

Welcome to UPPC!

If this is your first visit, we are so glad you are here. In fact, we believe God brought you here today! Take a few minutes to read this bulletin to find out about some of the ministries going on at the church - getting involved is the best way to meet people and connect. We'd also love to have you stop by the Welcome Center (just outside the Sanctuary doors) after service. There is someone available to answer questions about the church as well as let you know more about ministries and opportunities available for you and your family.

We hope this morning is meaningful and rejuvenating for you!

THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY | 8AM-4:30PM
FRIDAY | 8AM-12:30PM

TODAY 9.29

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 & 11AM

Early Childhood 9:30 & 11AM | 4mo-2yrs | Nursery • 3's-K | Room 111

Elementary 9:30 & 11AM | Grades 1-4 | The Lodge

Solid Ground 9:30AM | Grades 5-12 | Youth Room

Solid Ground 11AM | Grades 5-7 | Youth Room

CONNEXIONS 9:30-10:30AM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 9.30

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8AM | Rm 124

WEDNESDAY 10.2

ESL/FRIENDSHIP GROUP 9AM-12PM | Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL 10AM | Rm 121 | Gwenn Robertson, 253.564.0608

CAMPFIRE 6:30-7:30PM | Grades 1-4 | The Lodge

FOUNDATION 6:30-7:30PM | Grades 5-7 | Youth Room

THE ROCK 7:30-9PM | Grades 8-9 | The Lodge

CORNERSTONE 7:30-9PM | (Grades 10-12) | Youth Room

THURSDAY 10.3

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER 9-10AM | Family Worship Room

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30-11AM | Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL 7PM | Rm 121 | Gwenn Robertson, 253.564.0608

SATURDAY 10.5

ESSENTIALS 9AM-1PM | Fellowship Hall

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand if you are able

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC | *Prelude op. 72* | A. Donna
Art Peterson, Organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Aaron Stewart

MUSIC MINISTRY | *Good, Good Father* | Chris Tomlin
Alleluia Singers | Marty Kelley, Conductor

BIBLE PRESENTATION | Julie Mangrum, Director of Children
Rob Clark, Minister of Youth & Children

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*HYMN OF PRAISE | *God of Grace and God of Glory*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 18:1-3 (NIV) | Liz Martin

*MINISTRY OF MUSIC | *Speak, Lord, In the Stillness* | Schwoebel
Sanctuary Choir | Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship

DEAR YOUNGER ME: *I Need Your Help* | 1 Kings 19:9-13 (NIV)
Rob Clark, Minister of Youth & Children

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | *Guide My Feet*

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name | Tom Fettke

SEALING THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SENDING HYMN | *Jesus Paid It All*

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE | *Toccata* | Gaston Belier

Dear Younger Me

Biblical Truth I Wish I Knew Earlier



September 29, 2019

An old friend, Mike Yaconelli, tells a thought-provoking story in his book, *Dangerous Wonder*. When he was six years old, his favorite comic book character was Superman. He admired Superman's strength, colorful uniform, and of course, his ability to fly. Many of Mike's childhood fantasies revolved around flying. He would often sneak into his parent's bathroom and find their forbidden towels (the thick, new ones reserved for guests). Once outside, with the towel tied around his neck and dragging in the dirt behind him, he would run as fast as he could and jump off the highest survivable launching pad he could find. With arms outstretched, cape billowing behind him, wind rushing past his ears, he believed he was flying.

Then came a day when Mike woke up never to wear a cape again. This day came somewhere along the line of "growing up." Somehow, and from somewhere, he had gained the knowledge that flying was nothing more than a childhood fantasy. It was a sad day. Actually being able to fly wasn't the thing that brought him joy, it was the aliveness he felt when he thought he could fly; it was the voice he heard deep inside—a warm and loving voice, a living, believing voice, a wild and dangerous voice. Every time he heard that voice, he knew who it was: God. But that day, when he was just six years young, his God-hearing went bad.

This story is all too familiar for most of us. When we were young we knew how to create space for adventure, being present with friends, and hearing the voice of our Creator as we played, daydreamed, and yes, flew. Unfortunately, "growing up" has robbed us of our childlike wonder, curiosity, playfulness, and passion. We are told—both by others and by ourselves—that we are to leave those ways behind us and get serious. In addition, we are surrounded by technology that we've become addicted to, and it has taken us away from the space we once had to connect with others, ourselves, and God.

Today we'll be talking about reconnecting with that space we once occupied as children. Instead of giving my younger self advice, I'll be seeking advice from my younger self. The self who didn't let the burdens of life overwhelm me, who knew how to stare at the clouds for hours and just wonder about God, and who knew how to just *be*.

I'm so glad you're here to unpack this with me today,

Rob Clark, Minister of Youth & Children

UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Aaron Stewart | Senior Pastor
Rev. Mike Moffitt | Associate Pastor

Wifi: UPPC Guest | Password: welcome2

WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

- Giving plates at offering
- Online: UPPC.org "Give"
- UPPC app

ALL CHURCH

Info and registrations at UPPC.org/events and on our app!

Essentials

Saturday October 5 | 9AM-1PM | Fellowship Hall

Learn alongside Pastor Aaron, Pastor Mike, and John Lewis about ways of viewing scripture, the history, theology, and values of UPPC, and the meaning of "membership." Register online at UPPC.org/events, or contact Kathy Goertz, kgoertz@uppc.org, or 253.564.2522 ext. 147.

