

# THIS WEEK AT UPC

## **Sunday, August 12**

10:00a Worship Service –  
Pastor Becky preaching

## **Monday, August 13**

Noon Bible Study  
2:00p Property Team meeting  
6:00p Session meeting

## **Tuesday, August 14**

5:00p Community Meal (Team 2)

## **Wednesday, August 15**

9:00a Sewing Group

## **Friday, August 17**

1–4p Urban League talent show  
& end-of-summer party

*Ebony on vacation August 17–24  
(No change in church office hours)*

## **Sunday, August 19**

10:00a Worship Service –  
Pastor Becky preaching

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Monday, August 20**

Noon Bible Study

### **Tuesday, August 21**

5:00p Community Meal

### **Wednesday, August 22**

9:00a Sewing Group

## **Sunday, August 26**

10:00a Morning Prayer Service  
4:30p Worship Service  
5:30p Potluck Dinner

## **Monday, August 27**

Noon Bible Study

## **Tuesday, August 28**

5:00p Community Meal

## **Wednesday, August 29**

9:00a Sewing Group

## **Sunday, September 2**

10:00a Worship Service  
(Communion will be on Sept. 9)

## **Monday, September 3**

**Labor Day – Building Closed**

## **Tuesday, September 4**

5:00p Community Meal (Team 2)

## **Wednesday, September 5**

9:00a Sewing Group

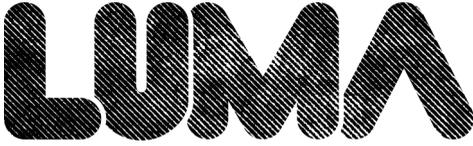
## **Friday–Saturday, September 7–8**

**LUMA Festival (various downtown locations)**

8:30–11p (both nights) – ticketed event  
Transfiguracio @ UPC Sanctuary

## **Sunday, September 9**

9:00a Adult Sunday School  
10:00a Worship Service – Communion  
11:20a Children's Sunday School classes



**LUMA Projection Arts Festival –  
Friday & Saturday, September 7-8,  
various downtown locations**

**“Transfiguracio” presentation  
in our sanctuary,  
both nights, 8:30-11pm**

LUMA is a cutting edge festival held annually in Binghamton that celebrates the intersection of art and technology. Using projection mapping, the artists participating in the LUMA Festival transform downtown Binghamton’s historic architecture into vibrant works of art. City hall turns into a gingerbread house. The courthouse becomes Stonehenge. The light overpowers the surface and the effect seems real.

UPC is delighted to be one of the locations being featured in this year’s festival. Transfiguracio, featuring the Binghamton Philharmonic, is a fully immersive presentation that will bring a mesmerizing interaction of lights and orchestral music to our sanctuary. Transfiguracio builds in four movements: Introspection, Investigation, Transfiguration, and Plenitude. Originally composed for a 10-piece chamber orchestra, Transfiguracio has been completely rewritten for the Binghamton Philharmonic’s 44-piece orchestra. Musically, the composer describes the hypnotic score as classical, contemporary, and minimalist, with a light electronic touch. The constant momentum of vividly highlighted light fragments sweeps across the ceiling, bringing us closer to the architecture by uniting music, illumination, and emotion.

This display is the only ticketed event in the festival, and tickets are now on sale (\$8). More than 80% of the tickets have already been purchased, so if you want to see the display, you’d better hurry! Tickets are on sale through the Binghamton Philharmonic at [www.binghamtonphilharmonic.org](http://www.binghamtonphilharmonic.org), under “Upcoming Concerts.”

## *Prayer of the Week*



O Lord,  
open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;  
open my ears that I may hear their cries;  
open my heart so that they need not be without succor;

let me not be afraid to defend the weak  
because of the anger of the strong,  
nor afraid to defend the poor  
because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,  
and use me to bring them to those places.

And so open my eyes and my ears  
that I may this coming day be able to do  
some work of peace for thee.

Amen.

—Alan Paton

# Service Opportunities

## Dinner Church – Sunday, August 26 at 4:30pm

On Sunday, August 26, the main worship service will be at 4:30pm in the Library Lounge. We're offering this family-friendly service for late risers and early golfers and everyone in between! Come and join us as we gather around tables for conversation, worship, and sharing, followed by a potluck dinner.

There will be a morning "worship lite" prayer service at 10am for those who are unable to be with us at 4:30pm.

We hope that this experiment will give you a chance to try something new during the summer months. It would be good to have you with us!

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## Community Meal: Help Needed

Our Community Meal is served every Tuesday, 5:00–5:45pm. We're looking for volunteers to help with food preparation, plating, and serving dinners. We especially need help on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays.

Meal preparation begins around noon; those who do plating and serving are needed at 4:30pm.

We invite you to donate your time, energy, and experience. Our volunteers say they feel rewarded many times over for the help they provide in making a difference in the lives of others.

If you'd like to be a part of this vital and much-needed ministry, whether just for one week or on an ongoing basis, please contact Community Meal Coordinator Katie Kukol at 607-722-4219 or [meal@upcbgm.org](mailto:meal@upcbgm.org). Thanks!

## Urban League's End-of-Summer Party and Talent Show – Friday, August 17, 1–4pm

Come join the celebration as the Urban League's summer childcare program, which is hosted here at UPC, marks the end of summer. This Friday, August 17, there will be a party in Fellowship Hall starting at 1:00pm, including food and a talent show. We hope that you'll join us!



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## Church Retreat at Stony Point Conference Center – Friday, October 12, through Sunday, October 14

We hope that all of you will join us for this year's all-church retreat, Friday, October 12, through Sunday, October 14. We'll be back at the Stony Point Conference Center, and Rick Ufford-Chase has agreed to join us again this year. More info coming soon!

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**Newsletter Items:** The next UP-Beat Newsletter is in the works and will be published in early September. If you have any news items you want included, or any event photos to share, please submit them to the office ASAP!