

The Spire Lite

February 2022



Souper Sunday

Sunday, February 13, 2022, we will celebrate "Souper" Sunday with homemade soup after church. Join us for a warm bowl of soup and time of fellowship.

We will be handing out Valentine Cards for you to share with a friend or neighbor.

Ministry Council Changes

We would like to express our deepest thanks to Joan Decker for her time as Outreach Team Leader. Joan has been a positive leader, who helped us share the love of God with others. We are grateful for her service.



We welcome Sue Kulp as the new Outreach Team Leader. Sue stepped up to fill the position at the Annual Meeting. We are grateful for her willingness to make a difference through service.

Food Bank

The items of the month for February -
Dish or Laundry Soap.

Mark Your Calendar...

Join us Sunday, April 3, 2022, as we celebrate Mrs. Sandy Kushner and the many gifts she has given to us in these 30+ years she has been sharing music with us.



Ash Wednesday is March 2. This day begins the season of Lent, which leads us to Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, Ash Wednesday involves getting the sign of the cross on one's forehead to symbolize repentance.

This year we will again have a drive-up service for Ash Wednesday. People will be invited to stay in their vehicles and receive ashes. Lenten devotional materials will also be available for pick-up; they will also be available in worship.

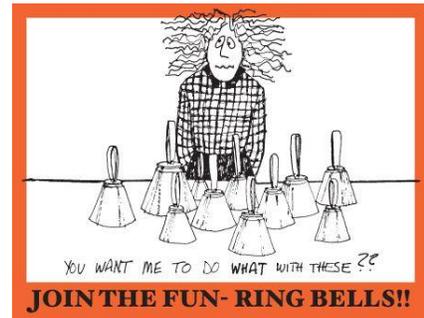
We want to thank the Upland Fire Company for volunteering to bring lights and help with the evening.

Ash Wednesday, March 2 drive up to receive ashes, Upland Baptist Church Parking lot, 7 to 8 pm.

Joyful Noise Bell Choir

The Bell Choir continues to practice each Sunday morning at 8:30 am. There is room for new members to join the bell choir. If you have any interest, see John Shaw or drop by a practice.

Joyful Noise Bell Choir plans to participate in worship on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022.



Pledge Update

We have had an additional pledge. We now have \$77,587 in the 29 pledges that have been made.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February and March

February Birthdays

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



March Birthdays

- 22 Rev. Brenda Shaw
- Kyle Lord
- 25 Rachel Miskowic
- 30 Normajean Colby
- Katie Boyer

February Anniversary

- 17 Dave & Kathy Geveke

March Anniversaries

None

Small Group Resumes

Small Groups start back February 1st. We are reading Chapter 7, *Overhearing What God Wants to do in the World* in Let Me Tell You a Story by Tony Campolo.

If you haven't yet joined us, now is the time! Small Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. You can attend at noon in the Chapel, bring a sack lunch, or at 7 pm at the Shaw's house, snacks will be served.



A small church was raising funds for a new piano. On Sunday the pastor said "Whoever gives the most money today for the offering can pick out 3 hymns."

So they passed the offering plate around and the pastor sees a \$100 bill in the plate.

He said "Looks like we have a winner! Whoever gave the \$100 bill can come to the front and select 3 hymns."

An 80 year old lady slowly got up, walked to the front, and pointed her finger into the pews...

"I'll take him, him, and him!"

Prayer Meeting

Join us the first Wednesday 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.

Thanks from Fair Acres

What a wonderful Christmas our residents had this year thanks to your organization! They are always very excited to know that our surrounding community is thinking about them during this sacred holiday. It was nice for them to know that you shopped just for them. The people who gave us general gifts were appreciated too. We now have many items that can be used throughout the year by our residents.

Hopefully by next Christmas we will be back to people coming in to visit and regular holiday caroling, visits by schools and all the exciting things that we have done in the past. Looking forward to a "normal" year next year. Whatever our new normal will be.

May God bless you for your generous and caring ways. Enjoy a happy and healthy 2022; your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Cheryl J. Everngham
Director of Volunteers
Fair Acres Geriatric Center

Church Accompanist Search

We continue to pray for our Church Accompanist Search. The committee of Priscilla Mills, Dave Geveke and Denise Sweeney, is doing an excellent job of getting the word out and sharing the job description. We continue to pray for our next accompanist.

Devotional Thought...

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Proverbs 3:27

As a Christian in today's world, I always find it rewarding to help others in need, being that there is never a shortage of situations. Jesus' principles of kindness and compassion amplify his message by caring for the needs of others. Through our words and deeds, this can be a rewarding daily experience.

God Bless,
Frank Kulp

Bible Villains Quiz

Match the Bible villain on the left with the facts on the right.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cain | 1. Son of Jerubbaal, Killed 70 family members. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goliath | 2. A huge Philistine soldier from Gath. Fought David the shepherd and was killed by him. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pharaoh | 3. Son of Adam and Eve. Killed his own brother. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> King Nebuchadnezzar | 4. Tried to kill young Jesus and all the boys under 2 years old in Bethlehem. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absalom | 5. Married to Ahab. A wicked queen who was thrown out a window and eaten by dogs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judas Iscariot | 6. Refused to free the Hebrews. Survived the Ten Plagues. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jezebel | 7. Threw 3 men into a fiery furnace because they would not worship him. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herod | 8. Drank wine out of cups from the temple in Jerusalem. Saw writing on the wall. Was killed by the Medes & Persians. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> King Belshazzar | 9. A disciple of Jesus who finally betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abimelech | 10. Led a rebellion against his father, King David. Died after his long hair got caught in a tree. |

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Answers: Abimelech = 1; Goliath = 2; Cain = 3; Herod = 4; Jezebel = 5; Pharaoh = 6; King Nebuchadnezzar = 7; King Belshazzar = 8; Judas = 9; Absalom = 10