



The Spire

July/August 2024

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’”

~Isaiah 30:21

Get Your Spire by Email!

We're getting with the times here at Upland Baptist. After all the directory updates we did at the end of last year, we're stream-lining things further by offering the option to receive *The Spire* via email.

If you gave us your email address when you updated your contact information, keep an eye on your inbox for an email from the church. We will still mail newsletters to those without an email on file.

If you'd like to receive your *Spire* by email but have not given us your address, please call the office (610) 874-7474.



July Worship

Pastor Brenda and her family will be on vacation June 30 to July 20. During the month, we will have two different preachers. Please be sure to join us for worship as we welcome these individuals to our church.

July 7 — Rev. Melody Walden

July 14 — Rev. Chris Davis

Upland Baptist Church
VBS 2024

FREE

JESUS TO THE RESCUE

July 29 - August 2
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

WE WELCOME
age 4-Incoming
5th grade

REGISTER ONLINE
uplandbpatist.org

325 MAIN STREET
UPLAND, PA 19015

Questions? Call:
(610) 874-7474

VBS is Almost Here!

We're just a few weeks away from Jesus to the Rescue VBS, and we are SO excited! Please keep spreading the word and encouraging your neighbors to register their children. Please also continue to pray for everyone involved.

Volunteers: We will have a final group meeting after worship on Sunday, July 14th to discuss procedures and wrap-up any last planning details.

Sign Up for a Weekend of Fun!

Friends and Family weekend will be here in a few short months — are you excited, too?! This is an awesome opportunity to show our community how we Love God, Love Others, and we can't wait for you to join us!

Saturday, September 14th will be filled with activities including a Car Show in our parking lot and an Attic Treasure Flea Market in front of the church. Inside, we'll have an antique appraiser (time to dust off your heirlooms!) and refreshments.



If you're interested in purchasing a spot to sell your attic treasures, please register at <https://uplandbaptist.org/friends-and-family-weekend/>

Join us for worship on Sunday, September 15th at 10:00 AM after which will follow a Church Picnic. In order to get an estimated head count, we're asking people to RSVP for the picnic. Please RSVP at <https://uplandbaptist.org/friends-and-family-weekend/>

We look forward to seeing you on September 14 & 15 for a weekend of fun and fellowship!

Birthdays and Anniversaries for July, August, and September

July Birthdays

- 6 David Rietz
- 7 Judy Armstrong
Linda Cook
- 10 Karen Johnston
- 11 Steve Waltman
- 13 Grace Miles
- 16 Betty Vandergriff
Christy Mason
- 30 Stephen Shaw
- 31 Charlene Miller

August Birthdays

- 1 John Kofroth
- 15 Doris Fraim
- 24 Barbara Phillips



September Birthdays

- 15 Monica Manerchia
Rosemary Richardson
Marsha Scott
- 16 Colin Levi
- 18 Dave Miskowic
- 25 Brigid Levi

September Anniversaries

- 7 Akky & Hans Geveke
- 14 Charlene & Dan Miller
- 21 Barry & Judy Armstrong
- 26 Kevin & Makenzie McGonigle

July Anniversaries

- 16 Mark & Rebecca Minchak
- Sorry we missed you in our last Spire!



New Church T-Shirt Options

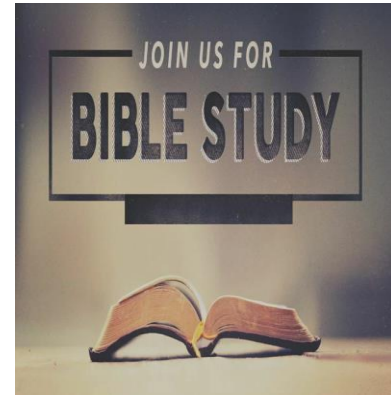


Our Church t-shirt shop is open again with some totally rad tie-dye options! You can purchase our t-shirts from the link on our website's homepage.

We would love to see you wearing your Church t-shirt during Friends & Family Weekend so visitors can come to our congregants with questions. Our visibility at this event will promote fellowship with those in our community. Let's make it easy for others to identify us! Get your t-shirt today!

