



United Presbyterian Church Communicator

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Message from Pastor Michelle

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability (Acts 2:4)

As we adapt to being church during COVID-19 the Holy Spirit has indeed been giving us ability to speak in "other languages":

- Weekly worship continues via YouTube, and is printed and mailed to those who do not use the internet
- New equipment has been purchased to record a full worship service in the UPC sanctuary. We hope to begin June 7.
- Every week, Michelle Harris has been providing an email filled with worship and spiritual formation resources for our families with children (email Michelle upckidmin@gmail.com if you would like to receive it)
- Sunday coffee hour, Women's Circles, Friday men's group, Deacons, Session, and other committees continue to meet over Zoom
- A new morning Bible Study, Unshakable Hope, begins June 2, 9:00 am over Zoom
- A Wednesday evening series A Taste of Theology begins June 10, 7:00 pm over Zoom
- In partnership with Highlands Presbyterian, First Presbyterian Cheyenne and the Wyoming Interfaith Network we provided food and supplies to the Wind River Reservation
- Together, the Deacons and the Mission Committee distributed 50 masks to UPC members

These are just a few of the new ways the Spirit has been at work in us, among us, and through us in recent days. While we continue to remain apart physically, we are united by the Spirit into the one body of Christ, sharing God's transforming love with one another and our neighbor. I look forward to "other languages" the Spirit will enable within us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Michelle

CHURCH INFORMATION

Special Called Meeting of the Congregation June 7, 10:00 am The Session of UPC has called a special meeting of the congregation on June 7 at 10:00 am in the UPC parking lot for the purpose of approving the following amendment to the UPC by-laws:

The congregation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for such a meeting is 10% of the current membership.

Rationale: Our current by-laws do not include a stated provision for an electronic meeting of the congregation, which is needed to hold our June Annual Meeting of the congregation. The special meeting on June 7 will be brief, outside, and the quorum required is 14 active members. Please RSVP to the UPC office upclaramie@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we are assured of enough members to hold the meeting.

JUNE SERMON SERIES

As we continue to worship virtually the weekly reflection can be found on YouTube at the UPC Pastor Michelle Bacon YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLkd7kE_I0acTnxJQ_Eg and through the UPC website. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you please contact Nikki in the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE

As a safety precaution the church office is open by appointment only, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will all still be easily available through our cell phones and email listed below:

Michelle Bacon: 970-361-4109; upclaramiepastor@gmail.com

Nikki Rogers: 307-760-6380; upclaramie@gmail.com

Michelle Harris: 307-460-0275; upckidmin@gmail.com

Lorinda O'Hashi: 307-761-2687; lorindaO@aol.com

Any information you would like shared in the weekend reminders needs to be email to the office by Wednesday mornings.

A TASTE OF THEOLOGY; **Bitesize Morsels for Conversation**

Facilitators? Todd Bacon and Pastor Michelle

When? Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, June 10 – July 1

How? Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87673525670?pwd=am5aTGxxUjlvaGZ3QIRhYXBwNWlyZz09>

Each week stands alone. Join us for one or all. No prep, except to watch a movie for June 24 (The Shawshank Redemption is available on Netflix. It is rated R, but we have an edited copy for sensitive viewers that can be borrowed.)

What? June 10 – Hermeneutics: Why do Christians disagree on the meaning of Scripture?

June 17 – Theology & Ethics: Why do Christians disagree on morality?

June 24 – Theology goes to the movies: The Shawshank Redemption and the theology of hope

July 1 – Viewer's Choice: ???

Questions? upclaramiepastor@gmail.com

COFFEE HOUR

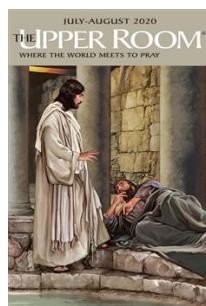


We are having a Zoom Coffee Hour Fellowship every Sunday 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Come and go at anytime, just like a regular Sunday morning.

[Click here for Zoom link](#)

THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room for June, July, August has arrived. If you were one who would pick up the Upper Room on a Sunday morning please let the church office know and we will make sure you get one!



FOC & STEWARDSHIP

How UPC stands financially at the end of April 2020:

Total Income \$119,446.85; 48.42% of 2020 operating budget

Total Expenses \$86,875.93; 35.56% of 2020 operating budget

While the church building is closed, the ministry of UPC continues and relies on your generosity. Please consider sending your tithes and offerings through the online giving on the UPC website or the US postal service. Mail at the church is being checked on a regular basis.

