

# United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Easter

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

*\*Please give all prayer slips to Rev. Jan Koczera before the service begins\**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

Rev. Jan Koczera

**PRELUDE**

“When There is Love at Home”

McNaughton arr. R. Wilson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Jan Koczera

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Regina Goodfriend

We gather today aware of our weariness. We are wanderers and seekers,  
longing for a place where we are home.

**We gather, moved by the stories of Ruth and Naomi and finding our  
own stories in their journey of loss and redemption.**

We gather before the God of creation, whose love defies all human borders,  
limitations and biases.

**We gather to worship in the promise of that redemption.**

**\*HYMN**

“For Everyone Born”

GTG #769

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Regina Goodfriend

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Regina Goodfriend

**Lord, notwithstanding your Presence of hope in our lives, we  
acknowledge that we often ignore the cries of voices around us. We close  
our hearts and eyes to the pain of others. We feel exhausted and  
disregard those who don't feel welcomed in our midst. Forgive us.**

**Help us to be like Ruth, open to bonds beyond blood; to be like Naomi,  
determined and wise; to be like Boaz, compassionate and just. May we  
lean into our call to embrace the most vulnerable among us. We pray  
this in the name of the one whose life embodies this commitment, Jesus  
of Nazareth. Amen**

*Silent Prayer*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Regina Goodfriend

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Megan Gadsby

**ANTHEM**

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"  
(GTG #542-verses 1-3)

Women of the Church

**SCRIPTURE** Ruth 1: 1-19 Kathy Koczera

**SERMON** “Women of Determination and Faith” Rhea Mucha

**\*HYMN** “For all the faithful Women” GTG#324

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** Barbara Davidson

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** Barbara Davidson

**God of welcome, receive these gifts as a sign of our commitment to be bound to one another and to you as we create spaces of hospitality toward the stranger and the most vulnerable in our midst. May we be bearers of gospel hop in spaces where the light of hope is but a distant dream. AMEN**

**\*WE GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD** (*sung to the tune of GTG #609*)  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Him above ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER** Gloria Hanewald

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord:  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen**

**\*SENDING SONG** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” GTG #366

**BENEDICTION** Soam Chhedi

## **GO IN PEACE**

**POSTLUDE** “Larghetto” *G. F. Handel*

*Thank you to this week’s greeter: DONNA BADE*

*This Month’s Mission: YOUNITY*

*Today’s Worship Service flowers are provided by Nancy McHugh*

*in Memory of*

*Marge Goldenbaum and Eugenia McHugh*

## \$ From the Church Checkbook \$

Our CURRENT EXPENSE account balance as of	<b>MAY 1, 2026</b>	\$ 56,431.21
Receipts entered into CURRENT FUND during time frame (including online giving)	04/01/26-04/30/26	\$ 10,790.77
Amount disbursed during timeframe	04/01/26-04/30/26	\$ 16,278.47
<b>Significant costs during the month</b>	04/01/26-04/30/26	
PSE&G		\$ 1,279.61
Oak Tree (next to garage) pruning done by “The Tree Guy” (church rec’d discount!)		\$ 1,900.00
Purchase of 48 new folding chairs for fellowship hall (includes \$131.04 member discount + \$15 off coupon from Quill)		\$ 2,538.39
Last oil delivery for season		\$ 612.44
		\$

