

THIS WEEK AT UPC

Sunday, April 29, 2018

- 9:00a Adult Sunday School
- 10:00a Worship Service – Communion
- 11:25a Children’s Sunday School
- 11:30a United Ringers rehearsal

Monday, April 30, 2018

Pastor Becky out of office through May 4

- Noon Bible Study
- 6:15p Book Study: *A New Kind of Christianity*

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

- 8:00a Morning Prayer Group
- 4:30p Worship Team meeting
- 5:00p Community Meal (Team 1)

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

- 9:00a Sewing Group
- 7:00p UPC Choir rehearsal

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 6, 2018 – Bridge Run

NO morning worship service

- 2–4p PAST Sacred Sites Open House
- 4:15p Worship Service
- 5:15p Potluck Dinner

Monday, May 7, 2018

- Noon Bible Study

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

- 8:00a Morning Prayer Group
- 5:00p Community Meal (Team 2)

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

- 9:00a Sewing Group
- 9:30a–12:30p Care & Share
- 7:00p UPC Choir rehearsal

Sunday, May 13, 2018

- 9:00a Adult Sunday School
- 10:00a Worship Service
- 11:25a Children’s Sunday School
- 11:30a United Ringers rehearsal

Monday, May 14, 2018

- Noon Bible Study
- 6:15p Session meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

- 8:00a Morning Prayer Group
- 5:00p Community Meal (Team 3)

Sunday, April 29, starting at 3pm at UPC – Madrigal Choir of Binghamton concert *Celebrate Singing: 40 years of favorite songs*

The choir will look back over the past 40 years of performances in the Southern Tier and bring to the stage some of the very favorite tunes from its vast repertoire of part songs, madrigals, folk songs, and sacred music. With help from past members as well as the current choir, Artistic Director Bruce Borton has gathered a bouquet of musical delights from 1978 forward. The current choir will be inviting as many past members as possible to join them in singing a few “old favorites.” It should be a day full of fun, great memories, and familiar tunes.

Founding Director Anne Boyer Cotten (a member of UPC) plans to return to Binghamton for the festivities. Come and join the fun and memories!

Educational Offerings ~ Special

NEXT WEEK: Evening Worship & Potluck – Sunday, May 6, starting at 4:15pm

Worship on Sunday, May 6, will be at 4:15pm, since Binghamton's annual Bridge Run is taking place Sunday morning. Road closures for the run will cut off all access to our building that morning.

The worship service will be followed by a potluck dinner. We hope to see you there!

Sacred Sites Open House – Sunday, May 6, 2-4pm

We are delighted to be participating again in the Sacred Sites Open House tour, arranged by PAST (the Preservation Association of the Southern Tier). This is the fifth year of the program, which is part of a statewide promotion organized by the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

24 religious buildings are participating with a mix of organized tours, self-guided tours, some live organ and choral music, and ethnic food and costumes. At UPC, Jean Hensler will be playing organ and is glad to answer questions about it during our open hours.

We still need volunteers to greet visitors and guides to show the building and tell the story of its treasures.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Terrace Room during coffee hour or contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

Monday Evening Book Study continues

April 30 & May 7, 6:15-7:30pm:

A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith by **Brian D. McLaren**

Read, then join us as we discuss topics such as violent conflict, human sexuality, and appropriate interaction with people from other faith traditions.

Prayer of the Week



Forever and ever amen,
let there be promises
that gird our lives
and sustain our spirits
far beyond imagination.

Forever and ever amen,
let there be comfort
that heals the soul
and endless banquets
that dissatisfy our enemies.

Forever and ever amen,
let there be faithfulness
that dispels timidity
and an urgent calling
that binds us to community.

Forever and ever amen,
let there be such glory
overshadowing ego
that the righteous kneel
and the displaced lead in song.

Forever and ever amen,
let there be mercy
between us
and tenderness
between Life and life.

Forever and ever,
amen.

—Rachel Hackenberg

Notices ~ Service Opportunities

**Sunday, May 20, starting at 4pm at UPC –
American Guild of Organists recital
Jean Herman Henssler, organist**

Jean Henssler will present an organ recital with works by Widor, Sweelinck, Reger, Mulet, and Jongen. Featuring the monumental work *Fantasia on Ein Feste Burg* by Max Reger. To help understand the complexity of this work, Jean will present a lecture and demonstration of this piece on Saturday, May 12, at 10am at Main Street Baptist Church, Binghamton. Attend both events for greatest benefits. Both programs are sponsored by the Binghamton chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), and are free and open to all.

This Week in Faith

May 1 – St. Philip and St. James: In the gospel of John, Philip is the third disciple to be called by Jesus, and it is recorded that Philip then brought his friend Nathaniel to Jesus. Philip is also named in the account of the feeding of the 5000 (John 6), and in John's account of the Last Supper. Philip's request to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied" (14:8) leads to Jesus' farewell discourse. Philip also is a key player in this week's gospel reading. The James referred to this day is James, the son of Alphaeus (Matthew 10:3). Some scholars believe this is also the person referred to by Jerome as "James the Less," and "James the Younger" who, in Mark's gospel, is a witness at the crucifixion. James, the author of the epistle, is believed by some to be yet another man, most likely the brother of Jesus, mentioned by name in Matthew 13:55 and elsewhere. Both Philip and James are celebrated on the same day because the church in Rome, where their relics rest, was dedicated on this day in the year 560 CE.



Andrea Livingston writes: "I have been blessed with the greatest surprise anyone could ever receive! Meet my granddaughter, Charlotte Beth. She was born Sunday, April 22, at 12:22 am at 5 lbs 7 oz. Shelby and baby are doing well. Charlotte is blessed to be part of a huge family with so much love."

Partners Together: The blue commitment cards, with your offerings of personal and monetary support for UPC's ministry and missions, are still being received. There will be a basket with cards and envelopes at our worship services until Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Put the cards in the envelopes and mail them or place in our offering plates. We value the variety of commitments that our congregation is choosing to offer, including ways to fund programs that are close to your hearts.