

JULY 2026

# UPC NEWS



United Presbyterian Church Communicator

## WELCOME NELL!



Introducing the Presbytery of Wyoming's Director of Campus Ministry, the Rev. Nell McNeely Herring! Nell has a heart for relational ministry and especially young adults experiencing the transformational time of college life. A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, and Furman University, Greenville, SC, Nell has most recently served as the Interim Campus Minister at the University of Louisville, and Associate for Volunteer Ministries with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The Search Committee could not be more pleased that the Spirit has led us to each other. While UPC will continue to host and support Campus Ministry, it will now be a ministry of the entire presbytery, not just a single congregation. We are grateful that the Presbytery Council pledged to fund this new ministry at \$183,972 over two years. An additional thanks to all those who helped prepare the new ministry space on the second floor: Nikki Rod, Tanner, and Trenton Rogers, Kathryn Blaney, Keith and Corrine Seebart, Hank Kobulnicky, and Bruce Lange.

## THANK YOU FROM PASTOR MICHELLE



Thank you for your prayers, and heartfelt expressions of sympathy and care in texts, cards, and emails, as well as the time to be with my family as my dad completed his earthly life. These many expressions of love have been much appreciated and deeply meaningful.

## PASTOR MICHELLE'S SABBATICAL

Pastor Michelle's sabbatical begins August 3-November 9. Plans are in place for worship leadership and preaching, pastoral care, and moderating the Session. Watch for a letter later this month with more details.

## TUESDAY TEATIME

Tuesday teas at 2:30pm are to meet twice a month. The next one will be **July 14** at Outlook café, at the Iverson Hospital cafeteria. Stay in touch through the summer. Come and bring a friend.



## DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

United Presbyterian Church is seeking a hope-filled, enthusiastic, and relational leader to serve as our part-time Director of Youth and Children's Ministries (10–12 hours per week). In this role, you will envision, organize, and facilitate vibrant spiritual formation programming for children age nursery through 12th grade, while equipping parents to guide as primary spiritual leaders. The ideal candidate is a self-starter rooted in a commitment to Jesus, possessing experience in faith formation and a collaborative spirit to empower volunteers and young leaders alike. If you have a contagious joy for ministry and a desire to help our youth thrive, we would love to hear from you. If interested, please submit a resume to the church office at [upclaramie@gmail.com](mailto:upclaramie@gmail.com).

Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

## SESSION SUMMARY

Because of Pastor Michelle's Family Leave, the June 16 Session meeting was canceled. The Session's next meeting will be July 21.



## FATHER'S DAY DONATION

The UPC Deacons will be making a Father's Day donation to Camp Story in honor of the men in our congregation. Camp Story of Presbytery of Wyoming is a historic Christian camp and retreat center in the Bighorn Mountains in Story, Wyoming. It was founded in 1917 and offers day camps, overnight youth camps, and family getaways focusing on faith, nature and outdoor adventures. Many of our youth and adults have had Camp Story experiences. It is truly a fun, relaxing and spiritual place.

## DEACON CARE GROUPS

The UPC congregation and friends are divided into Care Groups among the five deacons. The purpose for this is to provide spiritual care which includes prayer support, visits, phone calls, meals and transportation, when needed. We would like to be your point of contact when concerns and needs arise. This will be especially important during Pastor Michelle's Sabbatical. A letter will be coming from your deacon soon!

## MEN'S GROUP

UPC Men, please join us at Mountain View Cafe in the Iverson Hospital. Parking is on the West side. Saturday, **July 4 and 18** at 8:00 am for great conversation! All are welcome!



