

The Spire

June 2025

"Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

~Matthew 11:28-29

Father's Day ~ June 15, 2025



Ephesians 6:4: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instructions of the Lord."

Father's Day is a special occasion to honor and celebrate the incredible men in our lives who have shaped us, guided us, and shown us what it means to be strong, loving, and adventurous. From teaching us to ride a bike to imparting valuable life lessons, fathers and father figures hold a special place in our hearts.

As we approach Father's Day, it is time to show our appreciation and love. Maybe it's a gift or a special event or dinner. Maybe it's a heartfelt letter of what he means to you. Maybe it's a prayer for the father who has passed on to God. Whatever it is, let him know what a blessing he is to your family and the impact he has on your love and faithfulness.

VBS Donations

We would appreciate your help in collecting items for VBS. We are in need of the following:

- Baby wipes (unscented)
- Water balloons
- Paper plates
- Twine/ribbon
- Yellow or gold dessert party plates
- Mini bottles of bubbles
- Empty 1L soda bottles (plastic)
- Balloons
- Clothespins
- A roll of brown art paper
- Plastic tablecloths

Please also check out our <u>Amazon Wishlist</u> for additional items. There will be a box in the sanctuary to collect donations. Thank you for helping support this ministry!



Register for Mission: Deep Sea

Grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. ~Ephesians 3:18

We're excited to share God's deep love for us this summer! Registration for VBS is currently open. We will also accept walk-ins. Please spread the word about this exciting opportunity in our Church!

Click here register!



Lord, we are grateful for those role models who taught us, loved us, and inspired us to Love God & Love Others. We appreciate the gifts given in their names which will support God's work in our community.

<u>In Memoriam:</u>

Jack Cook, Jean Cook, John Cook, Jr., Peggy McClintock Buckman, Mark Furniss, Sr., Dorothy Hobaugh, Jimmy Machamer, Charles Ottey, Elinore Ottey, Joseph Probert, Marlene Thornton



Worship in the Chapel

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 15th</u>, we will be moving Sunday morning worship to the Chapel for the summer. Worship will continue to be both in person and virtual.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for June and July

June Birthdays

- 7 Steve Weber
- 12 Molly Thompson
- 18 Lynda Miller
- 27 Mark Minchak
- 28 Lori Furniss

June Anniversaries

- 11 John & Rev. Brenda Shaw
- 13 Monnarge Fraim & Ken Eicholtz
- 15 Doug & Marsha Scott
- 22 Darlene & David Pysher
- 30 Frank & Sue Kulp



July Birthdays

- 6 David Rietz
- 7 Judy Armstrong Linda Cook
- 10 Karen Johnston
- 11 Steve Waltman
- 16 Betty Vandergrift Christy Mason
- 30 Stephen Shaw
- 31 Charlene Miller

July Anniversaries

16 Mark & Rebecca Minchak

Attic Treasure Sign-ups

We've begun planning for our second annual Friends and Family Weekend! We're excited to bring people together again for a weekend full of fun events to build fellowship in the greater community.

One of our Saturday events is an Attic Treasures yard sale. To reserve your spot, please RSVP on our website: www.uplandbaptist.org and submit your payment to the provided link after completing the form.

One 10 X 10 spot costs \$10. Tables are not included; you must provide your own.

Please call the Church office with any questions: (610) 874-7474.

Service Sunday

Service Sunday is June 29th. Two activities will take place: One group will clean up the roads in Upland, and the other group will decorate for VBS under the supervision of Brigid Levi.



Food Bank

The item of the month for June is **Canned fruit**

Donations are accepted any time throughout the month. Thank you!

Blue Rocks

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the game. First pitch is at 6:35 PM on June 20th.



Graduation Open House

Join us for an open house to celebrate Stephen Shaw's graduation from Sun Valley High School.

Sunday, June 14, 2025 Noon – 3:00 PM Upland Baptist Church 325 Main Street Upland, PA RSVP to Brenda (610) 453-8317

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Stephen will attend the University of Delaware in the fall.

Devotional Thought...

"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is good, pleasing, and perfect will of God." ~Romans 12:2

I am often discouraged when I wake up to one more ache and pain that I did not have the day before because I am aging. I am often discouraged when people treat me differently because I am aging. I am often discouraged when I am not listened to because I am aging. I am often discouraged when I can't run so fast anymore because I am aging.



It's not that I don't want to age, but the process can be difficult at times. I often think about the places that I need to visit before I can't move around anymore. It can be scary!

We are reminded in this scripture though, that God wants us to keep growing and renewing ourselves in mind and spirit so that we are pleasing to Him. He says not to be conformed to this age. So, we must remember to move on no matter the pain or treatment that we receive in this world as we get older. Our focus must be on pleasing God and doing good for others because that's what he wants us to do. We must not get so wrapped up in the physical sense that we forget our purpose or path that leads us straight to God. Try not to be discouraged as you age but work harder to move closer to the Lord.

~Sue Kulp



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