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MESSAGE FROM OUR MODERATOR



Some Day

That's the usual way to end thoughts towards certain chores, at least for those who might be lacking in motivation. Putting off said chores might be excused but not repeatedly. At least that was the lesson I learned while growing up.

Some day is now here.

We, the members of UPCC, are centering on the rebirth of our congregation with new dedication toward growth and revitalization. Looking back brings home the lessons of faith and patience that we have all learned to rely on. Sometimes "waiting on the Lord" requires patience, and lots of it, but faith that prayers will be answered has always been present.

Having a usable building, top to bottom, front to back, is not here yet. However, with prayer and dedication, it is coming. Sharing the sanctuary has been a blessing both for UPCC and the congregation of Pastor Cuellar. Pastor Bajo is currently using Fellowship Hall and both pastors have their own office. Presently, restoring HVAC to all areas, and repairing all restrooms has become a major undertaking with contractors surveying the requirements and submitting estimates. As soon as all information is available, the board will be able to consider the next steps needed.

Some current members of UPCC remember the days of a full sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. In the future, we may not reach the previous attendance or membership, but with God's help we can reach out to more of his children and bring more into the church of today.

Prayers needed.

Laurel Arnold, Moderator

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Preacher: Vera Porter

Sermon: Church Growth

Worship Leader: Annie Galbreath

Liturgist: Phil Shearer

Elder: Charlie Jones

Scripture: **Acts 11: 1-18**; Psalm 148;

Revelation 21:1-6;

John 13:31-35

MAY 22 IN WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Preacher: Charlie Jones

Worship Leader: Laurel Arnold

Liturgist: Annie Galbreath

Elder: Laurel Arnold

Scripture: **Acts 16:9-15**; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:12-14,

16-17, 20-21; John 14:23-29 or

John 5:1-9

THURSDAY

11:30 A.M. SENIOR ADULT
LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING

UNIVERSITY PLACE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
M-1 CLASSROOM

A Reminder: "Church" is larger than a congregation

Demonstrating again the Disciples of Christ tenet, the Oklahoma Regional Assembly meeting in Tulsa April 29-30 brought together numerous Oklahoma congregations, including UPCC, represented by Vera Porter and Annie & Jerry Galbreath. Meeting at Harvard Avenue Christian Church for fellowship, inspiration, and business, the keynoters were Rev. Rebecca Anderson and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale.

Vera, Annie & Jerry participated in the "Greenwood Rising" Event at the scene of the 1921 Greenwood Racial Massacre. A horrendous occasion!

The Assembly keynote speaker was Rev. Rebecca Anderson, co-pastor of the dual affiliated church (United Church of Christ / Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Gilead Church (4250 North Paulina on Chicago's North Side). Of the church it is said "We are open and affirming, anti-racist, local, organic, slow church, just peace, free range, real butter Christian." "We're reclaiming the spiritual practice of feasting (i.e. throwing parties)." "We do all this and watch God show up." Worship is Sunday at 3 p.m. She emphasized the importance of storytelling. "Theology of Storytelling", "Storytelling as Spiritual Practice." Dr. Cynthia Hale, founding and current Pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church (Disciples) in Decatur [Atlanta], Georgia. She emphatically spoke of the expectation and hope God will do what He said! New Regional Assembly officers and leaders were elected and the next set Oklahoma Regional Assembly will be aboard a cruise ship June/July 2024 leaving Galveston. What a grand fellowship Vera, Annie, Jerry and others had !!!

-JRG

APRIL 2022

LOCAL OUTREACH

SECOND MILE
CLOTHING CLOSET

Individuals Served = 46
Items Given Out = 108



As an example of the outreach possibilities of our UPCC Permanent Fund, Annie & Jerry Galbreath gave a contribution to honor and remember their late mothers on Mother's Day: Electa Galbreath and Fern Miller. Members should consider similar contributions on birthdays, anniversaries, and other special days to help grow our Permanent Fund contributions to our UPCC Mission! -JRG



5/20: Joseph
Hardage

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

STEWARDSHIP MEANS
RETURNING
THE FIRST PORTION
of all God has given you..

STEWARDSHIP IS:

A Way to Thank God for blessing you with special gifts. It's based on your need to give something back to God—not on the church's need for money.

A Rewarding Way of Life in which your personal relationship with Jesus is enriched and deepened every day.

A Lifelong Commitment to follow Jesus, regardless of the cost. Your commitment to God can't be expressed in any single action.

The Key to Peace—it makes the world we live in a better place for everyone.

GIVE FROM SUBSTANCE— NOT ABUNDANCE

Give back the first portion of all your God-given gifts. Make sharing a top priority—not something you do with your remaining time and money.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 15

VOTING WILL
TAKE PLACE

TO CALL A

UNIVERSITY PLACE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PASTOR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND!



Health Concerns:

Cynthia Smith, knee surgery recovery; Deby Scott, Kay Fortson's daughter, cancer; Forrest Ridgeway, Cynthia Smith's brother, cancer; David Baker, radiation; Missy Cohlma, Dottie Harkin's great niece; heart; Chris, Jackie Egelston's son, back; Lilly Ellis; Todd Everhart, Rebecca Trebilcock's brother-in-law; Mike Wager, Nash Christian Church, leukemia

Other: Ukraine; Family of Gordon Epps' brother-in-law Al, loss of loved one; Family of Kevin Davis, Vera Porter's son-in-law, loss of loved one



Sundays —

10:00 Worship Service

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