*UPC disbursed \$5,487.70 more than was collected during APRIL 2026.*

## BENEVOLENCE / MISSION COLLECTION

**APRIL 2026**

**“VILLAGES IN PARTNERSHIP”**

Our congregation generously donated \$845.00 - to be sent to the “Mission of the Month”. *Thank you to all who graciously donated!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAY	DATE	COMMITTEE/GROUP	TIME	PLACE	NOTES
		WEEK OF 05/10/26 – 05/16/26			
Sunday	05/10/26	<b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY</b>	10:00AM	LOUNGE	
Sunday	05/10/26	<b>MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE</b>	11:00AM	SANCTUARY	Led by the women of UPC
Tuesday	05/12/26	<b>SECURITY TEAM Meeting</b>	2:00PM	LOUNGE	
Wednesday	05/13/26	<b>SURVIVOR'S LUNCHEON</b>	12:00PM	Yardville Inn, 200 Yardville-Allentown Rd	
Saturday	05/16/26	<b>UPM MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>	9:00AM	Angie's 2 23 Sunnybrae Blvd, Yardville	
		WEEK OF 05/17/26 – 05/23/26			
Sunday	05/17/26	<b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY</b>	10:00AM	LOUNGE	
Sunday	05/17/26	<b>INSTALLATION of Newest Deacon BONNIE WATTS</b>	11:00AM	SANCTUARY	
Sunday	05/17/26	<b>SESSION MEETING</b>	12:15PM	LOUNGE	
		WEEK OF 05/24/26 – 05/30/26			
Sunday	05/24/26	<b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY</b>	10:00AM	LOUNGE	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05/24/26</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>			<b>WEAR RED!</b>
Monday	05/25/26	<b>ANNUAL GROVEVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE</b>	8:30AM	<b>Outside</b> in front of the Sanctuary.	
Monday	05/25/26	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>			<b>Mem Day Holiday</b>
Tuesday	05/26/26	<b>SECURITY TEAM MEETING</b>	2:00PM	LOUNGE	
Tuesday	05/26/26	<b>UPC BOOK CLUB MEETING</b>	7:00PM	UPPER LEVEL FELLOWSHIP HALL	



## Looking to the future:

**Tuesday, June 2 – UPW Luncheon** (12PM)

**Saturday, June 13 – UPW Retreat** (9AM-1PM)

**Sunday, June 14 – UPC Picnic**

**Sunday, June 21 – Father’s Day Service** led by the men of the Congregation

**Saturday, July 18 – VBS Decorating Day** (start time TBD)

**Sunday, July 19 – COMMISSIONING of VBS Volunteers**

**Monday, July 20- Friday, July 24 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

6:00PM-8:00PM each evening

**Sunday, July 26 – VBS Sunday**



## Get ready... it’s time to zoom in on something BIG!

This summer, we’re going to MAGNIFY the greatness of God!

★ **MAGNIFIED VBS** ★    ⓘ July 20–24 ⓘ

🕒 6:00–8:00 PM

At Magnified VBS, kids will take a closer look at the details of God’s amazing creation and discover just how big, powerful, and faithful He is—even in the smallest things!

God is bigger than we can imagine... And closer than we think! From high-energy games and hands-on crafts to exciting Bible stories and fun snacks, it’s going to be an unforgettable week!

**Save the date- Registration info coming soon!**

**Volunteers are also needed for VBS 2026!** Every year VBS has been made possible by our amazing team of volunteers that faithfully give their time and effort to serve. If you are able, we would love to have you join us in serving in this ministry, in any capacity that you are able to! Just let Megan know.

## OUTSIDE GROUP SCHEDULES

Sunday: **Jersey Central Church of Christ**- meets 2:00pm-4:15pm

**Church of God Emanuel** (6:00-10:00pm)

Monday: AA-Big Book (12:00-1:00pm);

Troop 91G (6:00-9:00 pm)[UPC Charter Scout Troop]

Tuesday: OPA-Rhyme & Reason (7:00-8:00pm)

**Church of God Emanuel** (6:00-10:00pm)

Wednesday: AA-New Happiness (6:00-7:00pm)[women's group]

Thursday: AA- Tea Time & A Meeting (6:00-7:00pm);

AA-Thirsty Thursday (9:00-10:00pm)

Friday: AA-High Noon (12:00-1:00pm)

AA-24 Hour Solution Group (7:00-8:00pm)

Al-Anon-Progress in Alanon Family Group (7:00-8:00pm)

Saturday: Recovery Meditation Group (11:00am-12:30pm);

AA-Foundations for our Future (1:00pm-2:30pm)

## Visitor's Information

~If there is an asterisk (" \* ") next to a heading, that indicates a section where all who can stand are asked to stand.

~All text in **bold** is said in unison.

~"GTG" with a hymn name refers to our purple hymnal, 'Glory To God'. The number is the page/hymn number. Hymnals are in the pew pocket in front of you.

~**PRAYER SLIPS and OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for your use and can be found on the table in the narthex where you picked up, or were given, a bulletin. NOTE that you may give the Reverend the prayer slip before the service or may announce your prayer request during "Prayers of the People" when the pastor asks for any other prayers.

~**OFFERING PLATE** Here at UPC we do not "pass" the offering plate. Instead, there are two silver offering plates at the front of the sanctuary. If you choose to give, you may place your offering in one of the two plates before or after the service. Or, you can send a check to the office. Thank you for your offering.

**\*\* If you attend UPC's 11:00 am Sunday service online, please say "HELLO" or leave a comment so we know you're there! \*\***

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