Deepening the Root System

1st Sundays starting October 6 | 11AM-12PM | Fellowship Hall

In this track of Whitworth's Academy of Christian Discipleship, join Kendra and Leslie to explore how Jesus shapes our identity, forms community, renews and re-orders human life, and shapes how we live in the world. Registration: \$50. Includes eight meetings/lectures and all printed materials. Register UPPC.org/events.

Insights

Saturday October 19 | 9AM-2PM | Fellowship Hall

Everyone who follows Jesus should learn or review the Discipleship Fundamentals: Scripture, Prayer, Community & Service. Join this interactive workshop to gain greater INSIGHTS into your role in God's kingdom! Learn more/register at UPPC.org/events.

Free Firewood

As a first step in Phase 3 of our Opening Doors campaign, a tree service company took down some trees in the empty lot behind the Safe Haven House. This will allow us to begin to develop this area for future new parking. If you use firewood these logs are available to pick up and take home on a first-come, first-served basis. Share our post on Facebook to let your friends who use firewood know, too!

YOUNG ADULTS

SPARK

Life after high school can be pretty challenging, but it's great to share the journey with a group of friends. Grow in faith and fellowship with other young adults! This Fall, we are exploring the concept of "adulthood" (yikes!). Follow on Insta [@sparkUPPC](https://www.instagram.com/sparkUPPC) for days/times/details.

FAMILIES

Parent Support Group

1st Sundays beginning Oct 6 | 12:15-1:30PM | Rm 121

This is an opportunity for parents of children of any age living with special needs, different abilities, or sensory issues. Find support and fellowship with other parents. Lunch and childcare is provided with online registration, UPPC.org/events.

OUTREACH

Russia Ministry Celebration

Sunday October 6 | 4-5:30PM | Fellowship Hall

Celebrate 18 years of ministry partnering with our friends in Voronezh, Russia. While the ministry is moving into a new phase, its impact on our hearts remains the same. Let's celebrate the work God has done through our partners and pray for their future endeavors. Info/registration at UPPC.org/events.

Prayer and Praise Gathering for Meru, Kenya

Sunday October 13 | 4-5PM | Chapel

In partnership with Hope International Ministry Trust, UPPC's Cherish ministry educates, equips, and empowers children in Meru, Kenya. Many of these children will be taking national exams this fall in order to graduate from school at the end of the school year. Join us as we pray for these children and their caregivers and write notes of encouragement.

SEASONAL GROUPS COMING NEXT WEEK!

Unconditional love God in the flesh Extremely important
A blessing Trusting and supportive

These are just some of the phrases people used to describe their experience of following Jesus in a small group. If you are not part of a small group and would like to be, sign up October 6 for Seasonal Groups: A 6-week introduction to following Jesus in a small group setting. More info coming next week!



THE WAYSIDE

Hours: Sun-Thurs 8:30AM-1PM

Stop by mid-week! Grab your morning coffee, meet up with friends, or try us out as a place to work (yup, we have free wifi!)

TRY OUR NEW SEASONAL DRINKS!

PRAYERS

Jill McMullen, Minister of Care | 253.564.2522 ext. 139, jmcmullen@uppc.org

- If you would like to share a prayer request or praise, please fill out a Prayer Request on the back of a CONNECT card located in a pew; email prayerrequests@uppc.org; or contact Jill McMullen.
- Deacons are available during the week to pray with you. If this is something you'd like, contact Jill McMullen.
- For info on support groups, contact Jill McMullen.

Prayers & Praises

- Phillip Hjembo has been moved to another hospital to focus on rehab. His family is very thankful for your continued prayers for him.
- Bob Parker is improving on dialysis and is expected to go home very soon.
- Gloria Wing is recovering from surgery to remove a lobe of her lung this past Monday. Prayers for healing.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Jim Anderson, Debbie Bates, Laurie Bauer, Ruth Brones, Billie Brown, Virginia Davies, Richard DeVine, Nick Glenn, Jung Gumsook, Olivia Harkcom, Phillip Hjembo, Rick Jackson, Bill Kelley, Pat Kling, Rich Knoll, Harold Koenig, Kellyn Kohler, Kevin Kozakowski, Jeannie Mann, Kara McDaniels, Nick McKenty, Noelle Nelson, Bob Parker, Kris Rantalla, Elizabeth Spittler, Sharon Storey, Ann Swalander, Pat Van Mason, BJ Wiebusch, Jean Whitney

THOSE BEING TREATED FOR CANCER: Jack Baker, Sally Bolton, Matt Cushman, Cirilo DelCarmen, Bob Dippert, Gayle Fowler, Jean Graves, Marty Heaverlo, Paul Jackson, Harold Jantz, Pam Judson, Scott Lillibridge, Diane Martin, Marion Massey, Pauline May, Dan McDaniels, Guy McInelly, Bob Mitchell, Chris Olson, Marge Ritchie

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Rita Gray at the loss of her husband, Gene Gray, who passed away on September 22, 2019. His memorial details are still being planned.

BAPTISMS

Today at the 11AM service we welcome Emma & Elaina Martin and Jack Furber into our church family through baptism.

AS A FAMILY OF FAITH, WE...

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 outreach, God-given talents and wealth.