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From the Pastor

What an incredible week! And, it's not even over yet.

On Sunday you packed 100 school supply kits originally destined for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's warehouse in AR. On Wednesday one of you shared a contact in Eastern Kentucky that would transport the kits directed there next week. The Spirit intervened to get the kits where they are needed and quite possibly would have ended up but without extra postage and increased carbon footprint. How cool is that? Funds collected to help pay for postage for the school supply kits will be redirected to fill in some of the gaps in the Food Pantry. (See article below)

Speaking of Food Pantry, we still have empty space on the shelves, but your generous hearts have stepped up in impressive ways this week. You have made it possible for us to serve our neighbors well. Beginning next week we have opportunities for disciples on Mondays and Thursdays to use their time and talent in the pantry. You may choose at what time you'd like to serve and will stock shelves, check expiration dates, note current needs and pack items for families. We'll send the sign up link as soon as it is ready.

Finally, this afternoon was the ribbon cutting for i.imagine; and a large, enthusiastic crowd gathered to tour the facility, learn more about i.imagine, and have yummy refreshments provided by UPC's Welcoming Ministry. What a great time! In case you've missed the latest news, i.imagine is the amazing non-profit started by Shannon Eggleston that empowers young people and creates community through photography. Click [here](#) for more info. i.imagine now lives in the lower level of UPC. I can't wait to see how the Spirit creates opportunities for UPC and i.imagine to collaborate and to enrich our community.

Life is definitely kicking back into high gear! The Spirit is very busy in our midst so please keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities for fellowship, service, study and worship.

This Sunday we turn back to the New Testament, to the gospel of Luke, where crowds of "sinners" were gathering to hear Jesus. The religious officials and others were quite unhappy about Jesus' gospel message for ALL people rather than just those who believed and lived the correct way.

Before worship I encourage to read Luke 15:1-7 and to think and pray about

this text, which is the first of three similar parables that Jesus employs to answer his challengers. How might the "sinners" have heard and reacted to Jesus' story? How might the religious folks have heard and reacted to Jesus' story? What might be the Spirit's encouragement, challenge and instruction to us today? Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

Boone County is now at a medium level of covid community spread so masks are optional in worship; and we will have Lemonade on the Lawn after worship. Remember, masks are only required in worship while Boone County is at the high or orange status determined by the [CDC's COVID 19 Community Level](#) guidelines.

We need a truck & a couple strong folks to get a free fridge for the food pantry.

A generous human is willing to donate a refrigerator to the food pantry. UPC has a big dolly. We just need a truck and a couple of strong disciples to retrieve the fridge and deliver to UPC. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you'd like to make this happen.



Buddy Walk Together for Down Syndrome Saturday, September 10th 10am

The Buddy Walk is back at Sawyer Point to raise awareness of and funds for Downs Syndrome. Logan Kemp's team Logan's (Hulk Hogan) Heroes will once again be joining the fun. You can join the team and/or make a donation. Click [here](#).

**2nd order underway.
Order your spiffy UPC tshirt TODAY!**

You may order on the sheet in the narthex or click [here](#) to order on the website. Shirts are \$10 for adults and free for children and youth. They are heather gray with the logo on the front and "There is a place for you here" on the back. Please note "Tshirt" in the memo of your check or online payment. Orders will be placed Monday, September 19th.



Sunday School is back!

As parents we want our kids to have the opportunity to build friendships, fall deeper in love with their church family, and learn just how much God loves them. All kids grades K-5 are invited to



participate the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 9:15 for a lesson, activity and fun! Parents will gather during that time for fellowship.

Sunday School starts back on **Sunday, September 11th**- we hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Laura Pears lauraf288@hotmail.com

Study Opportunity Fair & Breakfast Sunday, September 11th 9am

While our elementary students kick off a new Sunday School year, God's more "seasoned" children will gather for breakfast and the chance to discern study opportunities for youth & adults. Please contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you have ideas for consideration. All topics, formats, and times are welcome.

NKY Youth Group Kick-Off September 11th

UPC has joined with our awesome siblings from Lakeside PC, Crescent Springs PC, Community of Faith PC, Ft. Thomas PC, Ft. Thomas UCC, and St. Johns UCC to form a NKY youth group. A much snazzier name will be coming soon after the kick-off and input from our youth. 5th - 12th graders are invited to participate in study, fellowship, and mission activities on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The 2nd Sunday of the month will include dinner and study and meet from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Lakeside Presbyterian. Middle schoolers will be with middle schoolers. High schoolers will be with high schoolers. The 4th Sunday of the month will be a fellowship or mission activity, and we'll all be one big group.

John Hodges-Batzka is the director/facilitator of the group which is forming an Executive Committee to supervise his work and finances and a Volunteer Coordinating Committee to work with John to plan and coordinate events. Each church will also have adult disciples at every event, so youth will always have familiar folks while making new friends. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you have questions and/or if the Spirit is leading you to serve on one of the committee or as an adult disciple for a month or two or



Oktoberfest Parking Friday, September 16th 5:45pm - 9:45pm

It's the first night of St. Tim's Oktoberfest, and we will be parking cars at UPC that evening from 5:45 pm - 9:45 pm. Proceeds benefit youth camps and

conferences. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex and on the [website](#). Boy Scouts will park on Saturday night to benefit Troop #805.

Day of Service Saturday, September 17th

UPC is joining forces with our friends in the 3rd NKY Ward of the Church of Latter Day Saints to give our facilities some love. We'll get started at 9am then break bread together at noon. Friends and family are welcome. More info and registration in the narthex. Click [here](#) to register on the website.



