

We come together as the body of Christ, an expression of God's grace in this community. We are bound together in God's steadfast love and in our mutual love and support for one another. We honor a special commitment to provide nurture, support and encouragement to students. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live with compassion, to work for justice, to integrate faith and learning and to celebrate the gift of our life together. Since God's love excludes no one, our mission is to be inclusive. We trust that in God's time and by God's grace, God will destroy all barriers. We resolve to erect no barriers while working to overcome existing ones. Recognizing that we do not possess all the truth all the time, we affirm a variety of expressions of life and faith. This is an open church.
 You are welcome here.



University Presbyterian Church

May 11, 2008

News and Information

WHAT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) SAYS ABOUT...

The Great Ends of the Church (G-1.0200)

1. Proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind
2. Shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
3. Maintenance of divine worship
4. Preservation of the truth
5. Promotion of social righteousness
6. Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

The Meaning of Membership (G-5.0101) The incarnation of God in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives to the church not only its mission but also its understanding of membership. One becomes an active member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord are the visible signs of entrance into the active membership of the church. Persons may enter into active membership in the following ways: by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or transfer of certificate from some other church.

Communion of the Faithful (W-2.4006) Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ. Reconciliation with Christ compels reconciliation with one another. All the baptized faithful are to be welcomed to the Table, and none shall be excluded because of race, sex, age, economic status, social class, handicapping condition, difference of culture or language, or any barrier created by human injustice. Coming to the Lord's table the faithful are actively to seek reconciliation in every instance of conflict or division between them and their neighbors. Each time they gather at the Table the believing community: (a) are united with the Church in every place, and the whole Church is present; (b) join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God; and (c) renew the vows taken at Baptism; and they commit themselves afresh to love and serve God, one another, and their neighbors in the world.

Ron Gilmer, Pastor

Stated Hours:

Monday 1:30-2:30 and Friday 11:00-12:00

Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 8:00-2:00

Pentecost Offering -Today, the church universal celebrates Pentecost, the story of the Spirit descending on the church in Acts. As Presbyterians, we participate in a church-wide Pentecost offering, which supports children at risk. Congregations are asked to give 60% of this offering to the General Assembly of the PC(USA) to support national programming for children at risk. The other 40% is distributed closer to home. For us, this means that 40% of the offering given by this congregation will go to support the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, AL. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please designate checks for "Pentecost Offering" or if you are giving cash, please mark that clearly on the envelope.

Spiritual -Autobiography -The series on spiritual autobiography that Ron Gilmer has been leading this spring will conclude at the end of the month. Next Sunday, May 18, the group will discuss *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Alex Haley (which raises the question, "Is it possible to have one's autobiography written by someone else?"). The following Sunday, May 25, the series will conclude with a discussion of *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott (a book that Sandy Winter quoted in the charge to the newly installed at the recent service of installation).

Session -The next stated meeting of the session is set for next Sunday, May 18. The meeting will convene after worship in the church library.

More Light Sunday -University Presbyterian Church is a More Light congregation. Meaning: This church is part of a network of people seeking the full participation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Sunday, June 1, will be More Light Sunday through the network. Stories of how UPC became a More Light congregation or how UPC being a More Light congregation attracted you to this church will be interspersed throughout the service of worship. Please let Ron Gilmer know if you have a story to share or would like to lead part of this service.

Equality Alabama - will be hosting a showing of IT'S STILL ELEMENTARY on May 12th from 4:30-6:00 at the Ferguson Theater. The documentary is a follow-up to IT'S ELEMENTARY, the film censored ten years ago by Alabama Public Television for showing how adults can talk to young children about gay and lesbian people and issues. The documentary's Academy-Award winning director, Debra Chasnoff, will be at the showing and will participate, along with faculty members from the College of Education, in a panel discussion afterwards. Everyone is invited.

Attendance - April 20th -41 + 2 nursery, April 27th -48 + 1 nursery

Here's what is going on at UPC....

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Choir rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:00 Coffee Hour

Monday 6:00 Oaxaca Mission Trip meeting in student center with Stephanie and David Sikes

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday 11:00-2:00 Food Pantry Set-up Day

Friday
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Let us Pray.....

Arlee Vallery, Marie and Joe Stone, Mary House, Jill Martindale, Regina Lassiter, Helen Cargo, Lucy Morgan, Steve Borrelli and family, Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Erica Durham, Martha Folmar, Jackie Reid and Kay VanLuvender

Summer Food Pantry Hours

June 3-July 8

The food pantry will be closed.
Food Pantry will re-open on **July 15th.**

The Lectionary Bible Study also will not meet from June 3rd to July 8th.



In April, the Food Pantry provided 568 bags of food to 382 families. A total of 836 people were served. That's 292 children, 385 adults and 159 seniors.

Happy Birthday to You!!

- May 2 Chelley Alexander
- May 5 Robert DuPree
- May 5 Lennon Reynolds Cox
- May 5 Jessica Samson
- May 9 Tiffany Washington
- May 11 Jack Shelton
- May 11 Julia Hartman
- May 13 Christina Andreen
- May 14 Denise Yanaura
- May 14 Laura Hutton
- May 17 Thomas Hagood



Sunday Assignments

May 11

Communion	Rob Spencer
Reader	Becki Evans
Ushers	Lena Prewitt and Denise Yanaura
Welcomer	Julia Hartman
Greeter	Ann Webb
Coffee Hour	

May 18

Communion	Kay Ellis
Reader	Chet Alexander
Ushers	The Millers
Welcomer	John Whitehead
Greeter	Mary Helen Martin
Coffee Hour	Steve Borrelli

Lectionary Readings for:

May 11, 2008

Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30
Ps. 104:24-34; 35b
1 Cor. 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

May 18, 2008

Gen. 1:1-2:4a; *Ps. 131*
1 Cor. 4:1-5
Matt. 6:24-34



**UA's Presbyterian Student Group
Upcoming Events**

Monday - 6:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday - 7:00 Men's Group "Man Time"

Wednesday - 11-1 Lunch at Ferguson Center

Thursday - 6:30 Women's Group "Warriors"
8:00 Bible Study

Friday - 2:00—6:00 Friday Chaos



Clerk of Session: Nancy DuPree **Co-Treasurers:** Garry Warren and Julia Hartman
Session Members

Class of 2008
William Henderson
Adam Miller
Annabel Stephens
Garry Warren

Class of 2009
Julia Hartman
John Whitehead
Lena Prewitt

Class of 2010
Gillie Presley
Nancy DuPree
Linda Grote
Ann Webb

Board of Deacons

Robert DuPree, Class of 2010 Carla Hall, Class of 2009 Paige Miller, Class of 2008