

The Spire May 2024

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." ~Ephesians 5:8



Learn about VBS Volunteer Opportunities!

To make VBS a success, we need your help! Following worship on Sunday, May 5, we'll hold a volunteer information session to give you an idea of what to expect. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities and ways to support this program, some of which take very little time!

You could... Lead crafts or a game, read the daily Bible story, be a group leader, prepare the daily snack, and more!

We'd love to share our ideas with you for this exciting time in our Church. We hope to see you on **May 5th in the Sanctuary**!

All adult volunteers MUST have their clearances on file by <u>Thursday</u>, July 25th to participate.

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessed is the caring mother who offers her precious time, her gentle strength, her faith-filled wisdom, and her constant prayers to bless her family.

Proverbs 31:26 "She opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."



On Sunday, May 12th, we are honoring our mothers and women of our church with a carnation after the service.

Sponsor a Child for VBS

We understand that not everyone can volunteer for VBS, but you can still support this program in other ways! Why not sponsor a child with a small donation?

For \$20, one child can participate in a week of VBS. Your donation ensures that each child has the following:

- A daily snack
- Materials for daily lessons, crafts, and games
- A refillable water bottle
- A drawstring bag to keep their personal belongings
- Bible-themed take-home items (bracelets, pencils, stickers, etc.)

If you'd like to sponsor a child, please put your donation in the collection plate, drop it off to the office, or mail to 325 Main Street, Upland, PA 19015.

Dinner & Bingo Night



We're having a dinner and bingo night! Come join the fun on Sunday, May 19th at 6:00 PM for dinner in the Chapel and bingo after. Watch for a food sign-up sheet in the back of the church.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for May and June

May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Shaw
- 5 David Geveke Darlene Pysher
- 15 Akky Geveke
- 17 Thomas Geveke
- 26 Dennis Decker Jackie Wright
- 27 Hans Geveke

May Anniversaries

- 4 Brian & Courtney Klimek
- 10 Joan & Dennis Decker
- 14 Steve & Angela Waltman



June Birthdays

- 18 Lynda Miller
- 27 Mark Minchak
- 28 Lori Furniss



June Anniversaries

- 11 John & Rev. Brenda Shaw
- 13 Monnarae Fraim & Ken Eicholtz
- 15 Doug & Marsha Scott
- 22 Darlene & David Pysher
- 30 Frank & Sue Kulp

Memorial Sunday

On Sunday, May 26, 2024, we will be honoring all those who had memorial gifts given in their name in the past twelve months. Flowers will be planted around the church sign.

We will also be honoring the members of our congregation who gave their lives in service to our country:

William Herbster - WWII

Billy Wray - WWII

Charles Hartshorn - Vietnam War

Carlton Ottey - Vietnam War



Food Bank

The item of the month for May is Jelly Plastic jars are preferred. Thank you!



Memorial Day Parade & Ceremonies

Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. We will lay wreaths in the Upland Baptist Cemetery at 8:45 AM, and the parade will kick-off at 9:00 AM from the church parking lot.

The ceremony at the War Memorial will start at approximately 10:00 AM.

The Community Picnic will begin at about 11:00 AM. The picnic is co-sponsored by Upland Baptist Church and Resurrection Life Church.

Please consider donating a dessert for the picnic—homemade or store-bought is OK! Please drop off your desserts to the pavilion on Memorial Day by 10:30 AM.



Devotional Thought...

"How lovely is your dwelling place." ~ Psalm 84:1

May is a beautiful time of the year. God's creation of new and restored beauty is blooming all around us. Colorful trees, bushes, and flowers all paint our landscape. It uplifts our spirits.

There's a lot to celebrate in May. We celebrate our Veterans who have served or are serving our country, giving us the freedom to enjoy it all. Our mothers are also to be celebrated. They brought us into the world and show us the meaning of love.

So, with all the love, beauty, and freedom given to us, we say: "Thank you God!"

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all of my heart; I will tell you of all your wonderful deeds." ~Psalm 9:1

~Rosie Richardson



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