

WE BELIEVE THE LORD BROUGHT YOU HERE!

Welcome to UPPC! We are so glad you are here, and we would love to meet you. Visit the Welcome Center near the front doors to learn more about the ministry of UPPC, our community and opportunities to connect.

We hope your time with us today creates a meaningful encounter with Jesus.

We Embrace Messiness...

by Jill McMullen

Divorce Recovery at UPPC began in the 1980's when it was incredibly rare for a church to acknowledge divorce let alone create a program to help people heal and recover from it. Over time, the relevant content has grown and a children's program has been added, but at its core, Divorce Recovery has remained true to the core code value of "Embracing Messiness".

Over eleven years leading Divorce Recovery, I have participated in 22 sessions, including Zoom meetings during the pandemic. We have embraced the messiness of divorce in MANY ways.

- Former participants have become leaders. Walking with people through Divorce Recovery at one of the hardest times in their lives can be tough. Then, to see someone come out at the end feeling a little more hopeful, is so beautiful. I have seen four former participants become leaders in this ministry because of what they learned and how they grew. Their unique position as a leader, shows how someone walking ahead on the journey can heal.

- UPPC members come and share their experiences. Several of our speakers are members at UPPC and have been able to use their own experiences to help others. They also become encouragers within the church for our participants long after the program is over.

- After Divorce Recovery ends, many participants have become a part of UPPC. The majority of our attendees come from the greater community and don't always have a church home. It has been a joy to see many experience Divorce Recovery and continue to flourish at UPPC.

- With the addition of a safe space for kids there is now an opportunity for children experiencing divorce to express their feelings. Thanks to the leadership of several adults and teenage helpers, we now have a thriving children's program. There are activities to help express their feelings plus some time for them to just have fun. Kids can't wait to come back each week and have been disappointed when the program ends. Providing stability for kids during a time of significant transition is both important and often overlooked.

It's an honor to lead and facilitate a ministry in this church that embodies such an important part of the UPPC code.

SERVICE INFORMATION

Let My People Grow: Ready To Share Your Hope
2 Corinthians 5:20
Rev. Dr. Martha Greene, Parish Associate
Rev. Mike Moffitt, Associate Pastor

9:30AM CLASSIC SERVICE

**Please stand if able*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship; Sanctuary Choir; Chuck King, Bass; Art Peterson, Organist

Prelude: *Cantilene* | Edward Shippen Barnes

Welcome & Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise:** *All Creatures of our God and King*

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Ministry of Music: *Order My Steps* | Burleigh

Prayer for the Children & Greet One Another

Message

***Hymn of Response:** *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Prayers of the People

***Sending Hymn:** *Lord You Give The Great Commission*

The Blessing

Postlude: *Toccata* | Gaston Belier

11AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Worship Leaders: Loren & Melinda Tucker and Jesica Reid;
Contemporary Worship Band

Story To Tell | kalley

Bless God | Cody Carnes

Only a Holy God | City Aight

For The Sake Of The World | Bethel Music

Rev. Aaron Stewart | Senior Pastor

Rev. Mike Moffitt | Associate Pastor

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WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

- Giving Box in lobby
- Online: UPPC.org/give



UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 28, 2024

CONNECT

 in person - online - get the app!

Volunteer at FUN FAIR

February 3 | 11am - 2 pm

Invite friends and neighbors to join us for Fun Fair 2024! This is a free community event for families with toddlers through 5th grade. There will be carnival games, bounce houses, crafts, lunch and more! Sign up to volunteer at UPPC.org/events.

Cross-Cultural Food and Fellowship

February 4 | 12pm | Gym

Enjoy a meal and fellowship with several of UPPC's African families and others on the first Sunday of every month in the Gym. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share or just come and experience the diverse cultures that make up UPPC.

Divorce Recovery

Thursdays | Starting February 15 | 6:15 - 8:45pm

Have you or a loved one experienced divorce? It happens for a variety of reasons, and when it does, Divorce Recovery will help answer some of the most difficult questions: How deeply has this affected me? How will I ever recover? It takes courage and humility to confront our deepest fears. Divorce Recovery at UPPC is a safe place to share your thoughts, feelings and emotions and to begin the process of healing through faith, hope and love. Registration includes dinner and a safe space for kids experiencing divorce. More information at UPPC.org/events.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Weekly | 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Bring the family to UPPC for dinner before children, youth and adult discipleship programs on Wednesdays. With everyone going in different directions this will be a time saver and one less thing to think about during this busy season. Sign up to attend at UPPC.org/events!



