

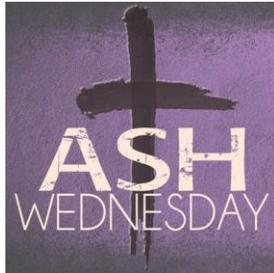
The Spire

February 2026



"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

~ Psalm 112:1-2



This year, we will again have a drive-up service for Ash Wednesday, February 18th from 7 to 8 PM. People will be invited to stay in their vehicles and receive ashes on their foreheads or hands. Lenten devotional materials will be available for pick-up; they will also be available after Sunday services.

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

Lenten Devotional

Lent is a time to lift up your hearts to the Lord. What does that mean? It means showing honor, respect, and love to our Savior in word and deed this season as we offer up ourselves to Him.

This year's devotional, *Life Up Your Hearts*, includes daily Scripture, a reflection, and relevant conversations and activities to guide hearts toward the glory of Easter Sunday. Copies will be available in the back of the sanctuary.

Lenten Offering

Our Lenten offerings will subsidize meals for our first responders: the police & fire departments and our recently added ambulance drivers. The Christmas card collection also goes toward these dinners, but it will not fund all three groups. We thank you for your generosity in supporting these vital members of our community.

Fellowship Brunch



Join us after worship on Sunday, February 15th in the Chapel for a Valentine's Day brunch. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church if you'd like to contribute to this event.

A Growth Opportunity for Pastor Brenda

After some discernment, Pastor Brenda has decided to participate in Bridges: Colloquium for Cultivating Ministry with Women Pastors from 2026-2028.

What Bridges is about:

Across three years, the Bridges colloquia gathers clergywomen for reflection and renewal, practical equipping, and genuine fellowship (with rest and delight woven in). Together, they aim to nurture:

- A stronger sense of connection and mutual support
- An increased level of confidence in financial wellness and literacy
- The ability to navigate the challenges of church leadership and management

Each annual gathering offers space to share ministry experiences and best practices, engage respectfully across theological and cultural perspectives, and spend time in devotion and interpersonal enrichment.

Bridges meets in person once each year, with additional touchpoints between gatherings to keep relationships growing. Pastor Brenda will attend the 2026 meeting in Florida from February 2nd through February 5th.

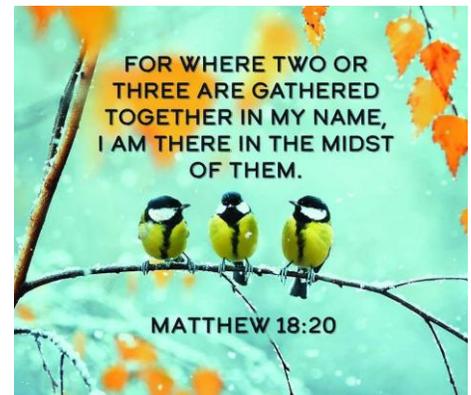
Food Bank

The Food Bank item for the month of February is

Taco shells (hard or soft) & Taco seasoning

You may donate any time during the month.

Thank you!



Birthdays and Anniversaries for February and March

February Birthdays

- 1 Richard Ladd
Tommy Waltman
- 9 Priscilla Mills
Jim Levi
- 11 Frank Kulp
- 20 Joan Decker
- 21 Janet Peterson
- 24 Iris Messick
- 27 Sue Kulp



March Birthdays

- 1 Mel Tarbutton
- 3 Deborah Rider
- 10 Monnarae Fraim
- 20 Kieran Levi
- 22 Rev. Brenda Shaw
- 30 Normajeane Colby
Katie Boyer

February Anniversary

- 17 Dave & Kathy Geveke

March Anniversary

- 25 Jim & Brigid Levi

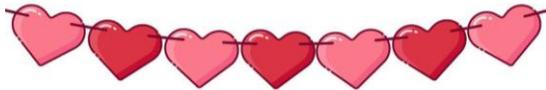
Soup & Salad Dinner at MacQueen Hall

Chase away your winter chill - support the Upland Borough Community Affairs Association with their annual "Soup & Salad Dinner" fundraiser scheduled on Saturday, 2/28/2026 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Starting on 1/8/2026 tickets can be purchased at the borough office or contact Moira Crawford, Judy Bush or Julie Kerns.

Homemade chili, chicken & dumplings and/or vegetable soup served with salad bar, bread, dessert & beverage will be available for **All-U-Can-Eat-At-MacQueen Hall**. Cost is \$15 Adult, \$12 for senior citizens and \$10 children under 12.

