

United Presbyterian Church Communicator

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Message from Pastor Michelle

I am on vacation August 2-9. If you need immediate assistance please contact Nikki Rogers at upclaramie@gmail.com. Gerald Van Campen is the elder on call.

Grace and peace,

Michelle

CONGRATULATIONS!

Steve Gale and Chrissy Johnsen were married on July 31st at St. Albans Chapel. It was a small private ceremony conducted by Pastor Michelle.



A MESSAGE FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Personnel Committee thanks Lorinda O'Hashi for her work as the Director of Music Ministry at UPC. Lori decided that now is a good time to shift her focus, and she is retiring from her staff position effective August 1. She will continue to be involved at UPC in capacities to be determined by her interests and time, so please thank and support her as she makes this change in her life among us. At some later time, when meeting in large groups is again possible at UPC, we hope to have a gathering to more fully acknowledge and thank her for her efforts on staff at UPC.

Following the recent change in this staff position, Session has approved the hiring of an Interim Director of Music Ministry, to enable immediate coverage of these responsibilities during this transition time. Personnel Committee is happy to announce that Ben Markley will be filling the Interim Director of Music Ministry position at UPC. Ben has served as a UPC Session member, completing that term this month, serves as chair of the Worship Committee and is the Director of Jazz Studies at UW. Session and Personnel are enthused to have Ben come on board and expect that he can very capably provide the needed continuity for this role. The temporary interim position will run from August 3 - January 31. Please welcome Ben to this new adventure!

AUGUST SERMON SERIES

As we continue to worship virtually the Sunday worship service can be found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLkd7kE_lf0acTnxJQ_Eg and through the UPC website.

THANK YOU

UPC gives Mel and Isa Riley a shout out for coming to town each week to keep the church lawn mowed. Thank you and we greatly appreciate it!



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 emails.

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

PER CAPITA

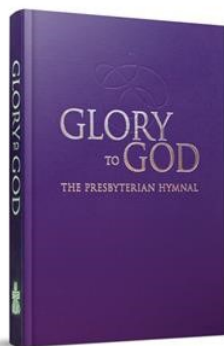
Thank you to many folks who have already paid their per capita for 2020. We would encourage those who have not paid to do so. We would be happy to accept a check or you might want to try the Online Giving option. The amount for each member is **\$45.95 for 2020**. Thank you for your continued faithful generosity to UPC!

WOULD YOU LIKE A HYMNAL?

Glory to God hymnals can be purchased at the PCUSA store, here for \$18:

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664503136/glory-to-god-purple-pew-edition-presbyterian.aspx>

or you can borrow one from UPC. To check one out through the church office contact Nikki at upclaramie@gmail.com to arrange the details.



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](#)

FOC & STEWARDSHIP

How UPC stands financially at the end of June 2020:

Total Income \$148757.95; 60.3% of 2020 operating budget

Total Expenses \$122340.58; 50.07% of 2020 operating budget

FOC would like to thank our regular and new Online Giving donors and encourage everyone else to explore this means of contributing to UPC. It's very easy and new Categories have been created to direct your donation to the correct place. We have the following categories now:

Contributions, Per Capita, C4, LOGOS, Special Offerings and Youth Activities. When you make your donation, you'll select from one of these categories. There is a "Notes" box at the end of the form which will allow you to be more specific if you so desire. For example: If you select Special Offerings and you'd like your donation to be directed to Pentecost or One Great Hour of Sharing or another offering, please indicate that in the "Notes" section. We'll make sure that your donation is properly designated. Youth Activities will be used for our mission trips, vacation Bible school and any other youth related activities.

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 pleased to offer online giving. Please [Click here.](#)

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 again starting this fall!

Rebekah Circle will finish our study book on zoom this month. If you would like to host outside in a backyard or driveway please let Rita Ver Ploeg know. We will meet on August 20th at 10:00 am. We will be on lesson 9. [Click Here for Zoom Link.](#)

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](#)



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

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank all those who participated in UPC's first annual Family Fun Night on June 30. The Springsteen's took the traveling trophy home for the first year. We can't hardly wait for next summer when we can compete again!

