

# The Spire

October 2024



"But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

~James 2:18

## Pastor Appreciation Sunday



Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> will be Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We will mark Pastor Brenda's 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor of the Upland Baptist Church. During the Worship Service, we will recognize Pastor Brenda and have a social time afterwards in the Chapel. Join us as we thank Pastor Brenda for her dedication, caring, and ministry to the congregation of our Church.

If you would like to bring a card, there will be baskets available in the front and back of the church. If you cannot attend worship, you can mail a card to Pastor Brenda Shaw, Upland Baptist Church, 325 Mail Street, Upland, PA 19015. Also, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church for items needed for the social.

## Small Groups Begin

Please consider joining us for Small Group, which begins October 1<sup>st</sup>.

This fall, we will continue with *Cast of Characters* by Max Lucado, which gives a deeper look at the people of the Bible, portraying them in a very human way. You do not need to have been in our previous Small Groups to enjoy *Cast of Characters*.

Small Groups meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month. One group meets at the church at noon. (Please bring a bag lunch.) The second group meets at 7:00 PM at the Shaw's house.



On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at noon, we will hold a Blessing of the Animals service. All animals are welcome to join us for the service, though we ask for carriers or leashes to be used.



**Friends  
&  
Family  
Recap**

Our first Friends & Family Weekend was a great success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this weekend run smoothly to bring our community together. We'd like to extend our gratitude to Rev. Dr. Dale Miller for his beautiful words during our service. Congratulations to the car show winners:

**1st Place:**

Jason's 1967 Chevelle

**2nd Place:**

John Bolli's 1957 Chevy

**3rd Place:**

Mike Bullard's 1967 Pontiac GTO

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for October and November

**October Birthdays**

- 2 Parker Ferguson
- 6 Barbara Probert  
Andy Waltman
- 7 Joanne Long
- 9 Rebecca Minchak  
Everett McGonigle  
George McGonigle



**November Birthdays**

- 13 Dawn Rafalski
- 19 Doug Scott
- 20 Kim Buffington
- 22 Brian Klimek
- 23 Sara Mason

**October Anniversaries**

- 10 John & Jane Kofroth





## Food Bank

The items needed for October are  
**Turkey gravy & Corn bread mix**  
Please donate any time during the month.



## Christmas Poinsettia Orders

It's time to start thinking about your Christmas Poinsettia orders. In the coming weeks, please look for an order form in your bulletin inserts. It can also be found on our website's homepage: [www.uplandbaptist.org](http://www.uplandbaptist.org)

Pricing is as follows:

- Small Red (6" size, 4 to 6 blooms, \$7.50)
- Large Red (7" size, 10 to 14 blooms, \$14.00)

The order deadline is **Sunday, November 17, 2024.** To order, place the form and payment in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Payment must be received at time of order. Please make all checks payable to Upland Baptist Church.

## Upland Baptist Annual Trunk-or-Treat

Upland Baptist will host its annual Trunk-or-Treat event on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM in the church parking lot. Please do not start giving out candy until 6:00.

Please bring at least 200 treats for the children in our community. The event is outside, so be sure dress for the weather as well as bring a chair.



## Night of Music—NEW DATE!

Due to some calendar conflicts, we've changed the date of our annual Night of Music. We hope to see you for the Night of Music on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for more details.



## Devotional Thought...

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."*  
~Ephesians 1:3-4

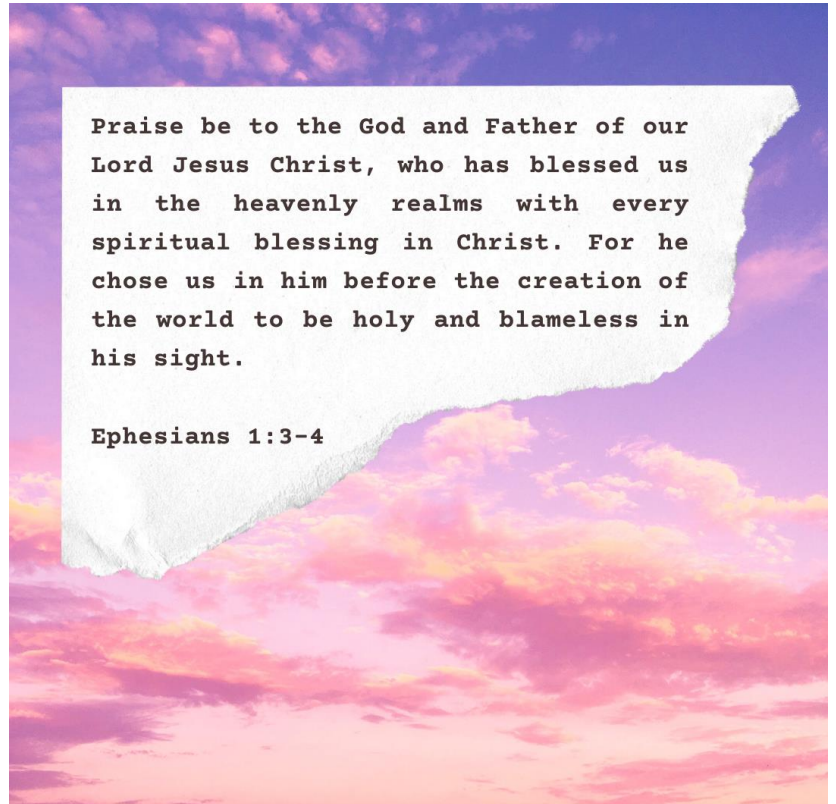
We are working our way through Ephesians in Bible Study, and I found the introduction below in my Study Bible to be very meaningful:

"Paul sends this personal message to the believers at Ephesus, as well as the churches in the surrounding areas, to encourage them. Reminding the Ephesians of their spiritual resources and offering many practical suggestions, he urges them to look at their relationship with God in a new way. He helps them discover what this new life 'in Christ' is, how to live in Christ and how to face the struggles of life through Christ's power."

In the book of Ephesians, Paul paints a clear picture of God's love for everyone in the body of Christ. No matter what our skills or abilities may be, we are all necessary. God's family would not be complete without any one of us. Recognizing such a high calling should fill us with joy and encourage us to live each day as true children of God in Christ.

If you would like to join the Bible Study group and learn more about the Bible, we meet on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Chapel.

~Dawn Rafalski



Love God  Love Others

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