

The Spire

March 2026



"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

~ Ephesians 4:32

Spring BBQ Dinner



On Saturday, April 18th from noon to 3:00 PM, we're holding a Spring BBQ Dinner fundraiser. The menu is as follows:

"Clucker" Chicken Sandwich

- Bacon, coleslaw, BBQ sauce

Backyard Burgers

- ¼ pounder with bacon, pulled pork, cheese, & BBQ sauce

Bacon-wrapped Hotdogs

- Nathan's ¼ pounder with pulled pork

\$20 platters include your choice of sandwich, pasta salad, potato salad, and dessert. All platters are individually portioned.

Orders must be placed in advance by Wednesday, April 8th. Order online at www.uplandbaptist.org or call the office at (610) 874-7474.

This is a dine-in or takeout event.

A yellow and black promotional poster for Captain Carwash. At the top is the Captain Carwash logo, which features a cartoon captain in a blue uniform. Below the logo, a black banner reads 'CAPTAIN CAR WASH IS PROUD TO BE SPONSORING UPLAND BAPTIST CHURCH!'. The main body of the poster is yellow and contains the text '30% OF YOUR PURCHASE GOES DIRECTLY TO UPLAND BAPTIST CHURCH'. Below this is a QR code and the text 'SCAN HERE WITH YOUR PHONE TO HELP SUPPORT!'. At the bottom, a black banner provides the address '3491 CONCORD RD ASTON, PA 19014' and the website 'CAPTAINCARWASHPA.COM'. The words 'UPLAND Baptist' are written in a large, stylized font on the left side of the poster.

Fundraising Campaign

Upland Baptist Church has partnered with Captain Carwash for a fundraising campaign. All you have to do is scan our QR code to purchase carwashes, and 30% of each purchase goes directly to Upland Baptist!

The closest Captain Carwash is located across from the Giant in Aston, but this code works for any Captain Carwash location. We appreciate your support!



This year, Daylight Savings is on Sunday, March 8th. We lose an hour in the spring, so don't forget to turn back your clocks to make it on time for Church!

Fair Acres Thank You

We received a letter from Susan Harrar, Director of TAS Department/Volunteer Services at Fair Acres, thanking us for our involvement in our Angel Hotline. Here is short excerpt.

"Thank you for helping make this holiday season special for everyone at Fair Acres. Your support made a real difference, and we are deeply grateful. Wishing you and your community a joyful and blessed year ahead."

Fellowship Dinner & Bingo

We had so much fun last year at the Fellowship Dinner and Bingo that we're going to do it again! Join us on Sunday, March 15th for dinner at 5:30 PM and Bingo at 6:30 PM.

We will provide the salad. You are welcome to sign up to bring a casserole, dessert, bread, or a beverage. Please also RSVP on the sign-up sheet so that we know how many to prepare for.

Additionally, we are collecting things for prizes such as knickknacks, books, bath products, fragrances, candles, candy bars, etc. There will be a box at the back of the church to place any items you're able to donate.

Thanks in advance for helping to make this a special event! We can't wait to see you there.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for February and March

March Birthdays

- 1 Mel Tarbutton
- 10 Monnarae Fraim
- 20 Kieran Levi
- 22 Rev. Brenda Shaw
- 30 Normajean Colby
Katie Boyer



April Birthdays

- 3 Jean Giordano
- 13 Dan Miller
- 20 Angela Waltman
- 23 Cheryl Kunkle
- 24 David Pysher
Denise Sweeney
- 27 Barry Armstrong
John Shaw

March Anniversary

- 25 Jim and Brigid Levi



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.

Food Bank

The Food Bank item for the month of March is

Canned Corn & Green Beans

You may donate any time during the month.



Friends & Family Weekend Committee Needed

This year, Upland Baptist Church celebrates 175 years! We want to tie that anniversary celebration into our annual Friends & Family Weekend, and we will need a committee to accomplish this.

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please reach out to Pastor Brenda

Friends & Family Weekend is on Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th.

Church Work Day



A Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th at 9:00 AM. Please bring gloves, clippers, and rakes to help beautify the Church grounds.

Secret Place is Available

The March, April, and May Secret Place is now available for \$2.00. Pick up a copy in the back of the Church.



Palm Sunday – March 29

10:00 AM Sunday Worship*

Maundy Thursday – April 2

7:00 PM Communion Worship*

Good Friday – April 3

7:00 PM Good Friday Service*

Easter – April 5

6:30 AM Sunrise Service in the cemetery behind the church (*in-person only*)

Breakfast following service

10:00 AM Sunday Worship*

*Service is either *in-person* or *online*

Devotional Thought...

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." ~Ephesians 4:32

Throughout our life, we often get upset or angry with someone for a variety of reasons. As Christians, we are supposed to forgive... Sometimes, we find this difficult — I know I do!

I have found that the amount of energy and time spent on being upset takes a toll on me. Praying on it and finding a way to forgive is like a weight off my shoulders.

So, if you are not happy with someone, (i.e. family member, co-worker, or whatever), pray on it, and find compassion and forgiveness! It will take a lot off your mind and help you to lead a better Christian life.

~Frank Kulp



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Lenten Fun Facts

It's Not Actually 40 Days: While often referred to as the "40 days of Lent," there are technically 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter because Sundays are not counted as days of fasting.

Sundays are "Mini-Easters": Sundays are not considered part of the 40-day fast because they are treated as mini-celebrations of the Resurrection.

The Name Means "Spring": "Lent" comes from the Old English word *lencten*, which refers to the season of spring or the "lengthening" of days.

"Fat Tuesday" Origins: The day before Ash Wednesday, known as Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, was historically the last day to eat up rich foods (fats, eggs, dairy) before the strict, traditional Lenten fast.

Ashes Come from Palms: The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are created by burning the blessed palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

Why Purple? Churches often use violet or purple, which symbolizes both the mourning of Christ's death and his royalty as the "King of Kings".

Pretzels are a Lenten Food: Pretzels were originally associated with Lent because they were made with just water, flour, and salt, representing arms crossed in prayer.

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