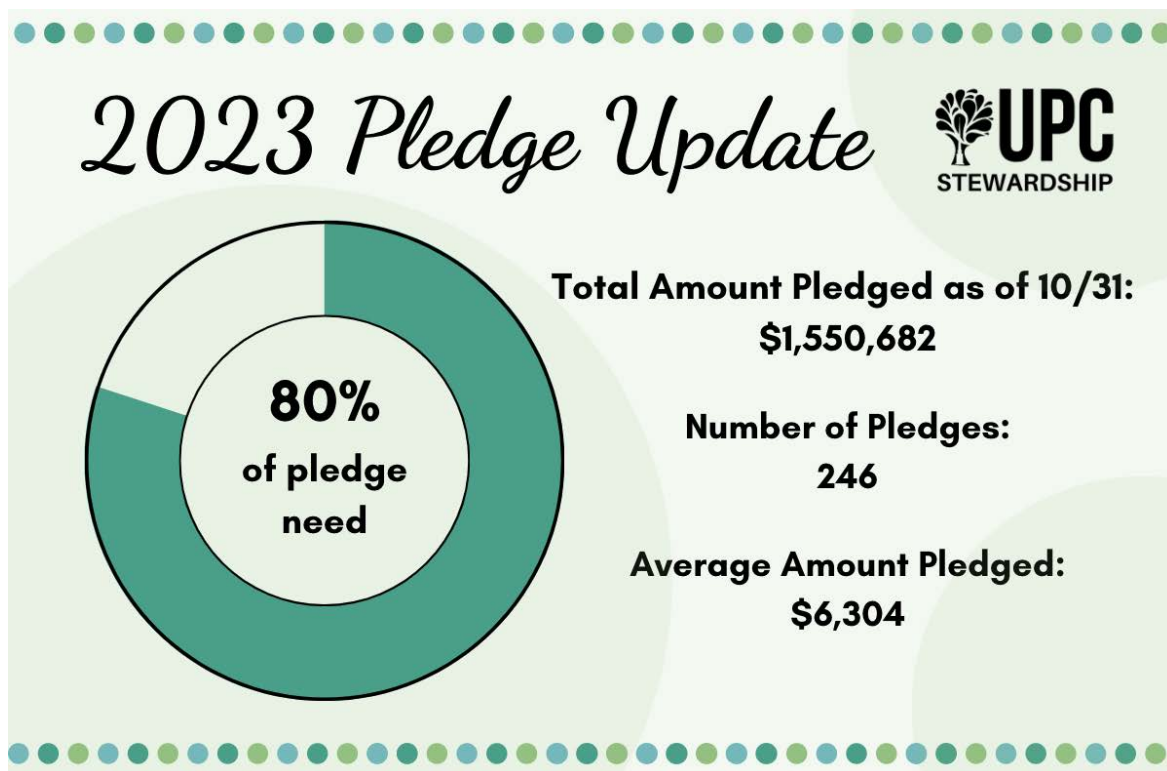
Record UPC Composting! As of October 1, UPC (including members who bring their home compost to the church) had already matched the total amount of waste composted in all of 2021. Since UPC's compost program began in February of 2020, we have diverted over 20 tons of compostable material from the landfill; created over two tons of compost that enriches soil, retains moisture, and suppresses plant diseases and pests; and had an equivalent environmental impact of NOT driving almost 120,000 miles!

LED lightbulb distribution: UPC's Earth Care Team, as part of Orange-Chatham Interfaith Care for Creation (OCICC), helped spearhead and complete a program in July funded by Orange County that provided one dozen LED lightbulbs at no cost to over 600 lower-income county households. LED bulbs use significantly less energy and last longer than older incandescent and fluorescent bulbs, with each dozen saving users up to \$660 over their lifetime. Over 50 recipients of these money- and environment-saving bulbs were individuals and families whom UPC has assisted with bill payments through our Pastoral Assistance Fund. UPC is a founding member of OCICC, which seeks to engage people of faith, congregations and communities to become better stewards of the Earth, address climate change, and advocate for environmental justice for all life on Earth. For more information, visit facebook.com/OrangeChathamICC

Increased State Conservation Funding: Attendees of UPC's early 2020 Earth Care Sunday School series were among the many North Carolinians who advocated for increased state and federal funding for land and water conservation. In 2021, Gov. Roy Cooper and the NC General Assembly agreed on a two-year state budget containing the highest levels of funding for North Carolina's Land and Water Fund and Parks and Recreation Trust Fund in over a decade, with combined annual funds rising from roughly \$45 million to \$140 million.. Grants help ensure clean drinking water, protect natural habitat and preserve the state's unique natural and cultural resources for future generations. To continue this important advocacy, visit www.land4tomorrow.org/act.

UPC Earth Care Website: Please visit upcch.org/EarthCare for ways to take action to care for God's Creation, both at church and at home. Learn how to get started composting, recycle better, become a more effective Earth Care advocate, and become a larger part of UPC's Earth Care initiatives.

2023 Stewardship Update



We are thrilled to share that, as of October 31, we are at 80% of our pledge need! We are grateful for your thoughtful and prayerful response to the 2023 campaign, and for the many ways your pledges will support our ministries in the coming year.

We are still \$400,000 shy of our goal of \$1.95 million. If you haven't yet pledged, it's not too late! Visit upcch.org/stewardship to learn how to pledge.

