

The Spire Lite

January 2021



For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13

Annual Meeting

The Upland Baptist Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021. This meeting will be held immediately following worship.

Those who are attending worship will remain in the sanctuary for the meeting. Those who are worshipping with us virtually will be able to be a part of the service through our live streaming.

We will stop the broadcast when worship is completed. Then start a new broadcast for the meeting. You will have to click on live broadcast again to enter the meeting. People who are participating virtually will be able to text Pastor Brenda with questions and even their vote.

TRUST
TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING
IN ALL YOUR WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM
AND HE SHALL DIRECT
YOUR PATHS
PROVERBS 3:5-6

Worship

Worshipping continues to be at 10 am whether in person or virtual. If you join us in the sanctuary, please maintain social distance and wear a mask.

You can also join us virtually through our website at www.uplandbaptist.org. If you are worshipping with us from somewhere outside the sanctuary, please text Pastor Brenda, 610-453-8317. We want to know you are worshipping with us.



Annual Reports

Annual reports will be available to pick up during worship or from the church office by appointment. Annual Reports should be available by January 12th. You can also request a copy be emailed to you.

Thank you



We are exceptionally grateful for the generous donation of \$2000.00 from Upland Borough to the Food Bank. Their support for the community continues to be an encouragement and blessing. It is a gift to be able to continue partnering with our community to help our neighbors.

Pledges

We are grateful for the pledges that have been made.

As of December 13, 2020
29 pledges for \$70,820

As of November 27, 2019
31 pledges for \$76,395

If you would like to submit a pledge, there is still time. Please email to drafalski@verizon.net or mail it to the church.

“Cakeless” Baby Shower

Brigid and Jim Levi and their son, Jamie are welcoming a baby boy in March! We are so excited for them.

We are having a “cakeless” baby shower. You are invited to drop off a card or gift to welcome the new baby at the church. We are planning on giving Brigid the cards and gifts on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

You are *Beautiful*
For you are *Fearfully*
And *Wonderfully* made.

PSALM 139:14

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January and February

January Birthdays

2 Jane Kofroth
6 Casey Klimek
17 Stephen Kalichak, Sr.
27 Theresa Gallagher
Andrew Harman

January Anniversaries

28 Doris and John Fraim

February Birthdays

11 Frank Kulp
13 Stephanie Pysher Yanuzzi
14 Megan DeVecchis
Katelyn DeVecchis Pamponio
16 Ray Leber
20 Joan Decker
21 Janet Peterson
24 Iris Messick
27 Sue Kulp

February Anniversaries

17 Dave and Kathy Geveke

Just One Request

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to
hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

--Unknown Author

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"If I send my prayer as a text message,
will I get a faster reply?"

Prayer Meeting

We will have zoom prayer meetings on
Wednesday, January 6 and 20 at 7 pm.

To join using zoom go to
www.uplandbaptist.org and click on the
praying hands.

You may also join by calling:

+1 301 715 8592 US
Meeting ID: 997 1621 0300
Password: 926257

Christmas Card Greetings

These individuals and families sent a Christmas
card to the church to wish all of you a very
Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

We are excited that through donations, we
will be able to provide a meal to the both the
Upland Police Department and the Upland
Fire Company in 2021.

Connie and John Baxter
Kim Buffington
Normajean Colby and family
Linda Cook
Joan Decker
Doris and John Fraim
Kathy and Dave Geveke
Deloris Hanley
Sue and Frank Kulp
Joanne Long and family
Iris Messick
Charlene and Dan Miller
Priscilla Mills
Florence Osborne
The Pysher Family
Dawn Rafalski
The Shaws – John, Brenda, Stephen, and
Matthew
Denise Sweeney

Church Directory

We know that the Church Directory helps
keep us connected. In an effort to have the
most accurate information we need your
help. Please call or e-mail the church
secretary (uplandbaptist@verizon.net) if
there are any changes that need to be
made or you would like to be included. We
are planning to put a out new directory at
the end of January.

Devotional Thought...

“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth” Psalm 46:10

Surrender your anxiety! Be silent and stop striving and you will see that I am God. This is a verse for comforting ourselves and others. We will have times of trouble of that we can be sure. We live in a broken sinful world. To know God these sins can go away by praying, showing love, kindness and patience to all. Be still and know I'm with you. We're in a middle of a tough trail now with the corona virus pandemic. But God has not left us alone. He is with us always. God is our helper and best friend. Give God the time and space to work deeply in your heart. God is our refuge and strength. Be still, for only then can you hear God's voice.

Psalm 46: Reminds us that when we feel unsafe, scared, or unprotected we can go to God and rest in the presence of his perfect protection.

Joan Decker



A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

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