The committee would also like to thank the Roger's family for hosting the mid and sr high youth and their parents at their home on July 15. Hotdogs were roasted, smores were made and games were played.

The LOGOS board is hard at working planning for the upcoming LOGOS program year. Parents, please watch your email for specific's as decisions are made and a schedule is approved.

- Kids are required to wear masks and maintain social distancing protocols.
- LOGOS will be from 3:45-5:00 on Wednesdays. The doors will be locked until it is 3:45. Same goes for Mid and Sr highs. Checking in at 5:30.
- There will be no interactions between the two groups of kids.
- There will be no welcome or snack time so if your child will need a snack please provide that for them before coming to LOGOS. Your child will need to have their snack completely finished before entering the building.
- Depending on which age group your child is in they will enter and exit from the same door. At this time, we are asking that ONLY your child enters the building, please stay in your cars and/or outside.
- Dinner will no longer be served. There will be a monthly Zoom dinner, your child will be given a sack dinner to be taken home and enjoyed over Zoom with the rest of the LOGOS kids.

Registration will be open soon!

FAMILY PROMISE

Due to Covid 19 Family Promise continues to host families in local hotels.

Sheltering in hotel rooms has been a mixed blessing. On the one hand it has significantly increased the programs expenses, on the other they have doubled their capacity. Even with sheltering 4 families at a time they still have a waitlist of families in need of services.

UPC's next scheduled hosting week is September 27-October 4.

Watch for more information as the date approaches.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION WEBINAR SERIES

WHEN:

All webinars will be at 10:00 am PDT
Instructions to join will be sent out three days prior.

August 4th Offering 2.0
Where is the offering plate going?

August 11th Livestreaming worship
It is not going away. How to make it good and sustainable

Teams NW Two teams - Team Northwest 1 and 2
will meet at sperate times to discuss ideas after each of the webinars.
Limit 7-10. Times TBA. At the time of registering indicate joining a team

TO REGISTER:

Rob Hagan
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C4 FUNDRAISER



C4 is sewing masks! The masks will be available in adult and kid sizes with either elastic (\$8) or fabric ties (\$10). All proceeds will go towards C4's future mission work. Contact connect4ministry@gmail.com for questions and to order. Mask with Elastic \$8. Mask with Fabric Ties \$10. The masks are double layered 100% quilting cotton. Thank you to all who have already bought and supported this project!

MISSION MINUTES

Again, many thanks to all who have donated clothing for the **Wind River Reservation**. The mountain of trash bags in Nancy Lick's living room attests to your generosity. Everything has been sorted and we're just waiting for a couple of kid's coats to arrive before we do our second delivery to the reservation. Many thanks to Gwendolyn Wilson and her husband, Gerald VanCampen, for carting away the many empty cartons and to Nancy Fillion for her services as a laundress. If you still have donations, just leave them on Nancy L's stoop at 1765 N 22nd as Mission always can use clothing.

Mission has been asked about the need for **backpacks**. UPC does donate them to the Foster Closet, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the school's weekend food program. We're in the process in attempting to determine the current level of need based on the questions surrounding COVID-19. However, backpacks are always needed and, if you wish to contribute, please leave them on Nancy L's stoop.

In July, UPC through the Mission Committee has donated to both the **Soup Kitchen** (take-out supplies) and the **Food Pantry** (protein-rich items). We check with these agencies monthly to determine needs. If anyone knows of an unmet need in the community, please let a member of mission know (Gerald VanCampen, Nancy Weidel, Patty Butler, Linda Haynes, Diana Denison, Nancy Fillion, or Nancy Lick).

The next Mission-Sponsored **virtual workshop** is currently scheduled for Monday, August 28th. Please be on the lookout for further details.