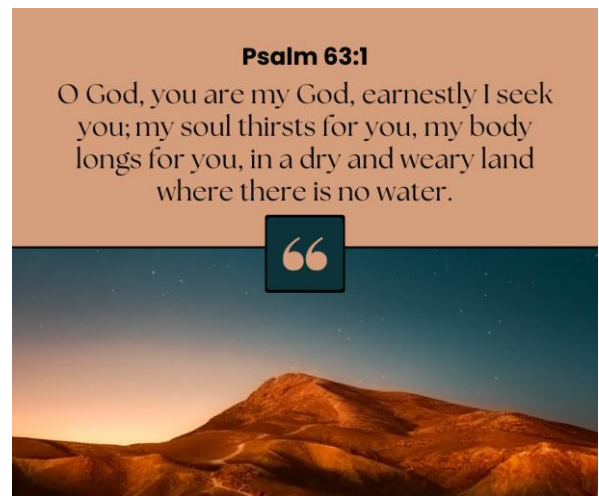
Food Bank

This summer, we're asking for donations of
Boxed pasta
Please donate anytime during July & August.



Everyone has different life experiences that inform the way they interpret scripture. By studying scripture in a group, you can gain insight from the unique perspectives of others.

Consider joining us for Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM. Our next study begins on August 7th where we'll read Ephesians together.



Return to Sanctuary

As is our tradition, we will return to the Sanctuary the Sunday after Labor Day. This year, that falls on Sunday, September 8th.

We will also have communion during the September 8th worship service, rather than the first Sunday in September.

Devotional Thought...

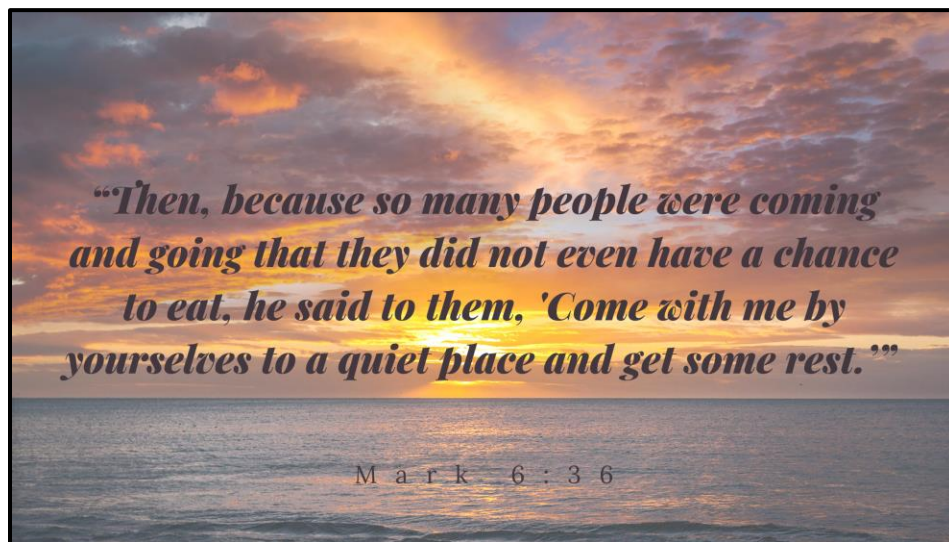
"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'" ~Mark 6:31

As we embrace the warmth and light of summer, let us also open our hearts to the spiritual growth that this season offers. Just as plants flourish under the sun's nourishing rays, so too can our souls thrive when we seek God's presence in our lives. Summer reminds us of the abundance of God's creation and his constant invitation for us to grow in faith. Let us use this season to plant seeds of faith, allowing them to take root deeply within us.

In the hustle and bustle of summer activities, it's easy to get caught up in the external joys of the season. Yet, amidst the barbecues and beach days, let us not forget to nurture our spiritual lives. Take moments each day to bask in the warmth of God's love, to reflect on His Word, and to find peace in His presence. Just as the summer sun renews the earth, let God's light renew our spirits and fill us with hope and joy.

As we journey through these summer days, may we also embrace the lessons of change and growth that this season brings. Just as the landscape around us transforms with the seasons, so too can our hearts experience transformation through God's grace. Let us trust in His guidance, knowing that He is with us in every season of life. May this summer be a time of spiritual renewal, where we bear fruit in our faith and find deep fulfillment in our relationship with God.

~Brian Klimek



Upland Baptist Church

325 Main Street, Upland PA 19015

Ph: 610-874-7474

Email: uplandbaptist@verizon.net

www.uplandbaptist.org

Rev. Brenda A.B. Shaw, Pastor

Text or Call: 610-453-8317

brendaabshaw@gmail.com