



UPPER PATH VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2021 News
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How could I say that we had wonderful times of worship and connection during Advent & Christmas 2020 when we couldn't even be together in the same place? I know that I cannot speak for you, but I can tell you this: Once all the recording & editing work was completed and the videos were uploaded, to be able to sit and worship with you, wherever you were, was strangely comforting and uplifting. Just knowing that in many of our homes, individuals, couples, and families were gathered for worship: to think about God, to sing, to pray, and to hear his Word filled my heart with hope, peace, joy, and love! There is so much we couldn't do together this past December, but nothing could stop us from honoring God with our lives through worship, service, & prayer.

Thank you to all who helped to lead different parts of the services. It was wonderful to hear the familiar voices of those we miss seeing on Sunday mornings.

I remain hopeful that one day very soon we can be back together again, confident that we have done what was necessary to express God's sacrificial love to one and all.

With love & prayers, Rev. Meagan

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Please pray a blessing over each person
as their special day arrives!*



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| 1/1 | *Meechae Muelae (Thailand) |
| 1/1 | *Kelvin Wandera (Uganda) |
| 1/2 | Faye George |
| 1/4 | Owen Parsons |
| 1/6 | Bonita Bair |
| 1/8 | Haillie Eutzy, Waylen Rupert |
| 1/11 | George Bair, Donna Zeigler |
| 1/12 | Drew Johnson |
| 1/17 | Nancy Gipe |
| 1/18 | Jenna Seilhammer |
| 1/20 | Von McGee |
| 1/21 | Phyllis Ciarrocca |
| 1/22 | Miranda Neil |
| 1/24 | Marty Parsons, Wyatt Flood, Wayne Anderson |
| 1/25 | Conrad Parsons |
| 1/27 | Gary McGee |
| 1/31 | Mayzie Daniel |
| 1/31 | Billy Pepperick |

Anniversary:

- 1/15 Jeff & Leslee Proper

*UPVPC Sponsored Compassion Child

As we begin 2021, we return to our Bible Reading Plan found in the Chronological Bibles. We are picking back up with the book of Acts found on page 1573. Beginning on 1/10/21, sermons will be taken from the readings. We will conclude our readings and "A Lamp and a Light" sermon series on Sunday, 2/14/21. Lent begins early this year on Wednesday, February 17th. Please be praying for the right Lenten series for our congregation after the year we have experienced as the predominately 'scattered' rather than 'gathered' church. I can't wait to see where God is leading!

Words to Ponder
Dr. Bonnie Cornelious

There is a term “currahee” from the language of the people of the Cherokee. The meaning of this term can be construed as “we stand alone, together.” I think it is a wonderful term to help us through these unusual days. Family gatherings have been postponed or canceled or changed or zoomed, but our bonds are not broken. We stand alone, together.

We have limited contact with our church family and other friends. There were no onsite Christmas services. Rest assured that people are still helping people and God’s work is still being done. Our people are still reaching out. The bond is not broken. We stand alone, together.

There are rules and restrictions that are inconvenient and unpleasant, but we follow them to honor Christ. He came to serve, not to be served. He is our example. There are no hugs exchanged. Social distancing is practiced. We need to pray intentionally for an end to this virus. The bond is not broken. We stand alone, together.

And now, the best news. The bond is also not broken with our heavenly Father. He has promised us in Hebrews 13:5 “I will never leave you or forsake you.” Wherever this adventure is taking us, God is already there. REJOICE! THE ANCHOR HOLDS! We never have to stand alone.

Thank you, Father, for your promises, your grace and mercy, your love for your people. Let us be comforted by You. Help us to hear your voice during difficult times and remind us to lift our prayers, cares, and praises to you without ceasing. No matter our circumstances, we are blessed. Amen.

The following ZOOM gatherings are scheduled as of this first week of January. More will be scheduled depending on current needs.

Wednesday evenings on Zoom:

Men’s Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. (contact jboozier1611@comcast.net for the link)

Rooted Youth, 7:00 p.m. (contact rubylaurie53@yahoo.com for the link)

Sunday mornings on Zoom:

Adult study, “Forgotten God” on the Holy Spirit, 9:45 a.m. (contact revmmb@outlook.com for the link)



**Do you miss your church family?
How have you reached out to
those God brings to mind?
Do you need phone numbers?
Addresses? Emails? How can we
help you serve one another by
intentionally connecting? Call the
church office at 717-349-2603 or
email us at upvpc@pa.net. We can
help you help others in Jesus’ name!**

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