Session Update

In October 2022, the UPC Session:

- Welcomed 22 new members, for a total of 50 adults (not including confirmands) this year.
- Approved the recommendation from the Endowment Committee to use the fall disbursement toward the purchase of new boilers
- Approved the UPPS spring fundraiser to honor its 50th anniversary
- Commissioned a Visioning Team consisting of Donna Van Engen, Jeff Howard, Gordon Merklein, Beth Keith, Jay Klompmaker, Martha Aldridge, and Than Powell to discern UPC's next steps toward a capital campaign
- Approved repair of the broken boiler to provide heat through December, and the purchase and installation of 2 new boilers
- Pledge receipts remain strong, while non-pledge revenue continues to trend lower than budgeted

Advent Taizé Retreat (Dec. 4-5)

Sunday, Dec. 4 – Monday, Dec. 5 at St. Francis Springs Retreat Center

Begin the season of Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ with quiet reflection and sacred music in a natural setting. This retreat invites you to breathe with God.

St. Francis Springs is an interfaith retreat center located in Stoneville, NC (approximately 1.5 hours from Chapel Hill). It is a 25,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility situated on 140 acres of a beautiful, peaceful wooded property with the sacred aim to offer an intentional, natural environment for prayer, reflection, and meditation for all.

This retreat costs \$125 and includes:

- lodging at the retreat center for one night (Sun., Dec 4)
- 3 meals (dinner on Sun., Dec 4; and breakfast and lunch on Monday., Dec 5)
- access to the retreat grounds (meditation room, library, indoor chapel, outdoor chapel, labyrinth, walking trail in woods, Stations of the Cross, and Celestial Waterfall Gardens)
- admission ticket to the afternoon of Taizé Music and Prayer program (Dec 4, 3-5 pm).

Space is limited so please contact Hadley Kifner if you would like to join this group as soon as possible: hadley@upcch.org OR 919.929.2102.



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women are gathering in November for their monthly meetings. All women are welcome!

Circle # 1: Wed., Nov. 2 at 10:00 am at the home of Gwen Waddell-Schultz.

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

Circle # 2: Mon., Nov. 14 at 10:00 am in the Game Room at Carolina Meadows.

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

Circle # 3: Tues., Nov. 1 at 10:00 am at the home of Mary Ann Klompaker.

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

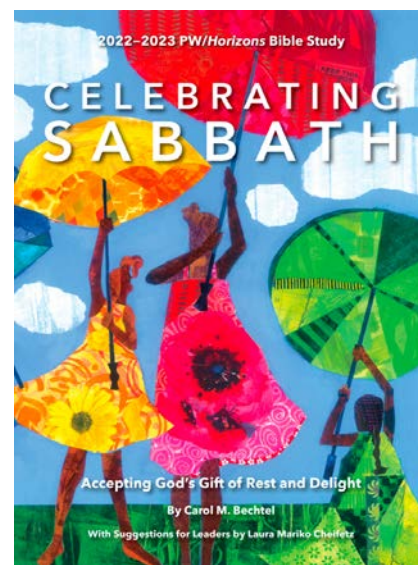
Circle # 4: TBD. Contact: Susie Smith (snyncks@gmail.com or 757-274-2551)

Circle # 5: Wed., Nov. 2 at 7:00 pm at the home of Ann Henschel.

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

Circle # 6: Thurs., Nov. 17 at 10:00 in the Heron Room at Carol Woods.

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



Mark Your Calendars: Special Advent Services

A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sun., Dec. 11, 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Lessons and Carols is a beloved UPC tradition and a highlight of our worship year for many! This choral service will feature musical offerings by all four of our choirs—the Alleluia Choir, Choristers, Youth Choir, and Chancel Choirs will come together to tell the story of God’s love for humanity, from Adam’s fall through the birth of Jesus.



Advent Brunch

Sun., Dec. 11, 9:45 am

Advent Brunch is back! Join us for a potluck brunch on Lessons & Carols Sunday (in lieu of Sunday School). Look for more details in the coming weeks!

Longest Night Service

Tues., Dec. 20 at 7:30 pm

While things may be merry and bright for some during the holiday season, others may feel sadness and pain. For some, this time of year can be the loneliest of all times. The Longest Night is a service to acknowledge such feelings. Gather with us for words of comfort, prayers for hope, candles, gentle music, and silence.



Christmas Eve Worship

Sat., Dec. 24

We offer three worship opportunities on Christmas Eve – join us for one or all of these services!

- 4:00 pm - Family Service
- 7:00 pm - Candlelight Service
- 9:00 pm - Candlelight Communion Service

Advent & Christmas Calendar At-A-Glance

Sun., Nov. 20 - the Sunday before Advent

8:30 & 11:00 am - Worship

9:45 am - Advent Craft Festival

Sun., Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent

8:30 & 11:00 am - Worship

9:45 am - Sunday School

Sun., Dec. 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 & 11:00 am - Worship

9:45 am - Sunday School

Sun., Dec. 4-Mon., Dec. 5 - Advent Taizé Retreat

Sun., Dec. 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 & 11 am - Lessons & Carols Service

9:45 am - Advent Brunch

Sun., Dec. 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 & 11 am - Worship

9:45 am - Sunday School

Tues., Dec. 20

7:30 pm - Longest Night Service

Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Family Service

7:00 pm - Candlelight Service

9:00 pm - Candlelight Communion Service

Sun., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

11:00 am - Worship

Sun., Jan. 1 - Second Sunday of Christmas

11:00 am - Worship

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