SCAN CODE TO SIGN UP
or go to <https://bit.ly/2wv2P0i> and
select which opportunities you
would like to sign up for.



Brush Arbor Worship & Dinner on the Grounds Sunday, September 18th Please make a reservation.

We will worship outside, enjoy fried chicken for lunch, and spend some time enjoying the blessing of our church family along with our brothers and sisters from the community. Once again the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimer group will be providing music for worship. Our deacons will provide the meal. Reservations are not required but are extremely helpful to ensure enough food and tables. Click [here](#) to make your reservation.

What is *Brush Arbor*?

Growing up in Alabama, the term was used for outdoor services that usually happened in the late summer or early fall. These services were most common in rural communities and could involve a single congregation or combine several community congregations. Brush Arbor could be a single worship service or services over several nights for a full-fledged revival.

I did a little internet research in order to learn where the term originated. Lo and behold, Brush Arbor has Presbyterian roots and was birthed in Tennessee and Kentucky. The following excerpt is from

<http://thelibrary.org/lochist/periodicals/bittersweet/fa75d.htm>.

An American heritage that has always been cherished is the right of religious freedom. Americans have always been free to gather together to listen to the word of God. For the early New Englanders it was not a difficult task, for the people lived in close communities centered around a church. But as the frontiersmen moved farther west, people moved farther away from a community life, becoming semi-isolated from their neighbors and the outside world. Still, the people longed for fellowship and a place to worship together.

Then around the late 1790's a powerful Presbyterian preacher came up with

the answer. His name, James McGready, and the answer, the camp or brush arbor meetings. The technique he developed was one which used the resources provided by the hilly regions of Kentucky and Tennessee where he preached. Trees and brush were used to build a temporary out-of-doors shelter for the people who came from miles and miles around to hear the word of God. This protected them from the harsh sunlight and rainfall.

Many Hands are Necessary to Make Brush Arbor a Reality Brush Arbor Helping Hands Opportunities

Click [here](#) to sign up to help make Brush Arbor happen. Generous disciples may serve in the following ways:

- **Set up crew** begin at 845am putting up tables and chairs.
- **Table decorators** begin at 915 am.
- **Food service set up** begins at 9:15 am.
- **Worship set up** begins at 9:15 am.
- **Lunch set up and service** begins at approximately 10:45am.
- **Clean up crew.** After the festivities anyone & everyone is invited to help clean up. It's a big job, but many hands make light work.



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Food Pantry Shopping List

The beginning of a new school year has been tough on lots of families, and we've had an uptick in food pantry clients.

Our current critical needs are:

- Wine bags from Kroger or other liquor stores (They are FANTASTIC for packing canned goods.)
- Canned meats with the exception of tuna
- Macaroni & cheese (especially those that don't need milk)
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Canned pasta (ravioli, spaghettios)
- Rice (especially microwaveable rice)
- Canned fruit
- Shelf stable and powdered milk
- Spaghetti and other dried pasta
- Canned vegetables
- Paper towels



- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning products including disinfecting wipes
- Deodorant for men and women
- Shaving cream
- Razors
- 2-in-1 shampoo & conditioner
- \$20 Kroger gift cards

We are working on leveraging your generosity and purchasing staple items from local food banks. In the meantime, the pantry depends exclusively on your donations of these items.

Schedule for This Week

**19th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
Sunday, Sept. 11th**

9am Bfast & study options for youth & adults

9:15am K-5 Sunday School
10am Worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

5:30pm NKY Youth @
Lakeside PC
Carpool from UPC @ 5pm
Back @ 8pm

Monday, September 12th

6:30pm Finance Ministry
7pm Boy Scouts 805

Tuesday, September 13th

6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 805

Wed, September 14th

8pm AA

Thursday, Sept. 15th

6:30pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

Friday, September 16th

5:45pm Oktoberfest Parking
6pm Girl Scout Troop 2146

Saturday, September 17th

9am Day of Service then
lunch

Brush Arbor



BIRTHDAYS

- 9/9 - David Mathew, Owen Pears
- 9/12 - Bob Sherwood
- 9/13 - John Seibert
- 9/17 - Jan Lawson, Kristin Lintelman
- 9/19 - Bill Martin
- 9/21 - Emmett Pears
- 9/25 - Kevin Dern
- 9/27 - Dave Kozlowski
- 9/29 - Stacy Cole
- 9/30 - Hudson Clouse
- 10/2 - Shannon Eggleston, Elle Springer
- 10/3 - Jim Vanzant
- 10/9 - Lisa Stenner



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/11 - Kevin & Lauren Clouse
- 9/27 - Winston & Jessica Wood
- 10/3 - Jim & Andrea Vanzant
- 10/4 - Bob & Linda Janes
- 10/6 - JD & Haley Lykins
- 10/7 - Will & Donna Jones

Online Giving

You may give online or via



text through the [UPC website](#). You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You may make a memorial or honorary gift and even pay for youth conferences. The online transaction processes the gift from your checking account, savings account, credit card or debit card and is secured through Vanco Payment Solutions.

UPC does not receive the total amount of your gift due to processing fees. At the end of the transaction, you will be asked if you wish to donate an additional 2.75% to cover the processing costs.

Sunday, Sept. 18th

Adam & Amy Scott

8:45 Set up begins

10/8 - Paul & Ollie Seidman

10am Outdoor Worship
then lunch on the grounds

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
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