

The Spire Lite

July/August 2022



"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name,
O Most High."

Psalm 9:1-2



Worship

Pastor Brenda and her family will be on vacation July 24 to August 13. During the month, we will have two different preachers as well as Service Sunday. Please be sure to join us for worship as we welcome these individuals to our church.

July 24 Rev. Gary Carter

July 31 Service Sunday

August 7 Chris Davis

Marge Waltman

We have seen and heard our guest pianist, Marge Waltman, but many of us haven't had the opportunity to talk with her and get to know her better. Marge lived in Bucks County and graduated from New Hope-Solebury High School, Class of 1960. She then earned her BS degree in Music Education from Susquehanna Univ. Shortly after that, she married David C. Waltman, a civil engineer. They were married 54 years when David sadly passed last May. They raised two sons, Steve and Ken, born in Exmouth, Western Australia! She has two grandsons, Andy and Tommy, who attend school in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District.

Marge has always been involved with music - singing, directing choirs, playing piano and teaching wherever she's lived including Concepcion, Chile, Santiago, Chile, and Exmouth, Australia. She taught music in the Rose Tree-Media and Wallingford-Swarthmore School Districts and sang with choir tours in Austria, France and Italy.

Through the years, Marge traveled extensively, but now she's happy to stay home with her rescue dog, Allegra. She has always maintained a music studio in her home - teaching piano and voice. Some of her favorite things in life are music, gardening, and family and friends.

Marge says, "It's a pleasure to serve the Lord and Upland Baptist Church through music." Now that you know a little more about our pianist, please stop by after service and say hello to Marge!

We are thankful that Marge has agreed to play for the remainder of the summer.

Main Street Elementary Fifth Grade Award



Again, this year we sponsored an award for the Main Street Elementary fifth grade Moving Up Ceremony. We sponsor the *Most Improved Student* award. We gave a \$20 Rita's gift card, the book: The Lemonade War, and a personalized certificate. This year Naim Eason received the award. Congratulations

Worship in the Chapel

We look forward to sharing worship with you this summer. Masks are optional. We continue to want you to feel safe while worshipping. If you need to move a chair, please free to do so.

We are enjoying worshipping in the Chapel in the air-conditioning. We hope that you will join us either in person or virtually. We will return to the sanctuary in the church on Sunday, September 11, 2022. We will also share communion together.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for July, August and September

July Birthdays

- 2 John Fraim
- 7 Linda Cook
- 10 Karen Johnston
- 13 Grace Miles
- 16 Betty Vandergriff
Christy Mason
- 18 Jesse Kulp
- 28 Harold Hampton
- 30 Stephen Shaw
- 31 Charlene Miller

July Anniversaries

None

August Birthdays

- 1 John Kofroth
- 6 Carol Arscott
- 15 Doris Fraim
- 16 Liz Machamer
- 21 Cameron Klimek
- 24 Barbara Phillips

August Anniversaries

- 2 Henry & Darlene Strunk

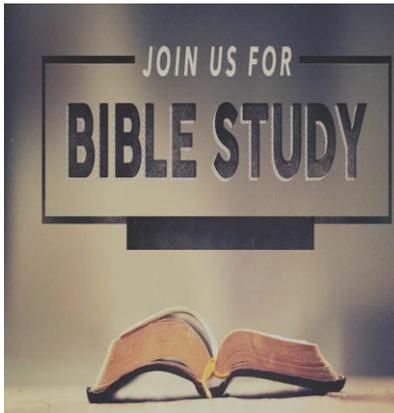
September Birthdays

- 3 Doris Moody
- 11 Louise Sauk
- 13 Betty Singley
- 15 Monica Manerchia
Diane Lord
Rosemary Richardson
Marsha Scott
- 18 Dave Miskowic
- 20 Bill Lord Sr.

September Anniversaries

- 7 Akky and Hans Geveke
- 14 Charlene and Dan Miller
- 21 Stephen and Kimberlee
Kalichak
- 26 Kevin and Makenzie
McGonigle





Bible Study can be a quiet, solitary undertaking...reading, thinking, praying, even experiencing an enlightening "Aha!" moment alone...

We're reading The Book Acts together at Bible Study on Wednesday mornings.

Acts chronicles the earliest days of the church. With violent winds and tongues of fire they receive the Holy Spirit. The message of salvation is heard by everyone in his own language. Peter is brave! The infant church is born--so is the meaning of true fellowship. Ananias and Sapphira tell the last lies of their lives!

And that's just through Chapter 5.

Our group shares a lot of "Aha!" moments. There are always questions--sometimes not many answers, but always good, supportive conversations.

Your Bible study doesn't need to be a solitary one. Share your questions, insights, your personal faith journey with us on Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

Service Sunday - July 31

Our service project will be making Welcome Back bags for the students at Main Street Elementary School. Each bag will contain 2 sharpened #2 pencils, a new eraser, a roll of smarties and a bag of goldfish crackers. We need to put together 400 bags to ensure that every student is welcomed back to school with a treat bag. Join us in the Chapel on Sunday, July 31 at 10 am to help put together these bags. Working together we can help put smiles on the students' faces as they begin a new school year.

Office Hours

The church office hours will continue to be Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Prayer Meetings

We will not have virtual prayer meetings in July or August. We will resume virtual prayer meetings in September. Log onto zoom via www.uplandbaptist.org to join us at 7pm on Wednesday, September 7.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I don't care if it IS the latest translation, if it starts with 'Once upon a time' I'm not using it!"

Classic Holy Land Tour

Have you ever wanted to travel to the Holy Lands and walk in the steps that Jesus took? Now is your chance to join Rev Bud and Carol Russell from ABCOPAD as they guide us on a tour with Educational Opportunities on May 16-25, 2023. The tour starts in Tel Aviv and ends in Jerusalem, covering all the important cities and landmarks throughout Jesus's life. The tour is open to everyone, but there are 6 members of our church making this trip of a lifetime. If you are interested, talk to Sue and Frank Kulp, Dave and Kathy Geveke, or Dawn Rafalski and Priscilla Mills. For more information contact brussell@abcopad.org.



Devotional Thought... Psalm 113:3

"From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised."

We all like to be praised. It is nice to hear that we have done a good job. We are to praise God. We treasure the gift of who God is and how He loves us. We praise God for who He is.

All day long we are to praise God. This reminds us that it isn't about how the day is going, but who God is. We offer praise to show our love for God. There are lots of ways to praise God. We can pray or use music. We can enjoy art or make art. We can join in group worship or worship alone. We can tell someone else about God. We can do acts of kindness. There are many ways to praise God.

It isn't about praising God in the right way. It is about praising God from the rising of the sun to its going down. We want to praise God all day long. As we enjoy these long summer days, be sure to offer praises to God.

Pastor Brenda

Ministry to Members

We are planning to take a Bingo Game to Deloris Hanley's floor at Fair Acres at the end of August. Right now, Fair Acres is not comfortable with setting a date because of Covid and wants us to wait until July to check again. Please watch your church bulletin for a possible date. Deloris's floor is all women. Below is a list that Fair Acres recommends as prizes. You may leave the items in the boxes in the chapel:

Costume jewelry (new or gently used)	Stuffed animals (new)
Picture frames – 5x7 or larger	Magnifying glass
Lipstick (new)	Small flower arrangements
Wallets	Paint by number sets
Playing cards	Word Search books, easy
New crossword books	Nail polish (new)
Change purses	Cologne (new)
Eye shadow, mascara – new	Small tote bags
Unbreakable room decorations	

We are starting to take home communion to our shut-ins again. If you would like to join in this activity let Dawn Rafalski know.

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