All proceeds benefit the Upland Borough Community Affairs Association.



Ministry to Members Highlight



Deloris Hanley was in the last graduating class of Ridley Township High School. Deloris married Bill Hanley and they spent the next sixty years in Upland and joined Upland Baptist Church. Deloris worked in the pre-school that we had at the church for many years. She has been a resident at Fair Acres for five years now and enjoys our visits with communion and cards from the congregation.

Church Directory Reminders

Now is a great time to remind everyone that we need your permission to make you visible in the directory. If you don't see yourself in the directory, then the office does not have your permission to share your information.

Our directory is password-protected, so only those with the password have access to the information. Please call the office at (610) 874-7474 if you need the password.

If you want to give permission to be visible or need to update your contact information, please [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the online contact form. (It's also available at <https://uplandbaptist.org/> under the "resources" tab.)

For questions about how to use the directory, please don't hesitate to call the Church office at (610) 874-7474 or email us at uplandbaptist@verizon.net.

Devotional Thought...

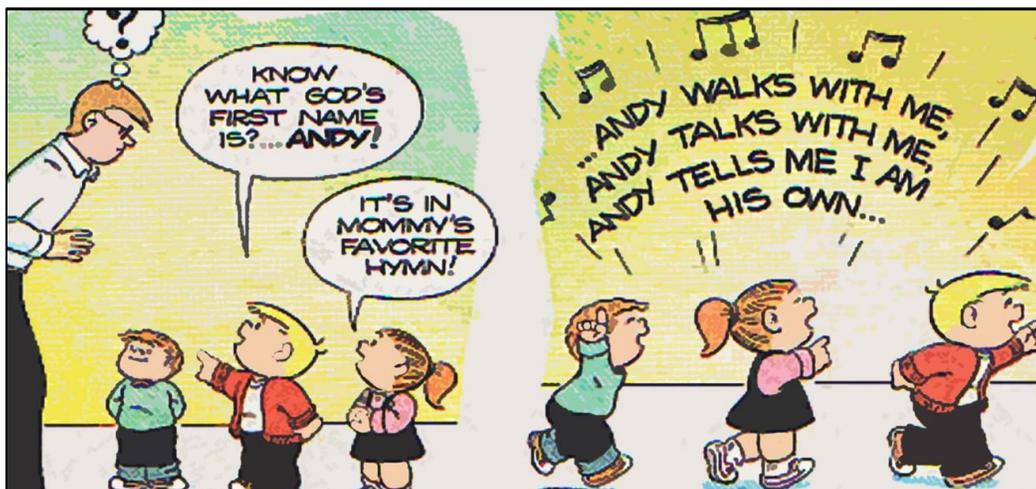
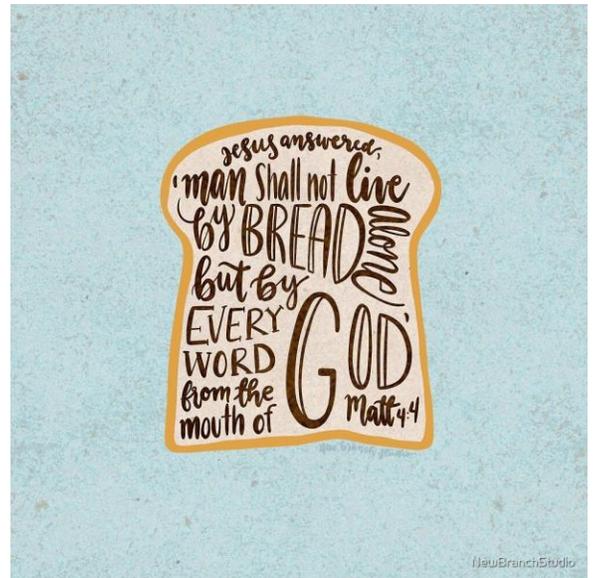
Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" - Matthew 4:4

Reading the Bible is important for spiritual growth. I'm very fortunate to have been able to attend Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11 AM. For the past several months, we have been reading and studying the Minor Prophets. These twelve books in the Old Testament are often overlooked. Part of the reason may be that they are somewhat challenging to understand.

That's the beauty of studying the Bible with others – through discussions, led by Pastor Brenda, and referring to Bible commentaries and the Internet, we learn from each other and leave with a greater appreciation of God's word. I highly recommend attending Bible Study if you can. If that's not possible, read the Bible to boost your spiritual nourishment. The effort will be paid off in spades.

Heavenly Father, help us to remember that our spiritual needs are just as important as our physical needs. Amen.

~Dave Geveke



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