

The Spire *Lite*

April 2023



"But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."

Romans 6:8-9

New Shirt Designs!



Our Upland Baptist Church shirts have gotten a facelift!

To purchase, go to the church website and click on the Star School Uniform link at the bottom of the page. Choose between t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, or hoodies.

They are available from now until May 7th and should arrive in time for Memorial Day.



Palm Sunday, April 2

10 am Worship with palms and the Joyful Noise Bell Choir

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7 pm Communion Service

Good Friday, April 7

7 pm Prayer Service

Easter Sunday, April 9

6:30 AM Sunrise Service in the church cemetery followed by breakfast

10 AM Worship followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

All services will be in person and virtual.





Thank you, Brigid!

Brigid works Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM until 1 PM. We are grateful for her professionalism, her kindness, and her willingness to help make things run smoothly in the office.

April 27th is Administrative Professionals Day. You are invited to send Brigid a thank you card. Mail it to the church in care of Brigid or bring it to worship and place it on the table as you come into the sanctuary.



Mom's Words of Wisdom

What is the best advice you were given by your mother?

Send your answers to Priscilla Mills by text at (443) 714-0550 or add to the basket at the back of the church by April 30, 2023. Let's share all the words of wisdom Mom has provided.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for March and April

April Birthdays

- 2 Mary Kefalas
- 13 Dan Miller
- 15 Kimberlee Kalichak
- 24 David Pysher
Denise Sweeney
- 27 John Shaw
- 28 Stephanie Abbonizio
- 30 Anna Geveke

April Anniversaries

- 27 Jimmy and Liz Machamer



May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Shaw
- 4 Noah Geveke
- 5 David Geveke
Darlene Pysher
- 15 Akky Geveke
- 17 Dawn Buckworth
Thomas Geveke
- 22 Sandy Kushner
- 26 Jackie Wright
- 27 Hans Geveke
- 28 Stephen Kalichak, Jr.

May Anniversaries

- 4 Brian and Courtney Klimek
- 10 Joan and Dennis Decker
- 16 Barbara and John Phillips



Food Bank

The item of the month for April is
Dish soap

Please donate anytime during the month.



Mark Your Calendar

* There is no Small Group during Holy Week. The next Small Group will be Tuesday, April 18th at noon and 7:00 PM.

* Sunday, April 30th is our next Day of Service. We will help at the Delaware County Pregnancy Center, doing things like painting the front door, gardening, and yard work.



Holy Family Regional Catholic School in Aston presents *Raise Your Voice: A Musical Review* directed by Brigid Levi.

Fri. 4/21 at 7:00 PM

Sat. 4/22 at 7:00 PM

Sun. 4/23 at 4:00 PM

Tickets are \$8.00 at the door.

Upland Fire Company Easter Flowers & Bake Sale

The Upland Fire Company is selling Easter flowers from April 7-9. On Saturday, April 8th, they will also hold a bake sale. If you can donate to their bake sale, please sign-up on the back table and plan to drop off your baked goods at the firehouse on April 8th and of course, shop.



Lenten Offering

This year the Lenten offering will go to refurbishing the bells.

Every decade the bells need to be sent away to be refurbished. We have not done this for 14 years. They will be repaired, polished, and general maintenance will be performed. This ensures that our bells can be played for years to come.

This will cost approximately \$2,500. All assistance towards this cost is greatly appreciated.



Devotional Thought...

"But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" ~Matthew 19:26

Our lives should display the endless possibilities of God's power and grace. What man is unable to do apart from God, he can do through the power of God. With God, we can forgive. With God, we can give sacrificially. With God, we can stop that besetting sin. With God, we can put the needs of others before our own. With God, that which was impossible becomes a reality.

Notice that Jesus said, "All things are possible." He didn't say, "All things are definite," or "All things are a given." We still have a part to play. We must choose to completely surrender to God's work in our lives. So often, we want God to bless our efforts with His power. We want to make our plans, work our plan, and then bring God in to bless our human efforts. That is not how it works. The endless possibilities of God's power are unleashed through surrender—the giving up of our own ideas and plans in faith to God. It is in saying, "Not my will but Yours," that God's power is fully unleashed in our lives.

You were not saved by your own power, nor can you grow through your own efforts. We must all surrender to the endless possibilities of God's omnipotence. Only then will we become a display for His glory.

Brian Klimek



We're Going on a God Hunt

Look up the following Bible verses that speak of God's character. Then, think of a story in your life or from the news that shows God in this way. Share it with a friend!

1 John 4:14
God is...

Micah 7:18-19
God is...

1 John 1:5
God is...

2 Peter 3:9
God is...

Genesis 1:1
God is...

Psalms 116:5
God is...

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