## MISSION COMMITTEE

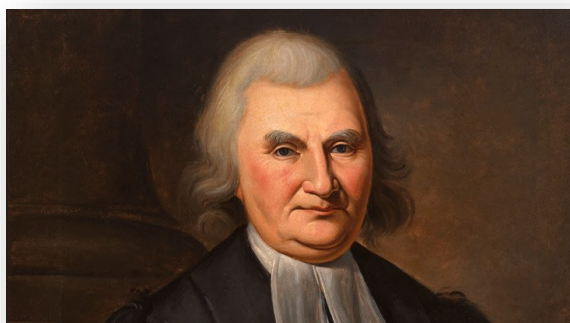
Just a reminder that the **Syria-Lebanon Partnership Network's (SLPN) Annual Gathering** is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. It is being held at the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina. Many of the speakers will be familiar to those who attended the Garrard's recent workshop at UPC. The year's special guest in North Carolina is Dr. Martin Accad who is president of the NEST (Near East School of Theology) in Beirut. If you can't attend in Person, you can participate via Zoom. Please go to [SLPN's website](#) to get more information.

Another reminder that we will start collecting materials for the **Kid's and the Hygiene disaster kits** in August. More information will be in the August newsletter.

**Many thanks** to Nancy Fillion, Nancy Weidel, and Dona Coffey for their efforts in sorting the clothing gifted to UPC from Family Promise. If you want more information on the scope of this gift, please visit Mt. Baggy in Marcia's Closet across from the recently moved Family Promise Kids' Closet.

More thanks goes to Nikki Rogers for her efforts in moving and organizing this clothing.

Take a few minutes and look up the **Rev. Witherspoon** and see what he was doing in 1776 beyond being the only practicing minister to sign the Declaration of Independence.



## LOGOS VOLUNTEERS

If you have been considering assisting with LOGOS this fall, but have not yet reached out, please let Pastor Michelle know ASAP. The fall schedule will be finalized in July.

### LOGOS

**Wednesdays, 5:30pm-7:30pm (September-March)**

**We need YOU to make it happen!**

We will have the same components **Eating Together, Playing Together, Exploring Together, Praying Together** with a slightly different format. All leaders in Logos meet three criteria, in the following order:

1. They love God.
2. They love young people, especially the age group they are leading.
3. They have gifts to share.

#### **DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE GIFTS?**

- **Kitchen Help** uses gifts of clean up, kitchen organization and dishes.
- **Eating Together** uses gifts of sharing and listening, encouraging, and a sense of humor.
- **Exploring Together** uses gifts of sharing and listening, facilitating, and preparing.
- **Playing Together** uses gifts of sharing and listening, and leading games and other activities.
- **Praying Together** uses gifts of leading prayer, sharing, accompanying, and music.
- **Event planning** uses gifts of leading, communicating, organizing, and inspiring others.

#### **ROLES TO FILL**

##### **Table parents**

1. have a sense of humor
2. initiate conversations that involve everyone in the table group
3. are firm, kind, fair and caring
4. take charge and exercise control for the freedom of all

##### **Dinner Dean**

1. good sense of humor
2. flexible and resourceful
3. ability to respond quickly and creatively to unexpected situations
4. good manager of time
5. organized, able to keep track of several things at once
6. even tempered, patient and maintains self-control
7. comfortable holding everyone accountable for remembering and practicing the only rule of Logos ("Treat each other like a child of God.")
8. willingness to be vulnerable and acknowledge mistakes and failures

**Play, Art, Bible Study, Music, Prayer, Clean Up**



## JULY SERMON SERIES

Sunday worship live stream service can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLkd7kE\\_lt0acTnxJQ\\_Eg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLkd7kE_lt0acTnxJQ_Eg) and through the UPC website.

## CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00-3:00pm. Rev. Michelle Bacon's office hours are 9:00-5:00 Monday—Thursday. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with her, please call the church office.

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



## UPC's ELDERS AND DEACONS



**Elders:** Nancy Lick, Bryce Barker, Hank Kobulnicky, David Jones, Elizabeth Williams, Cam Collamer

**Deacons:** Nancy Fillion, Kathryn Blaney, Linda Sheets, Christy Oliver, Donna Meacham, Linda Haynes, Marla Smith

## 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 approval. [CLICK HERE](#) for calendar.



## REPORTS AND SESSION MINUTES

The UPC Session Minutes and reports can be read at our website at [upclaramie.org/minutes/](http://upclaramie.org/minutes/). Call the church office if you are in need of the password.