

The Spire Lite

January 2022



Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

Annual Meeting

The Upland Baptist Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022. 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 meeting 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 cast their vote.

Contact information

Whenever you have a change in your contact information, please notify the church office to update your information. The most current directory is posted at www.uplandbaptist.org. If you need the password, please call the church office.

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. *Reports are due January 3, 2022.*

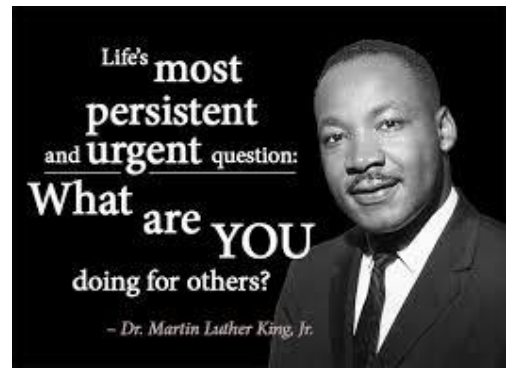


Service Sunday

Our next Service Sunday is scheduled for January 30, 2022. We hope that you will join us as we worship through service on Sunday morning. We are working on all indoor options for our service projects this time. There will be one group that works in the Chapel and a second group that goes out into the community. Stay tuned for more information.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Upland Fire Company and their generous donation of our church Christmas Tree. It was a beautiful tree.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Jan. 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is known as a day of service. You are invited to join the Annual MLK Cleanup of several parks and other areas located in Upland Borough. Join us at MacQueen Hall located at 224 Castle Avenue starting at 10:00 a.m. Please bring gloves and masks! Trash bags and other supplies will be provided.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January and February

January Birthdays

- 2 Jane Kofroth
- 6 Casey Klimek
- 17 Stephen Kalichak, Sr.

January Anniversaries

- 28 Doris and John Fraim

February Birthdays

- 11 Frank Kulp
- 20 Joan Decker
- 21 Janet Peterson
- 24 Iris Messick
- 27 Susan Kulp

February Anniversary

- 17 Dave & Kathy Geveke



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 their donations, we will be able to provide a meal to both the Upland Police Department and the Upland Fire Company in 2022.

Church Accompanist Search

Priscilla Mills, Dave Geveke and Denise Sweeney have been appointed to the Church Accompanist Search Committee. They have currently completed a job description. The next step is to place the job description in locations likely to draw a musician. We are grateful for their efforts on our behalf. Please continue to pray for this search.



Prayer Meeting

Join us the first Wednesdays of each month for a Zoom Prayer Meeting. To join, go to www.uplandbaptist.org and click the prayer meeting link. We look forward to praying with you.

- Judy and Barry Armstrong
- Connie and John Baxter
- Kim Buffington
- Normajean Colby
- Linda Cook
- Doris and John Fraim
- Lori and Mark Furniss
- Kathy and Dave Geveke
- Harold Hampton
- Jane and John Kofroth
- Sue and Frank Kulp
- Joanne Long and family
- Iris Messick
- Charlene and Dan Miller
- Priscilla Mills
- Doris Moody
- Florence Osborne
- The Pysher Family
- Dawn Rafalski
- Rosie Richardson
- The Shaws – John, Brenda, Stephen, and Matthew
- Denise Sweeney



Devotional Thought...

I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

As the year 2021 came to a close, we are reminded that it was a year knowing that we need God.

With all our triumphs and trials of the past year, most of our plans were probably interrupted because of the Covid-19 virus. Our lives still went on because God had plans for all of us as we enter the new year. I hope you can remember that God's plans have always been to prosper his people. The dark moments that we may have had can be part of the most important lessons to help us grow close to God. As we start the new year, we ask that God give us wisdom and strength for the new road ahead. Know that God is walking beside you, and our plans prepare us to do his work in the new year.

Joan Decker

Q: What is a New Year's resolution?

A: Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Q: What do snowmen like to do on New Year's Eve?

A: Chill out.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up on New Year's Eve.

Middle age is when you're forced to.

Q: What do New Year's Day parades have in common with Santa Claus?

A: No one is awake to see either of them.

Q: What's a cow's favorite holiday?

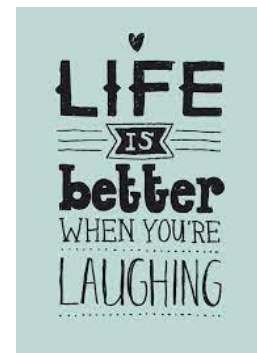
A: Moo Year's Eve.

Q: Where can you find comedians on New Year's Eve?

A: Waiting for the punch line.

Q: What do farmers give their wives at midnight on New Year's Eve?

A: Hogs and kisses.



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