Bible Jazz

Our conversations at Bible Jazz are always improvised and sometimes unusual, just like jazz.

Check out episode 229 "How to Share the Gospel" with Karen Bejjani at UPPC.org/media or on your favorite podcast platform!



Hope Inspired

March 16 | 9am - 5pm

Have you ever found yourself in an unexpected season? Struggling with fear, uncertainty, and an unknown future? And thinking to yourself (and saying to God): This is not what I signed up for. Counselor and Bible teacher Nicole Unice will be with us this year to talk about how we can feel scared, helpless, and in over our heads. In her newest book, *Not What I Signed Up For*, Nicole takes us on a journey through the biblical story of Joseph to help us see how God uses life's hard times, twists, turns, and in-between spaces to grow something essential in our souls. Watch for registration coming soon at UPPC.org/events! To join our volunteer team contact Lisa Priestley. lpriestley@uppc.org

Winter Pathways

Newest issue available NOW!

There is something for YOU at UPPC, and *Pathways* is the place to find it. Did you know *Pathways* is available in both print and digital? Pick up a current copy in the lobby or view the digital version at UPPC.org. Discover the discipleship "Pathways" that are right for you and take intentional steps toward spiritual maturity in Jesus.



THE WAYSIDE

Sunday-Thursday 8:30am-1pm

Stop by The Wayside on your way to work, after kid dropoff, or for a meetup with friends. Enjoy great coffee in an uplifting, comfortable atmosphere. Free wifi!

PRAYERS

Jill McMullen, Minister of Care

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- If you would like to share a prayer request or praise, email prayerrequests@uppc.org.
- If you would like info on support groups, or for a deacon to pray with you during the week, contact Jill McMullen.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Taekme Benedict, Steve Berntson, Michael Bishop, John Brooks, Billie Brown, Jackie Burk, Betty Ellsworth, Llew Ernst, Art Forbes, Janet Fry, Ralph and Gloria Hjembo, Pat Kling, Sharon Knoll, Mark Koch, Kellyn Kohler, Sue LaFraugh, Buck Mann, James Matthaei, Regina Mattoni, Kara McDaniels, Nick McKenty, Robin Miller, Don Moffitt, Noelle Nelson, Shari Painter, Bobby Reed, Dave Robert, Shirley Romanovich, Carolyn Rzesutek, Ben Sanbeck, Emil Schlenker, Bobbi Sloan, Ginny Siegle, Susan Scott, Ed Srsn, Dick Stender, John Sutton, Doug Wing

THOSE BEING TREATED FOR CANCER

Mark Baldrige, Kristy Burnette, Margo Campbell, Jane Chantler, Sharon Clegg, Gerry Cravens, Matt Cushman, Bob Dippert, Tiana Graves, Bob Gunderson, Kathy Hamilton, Kathy Horst-Smith, Julie Judy, Brittini Kelleher, Mary Loovis, Susan Perong, Sarah Rauen, Mario Silva, Ralph Storey, Fred Turshman, Louana Tyson

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Jennifer (Bill), Lauren, Elena and Claire Pickles at the loss of their mother and grandmother, Linda Olive, who passed away on January 21, 2024. Her memorial will be Friday, February 23 at 2pm.

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE

Congratulations to Samantha and Cody Benavides at the birth of their son, Miles Nolan Benavides, who was born December 23, 2023. His proud grandparents are, Bill and Kally Dowling and cousin, Logan Lu Truckey.

Congratulations to Nolan and Laura O'Brien at the birth of their daughter, Adelyn Rose O'Brien, who was born January 11, 2024. Her proud family includes: grandparents Greg and Colette Lease, uncle and aunt Graham and Anne O'Brien and siblings Kathryn, Carolyn, Evelyn, Daniel, Gwendolyn and Maryn.

DO LIFE TOGETHER

We comfort and care for each other, both here and around the world.

MAKE ROOM

We value sacred space - our gatherings are a place of Holy Spirit moments and great healing.

LOVE KIDS

We honor children and youth - through spiritual growth and general nurture - as a foundation for all we do.

CREATE

We encourage music and the arts to enhance our worship and celebrate God's goodness with others.

EMBRACE MESSINESS

We are guided by the Bible, embracing both spiritual truth and God's grace, as we share life's journey in all its messiness and all its glory, together.

SHARE

We share our abundant blessings generously - through service and mission, God-given talents and wealth.