

The Spire Lite

July/August 2023



"The Lord on high is mightier
Than the noise of many waters,
Than the mighty waves of the sea."

~Psalm 93:4

New Church Directory Software

Currently, a lot of our directory information is scattered across several computer documents. In an effort to keep everything in one place, we're in the process of implementing new software for our website. It will act like an online address book and make it easier for the office to locate a member's personal information.



We'd like to make sure everyone's information is up to date. Additionally, we want to take this opportunity to get your permission for how we use this information. *(Please note that the directory will still be password-protected. Only people with the password will be able to see your personal information on the website.)*

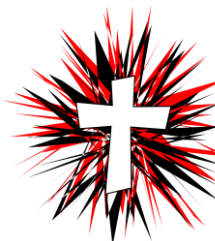
Included with this month's Spire, you'll find a Contact Information form. You can also find a link to the form on our website. Please send back the form at your earliest convenience. If you use the online version, please fill out one form for every member of your household.

We appreciate your help in streamlining this process for the office staff! Thank you!

Rep. Leanne Krueger's Mobile Office Hours

Every third Tuesday, Rep. Krueger is offering Upland constituent services at MacQueen Hall from 1:00–3:00 PM. Stop by for assistance with state issues including:

- Handicap Plate Applications
- Vehicle Registration
- Driver's License & Non-Driver ID Applications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Applications
- ...and more!



July Worship

Pastor Brenda and her family will be on vacation June 26 to July 17. During the month, we will have two different preachers. Please be sure to join us for worship as we welcome these individuals to our church.

July 2 Rev. Mike Hall

July 9 Rev. Mike Hall

July 16 Rev. Chris Davis

Thank You from DCPC

At the last Service Sunday at the end of April, some of the men and young men went to the Delaware County Pregnancy Center in Chester, PA to do yard work. They trimmed bushes, raked, weeded, laid mulch, and planted flowers. The mulch and flowers were donated by Upland Baptist Church. While it had been raining hard before they got there, once there, it tapered off to a drizzle. Praise God!

The Pregnancy Center's Director, Destiny Diggs, sent the following: "I love the flowers! Upland Baptist Church elevated our landscape, and you can tell that it was done in excellence and love. I am incredibly grateful. God Bless the Upland Baptist Church family!"



Photo by Matthew Shaw

Brigid's July Office Hours

During the month of July, Brigid will be in the office on a slightly modified schedule:

Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30

Thursdays from 1:30-2:30



Birthdays and Anniversaries for July, August, and September

July Birthdays

7 Linda Cook
10 Karen Johnston
13 Grace Miles
16 Betty Vandergrift
Christy Mason
18 Jesse Kulp
30 Stephen Shaw
31 Charlene Miller

August Birthdays

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

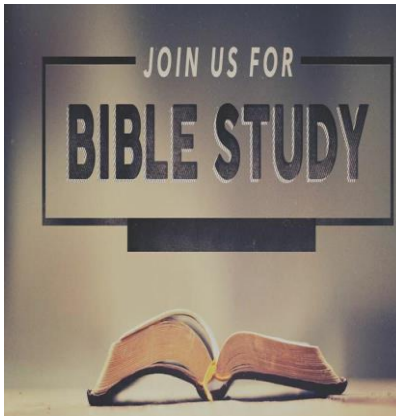
September Birthdays

11 Louise Sauk
13 Betty Singley
15 Monica Manerchia
Rosemary Richardson
Marsha Scott
16 Colin Levi
18 Dave Miskowic
25 Brigid Levi

September Anniversaries

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





Everyone has different life experiences that inform the way they interpret scripture. By studying scripture in a group, you can gain insight from the unique perspectives of others.

Consider joining us for Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. Our next study begins on August 23rd where we'll read First Corinthians together.

The apostle Paul penned this letter to the church in Corinth because they were divided over several issues, which resulted in some very unchristian behavior. This letter reads like a "how-to" guide for Christians. Paul spells out exactly what God wants from us as His church.

And here's a fun fact: Paul fielded questions from the Corinthians as he wrote, making this letter one of the only direct Q&As in the Bible.

We hope you join us on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 for an open and honest discussion on faith.



Food Bank

This summer, we're asking for donations of
Canned chicken & canned tuna
Please donate anytime during July & August.



Service Sunday Main Street Welcome Bags

Our next Service Sunday is July 30th. We'll be packing welcome bags for the students at Main Street Elementary.

Every bag will include the following items:

- 2 no. 2 pencils
- A pink eraser
- Smarties
- Goldfish
- A bookmark

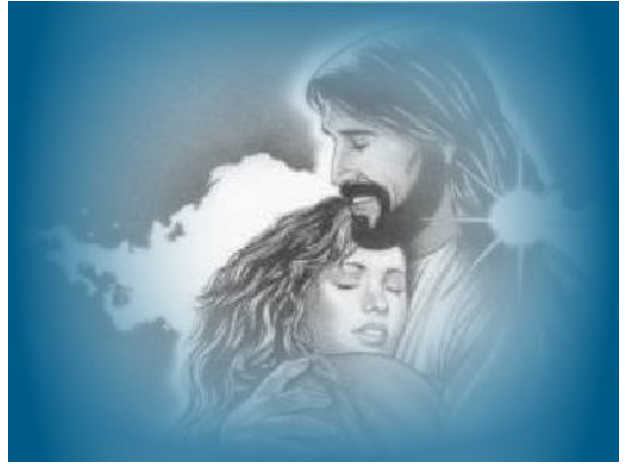
Over the years, we've done many service projects for Main Street, and we'd like to continue that relationship. It's important to be the face of Jesus to those who may not know Him.

In addition to the welcome bags, we're looking for volunteers to help with a neighborhood clean-up. We'll provide trash bags. Please bring your own gloves or trash pickers if you plan to join.

Devotional Thought... On Grief

“Blessed are those who mourn because they shall be comforted.” ~Matthew 5:4

Back when I was in college, I heard a sermon on this verse explaining that, in order to grieve, there must be something worth grieving. There must be love. It sounds strange to say blessed are those who grieve. What kind of blessing is it when someone you love is gone and all that is left is a vast emptiness and unending tears? My father died last year, and even though it was not unexpected, it did not feel like a blessing, but what a blessing it was to love and be loved by him.



“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.” ~1 John 4:7

How awful we feel when we lose a loved one, but what joy it was to have had that love in your life. Love truly is the reason we are here on Earth. It is good to remember all the people in our lives whose love has made our days here so much better.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” ~John 13:34

Losing my father was tough, but remembering all the great times we had together truly was a comfort. I am blessed to have had such a wonderful person in my life. His love surrounded me and lifted me up when nothing else could have. I hope that I will also be a blessing to others and that I will follow this new commandment and show love to all I encounter. May we remember those whose love sustained us by being someone else's support.

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” ~Psalm 34:18

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