



The Spire

September 2026

"He saved us, not because of Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ~ Mark 12:30-31

Friends and Family Weekend 175th Anniversary September 11- 13, 2026

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

7pm Prayer Service to
dedicate the crosses
and 9/11
Remembrance

Following the service
there will be
refreshments and time
to view the crosses.

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Come Spend the day

9 am—2 pm

- 9 am—2 pm local vendors
- 10 am—2 pm Car and Bike Show
- 11 am—12pm Magician
- Noon-Live Music
- Bounce House, Face Painting, and more throughout the day

Menu for the Day - **Served All Day**

Walking Tacos, Bacon
Wrapped Hotdogs, Pulled
Chicken, Baked Goods

Sun., Sept. 13, 2026

Join us at 10 am for
our 175th
Anniversary Church
Service.

Stay with us for our
church picnic and
fun outdoor games.

**Friends and Family
WEEKEND
of FUN!
SEPT. 11-13, 2026**

★ ★ A CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY & OUR FAITH! ★ ★

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
7:00 pm
Come Celebrate our
175th Anniversary at
the Cross Dedication
Prayer Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Event Hours
8:00 am Vendor Set-Up
9:00 am Community is Welcome
ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!
Music • Vendors • Bounce House
Magician • Face Painting • Food • & More!
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9:00 am Car Show Registration Begins
10:00 am Car and Bike Show Begins

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10:00 am
175th Anniversary Worship
Followed by a barbecue picnic,
fun, games, and music

VENDORS NEEDED!
\$10
A SPACE

CAR/BIKE ENTRY FEE
\$20

SPECTATORS ARE FREE!
FREE!

TROPHIES RAFFLES

FOOD
Walking Tacos, Pulled Chicken,
Bacon Wrapped Hotdogs,
Baked Goods and More!

ALL FEES AND DONATIONS GO TO
Help Save THE CHURCH!

UBC 175th Anniversary Shirts



Anniversary Shirts are available to purchase for \$20.00 each. They are available now at church and will be until they are gone. Get yours today!

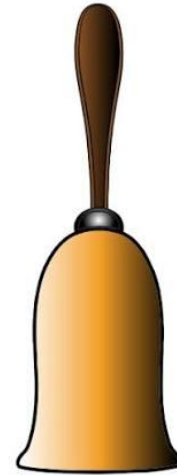
Grounds Crew

We need help preparing the grounds for Friends and Family Weekend. If you have a weed eater and can help, we welcome you to help at your convenience. Speak to Mel Tarbutton, Jason Tarbutton, or Frank Kulp with questions.



Wanted: Ringer!

The Joyful Noise Bell Choir will resume practices on **Sunday, September 20, 2026**, at 8:30 AM. We are looking forward to playing together. If you are interested in joining, please see John Shaw.



Return to Sanctuary

We usually return to the Sanctuary the Sunday after Labor Day, but this year we will return a week earlier on **Sunday, September 6th**.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for September and October

September Birthdays

- 9 Nancy Roccio
- 15 Monica Manerchia
Rosemary Richardson
Marsha Scott
- 16 Colin Levi
- 18 Dave Miskowic
- 21 Rocky Thompson
- 25 Brigid Levi



October Birthdays

- 2 Parker Ferguson
- 6 Barbara Probert
- 7 Joanne Long
- 9 Rebecca Minchak
- 13 Jackie Long

October Anniversaries

- 10 John & Jane Kofroth

September Anniversaries

- 14 Charlene & Dan Miller

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

Blessing of the



God loves our furry, Feathered and scaly friends as much as we do. On **Sunday September 27, 2026** at noon, we will hold a Blessing of the Animals Service. You are encouraged to bring your furry friends. All animals are welcome to join us for the service, though we ask for carriers or leashes to be used.

Parking Permits

Upland Borough will be requiring parking permits to park overnight on Upland streets and parking lots beginning on October 1, 2026. The church parking lot will become a permit lot. **This will not affect anyone coming to church services, meetings or activities.**

Communion Servers and Ushers Needed!

We need ushers to collect the offerings every Sunday. We also need Communion servers and preparers for the first Sunday of every month.

Please sign up in any capacity as you're able and direct any questions to Priscilla Mills.

Join Us for Small Group

Who: You! Me! All of us!

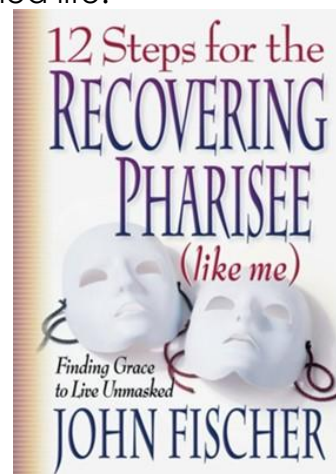
What: A Small Group is a group of 3 to 15 people who meet regularly to deepen our relationship with God and each other.

When: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at noon or 7pm, beginning on Tuesday, October 6th.

Where: The daytime group meets at the church, and the evening group meets at Pastor Brenda and John's home.

Why: Because it is fun and we learn a lot when we work together.

Pastor Brenda is very excited to read this book together. We cannot be made right before God by being "better" than anyone else. Instead, by recognizing and laying aside the Pharisee in all of us, we can embrace the grace, gratitude, and joy of the spirit-filled life.



Your copy is available for pickup at church.

Food Bank

The item of the month for September is **Pasta Sauce**

We have an abundance of pasta but are running low on sauce.

We prefer plastic jars or cans if possible.

Devotional Thought...

"whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me put it into practice and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-9

I chose this as my Bible verse for the year because I was frustrated with the constant argumentative rhetoric that made up our news cycles. I wanted to focus more on uplifting news. I wanted to be more encouraging to those around me, to build up instead of looking down. This verse just spoke to me. I found the Good News Network with positive stories of human kindness. I found a newsletter

"The Pour Over" which gives nonpartisan coverage of news events followed by scripture, God's role in our world and a prayer. It even has a small video called Whipped Cream which makes me smile.

Then Pastor Brenda challenged us to spend more time in the "Word." That fit right in with "whatever you have heard or received from me." I admit I once tried to read the Bible cover to cover but stopped at Judges. I find it difficult to just open the Bible and pick out a passage. So I use Bible Gateway to send me a verse via e-mail daily with the option to click and read the whole chapter. With the scripture verses on Sunday, I try to read the rest of the chapter and think how I can put what I read into action.

"Do not merely listen to the word and deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

How are you spending more time in the "Word"? I hope it helps to make you a builder.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

-Priscilla Mills



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