UPC is please to offer online giving opportunities. For more information

[Click here.](#)

[Give Now through Presbyterian Mission Exchange](#)

WOMEN'S CIRCLES & MEN'S GROUP

Mary Martha Circle will not meet in summer due to the pandemic. We will make a decision sometime in the future as to how to finish our study of the Ten Commandments. We pray all are safe and healthy.

Evening Circle will meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm on June 11th. We will continue with Lesson Eight in our study of the Ten Commandments.

[Click here for Zoom link](#)

Rebecca Circle will finish our study book on zoom this summer or if things are better outside in a backyard or driveway. June 18 we will study lesson 7. July 16 lesson 8 and finish August 20 with lesson 9. We do need a leader for each lesson yet. Please let me know if you can. Rita 760-9536 Happy summer!

Calling **UPC Men!** Please join us via Zoom every Friday morning at 7:00 for great conversation! All are welcome. [Click here for Zoom link](#)

FAMILY PROMISE

We are close to placing our first bulk diaper order! We expect it to arrive late June and will keep everyone posted on progress of that project. We are currently sheltering 3 people (1 individual and 1 pregnant couple) in 2 hotel rooms. We are expecting one of our PATH families to need shelter this upcoming week. We are providing case management to 4 PATH families. UPC is not scheduled to host again until September. **Fundraiser:** Thursday June 4 Papa Murphy's Raise The Dough. Use the promo code LOVE at checkout for 25% of proceeds to go to Family Promise of Albany County.



REPORTS AND SESSION MINUTES

Session and committees continue to meet via Zoom. The UPC Session Minutes and reports can be read at our website at upclaramie.org/minutes/

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT UPC

For a full calendar of events click on the calendar link. If you or your group wants to add something to the UPC calendar please bring it or send to the church office for it to go for approval at the following Wednesday staff meeting. [CLICK HERE](#) for calendar.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Happy Summer, even though VBS has been cancelled, the Christian Education Committee is planning a few things in June. Michelle Harris will host Zoom trivia meet ups for each youth groups in June. Sr highs at 4:00 on June 7th and Mid highs at 4:00 on June 14th. If you haven't already done so, please send your youths email address to Michelle at upckidmin@gmail.com. Michelle will be sending invites soon. The committee is also planning a family fun tournament the week of June 28th. If you are a family with children or youth at home please watch your emails for more information.

FATHER'S DAY DONATION

The Deacons are planning on donating \$100 to Habitat for Humanity in honor of all of the men in the Church for Father's Day. Habitat for Humanity is a non profit housing organization working in local communities across all fifty states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a place to live. Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

MISSION NOTES

Many thanks to Pastor Michelle and Todd Bacon for getting 4 very large and heavy cartons of **Gifts from the Heart emergency kits** to UPS for shipment to the storage facility in Arkansas. Thanks to UPS for giving us a 10% discount.

Three members of the Mission Committee – Nancy Weidel, Gerald VanCampen, and Nancy Lick – attended this month's Zoom meeting of the **Peace and Justice Committee** of the Wyoming Interfaith Network (WIN). They learned that WIN contributed \$30,000 in response to the food emergency at Wind River and that \$20,000 of that came from Presbyterians throughout Wyoming. The good news is that the food situation at Wind River has improved as the various food banks are now helping out. UPC continues to seek a project at Wind River that promises long term sustainability. The four areas so far that have been identified are food; hygiene supplies; provision of health care; and sustainable projects such as the current "Grow Our Own" effort that provides gardening kits and instructions. This Saturday, UPC members are attending the Justice Pod Zoom meeting of the Wind River Mutual Aid Group that is taking place at Wind River to listen and learn.

Mission has learned that the **Presbyterian Church USA** has recalled our co-workers (missionaries) from their assignments throughout the world due to the Pandemic. Needless-to-say, their budget for mission has been greatly impacted. We will convey information as we receive it. UPC's usual donation for this effort is being retained at this point in the event it is needed for local needs. If you need more information, please contact Nancy Lick (sadielady2@charter.net).

UPC has provided 50 **masks** to the community; half of these have been distributed through the Deacons.

The **Downtown Clinic** is getting ready to put in their garden. If anyone who enjoys gardening and would like to get out to an outdoor area where social distancing, etc. is practiced, your help is really needed. Nancy Lick reports that the Clinic is beginning to see some patients but will continue to practice cyber medicine and prescription distribution as they have since the start of the shutdown. Nancy has absorbed the caseloads of her two graduate students and is providing social services via telephone. She reports that it's interesting to have a three-way telephone interview with all parties sitting in their homes, including the Social Security worker.