



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the mighty, matchless, and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. As always, I trust God that this message finds you well, rejoicing in the Lord, and experiencing the peace of Christ that surpasses human understanding.

As October unfolds, creation itself becomes a teacher. The turning leaves, the cooling air, and the shortening days remind us that God orders both the visible world and the hidden seasons of our hearts. Scripture declares that “for everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Autumn invites us to slow our pace, to reflect more deeply, and to consider how God is shaping us in this particular moment. The same Lord who governs the rising and setting of the sun also governs the rhythms of our discipleship. In this season, He calls us to renewed trust, deeper surrender, and faithful obedience.

Yet even as the seasons change, God's character does not. Peter assures us that we may cast all our anxieties on the Lord “because He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7). That care is not fragile or fleeting. It is rooted in the covenant faithfulness of the God who has pledged Himself to His people. In Reformed theology, we confess that God's providence extends to every detail of our lives. Nothing unfolds outside His sovereign wisdom. Nothing escapes His fatherly attention. And within that providence, the Holy Spirit remains our constant companion, protector, defender, and guide. The Spirit not only comforts us but also sanctifies us, shaping our desires, strengthening our resolve, and directing our steps so that we grow in Christlikeness in every season.

Therefore, as we walk through October, let us embrace this season as a spiritual invitation. Let us seek the Lord with renewed devotion. Let us listen for the Spirit's quiet guidance. Let us trust the God who cares for us, the Christ who intercedes for us, and the Spirit who dwells within us. May this month deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and enlarge our love for God and neighbor. And may we rest in the assurance that the One who is faithful in every season continues to order our days according to His perfect wisdom.

To God be all glory.

Peace, love, and continued blessings,

Allegra Hoots



Pastor Allegra Hoots

Sundays at 11:00am

In the Sanctuary &
Via YouTube (<https://bit.ly/3jyyIpg>)



Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays @ 7:30pm—Via YouTube
<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>



Daily Devotions

Mondays to Fridays ~ 6:00am to 6:15am
Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>

Daily Scripture Reading

upcc.app



INVITING ALL

*Elementary, Junior & High School
Students*

Sundays at 10:00am

**** Classes will be held every Sunday ****
unless specified otherwise.

Rooms are located by the Church Office

- Call the Church Office for more info or
for transportation -

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1st at 2am (turn clocks back to 1am).

Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

October

November

Date	Time	Event	Date	Time	Event
3	9am-3pm	Flea Market	1		All Saints Day
4		World Communion Sunday	1		Daylight Savings Time Ends
12		Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day	3		Election Day (General Election)
16		World Food Day	18	7:30pm	Session Meeting
17	11:00am	Blessing of the Animals	26		Thanksgiving Day
21	7:30pm	Session Meeting			
25		Reformation Sunday			

FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS:

TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:

<http://www.upcplainfield.com/>



A Global Table of GRACE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

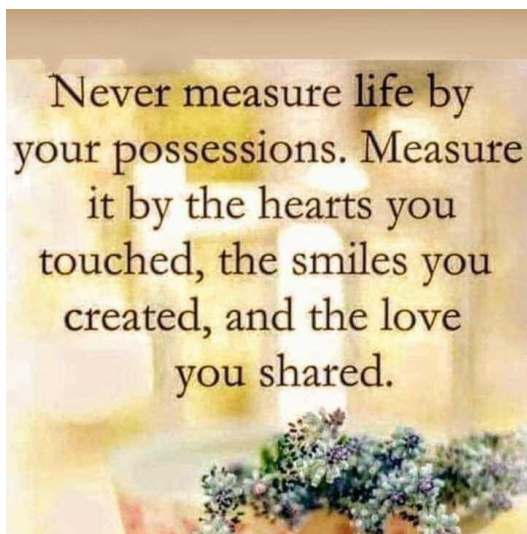


October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday is an annual Christian observance celebrated on the first Sunday of October (falling on that promotes global Christian unity through the shared celebration of the Eucharist or Holy Communion).

From Communion to Community: 30 Days of Global Faith in Action invites us to carry the spirit of World Communion Sunday into the days that follow. From October 4 through Election Day on November 3, this resource offers 30 simple ways to engage in global mission, prayer, learning, advocacy, giving, and action. Each day offers an opportunity to deepen our connection with our global neighbors and consider how our faith calls us to help build a more just, peaceful, and hopeful world. As we move from the communion table into our communities and the wider world, may these 30 days inspire us to remember that we are part of one global community—and that our choices, our voices, and our actions can make a difference.

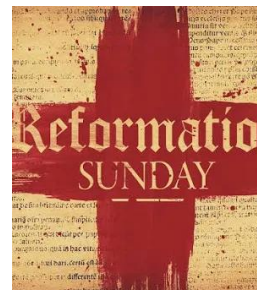
<https://www.globalministries.org/resource/from-communion-to-community-30-days-of-global-faith-in-action/>



Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

As Presbyterians, we celebrate the tradition that grounds our faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, before Reformation Day which is October 31st. This marks the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.



What Does Reformation Day Commemorate?

Observed mainly by Protestants, Reformation Day commemorates the movement that gained momentum as Luther's 95 Theses (objections) spread.

According to Dr. Ray Pritchard, Reformation Day honors Luther and the belief that people are made right with God solely through Christ's death and resurrection.

Luther posted his 95 Theses in Wittenberg 503 years ago to oppose the sale of indulgences. His stand helped launch the Reformation and revive the teaching that salvation comes through faith alone.

Why Does Reformation Day Coincide with Halloween?

Reformation Day and Halloween both fall on October 31 because of their historical and cultural roots. Martin Luther chose that date to post his theses because it was All Hallows' Eve, the night before the Catholic observance of All Saints' Day on November 1. As Halloween later developed into a popular secular celebration, it continued to share the date with Reformation Day.

<https://pcusa.org/historical-society/history-online/history/reformation-sunday>
[Reformation Day - It's Meaning and Importance](#)

<https://www.christianity.com>

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." – [s 15:13](#)

2026 Upcoming Events

October: Pastor's Recognition Month

October 3: Annual Fall Flea Market

9am-3pm Location: UPC front lawn

Purpose: Fellowship and fundraising for Scholarship .
Proceeds will support the Crawford—Walton Memorial Fund.

Donations may also be made online at <https://bit.ly/3Qr2Xg9>.
Select "Deacons Fund" In the note section type "Crawford Walton Fund"

October 17: Blessing of the Animals

Front lawn. Animals must be caged or leashed.

December: Christmas Tree Giving

More information to come



Celebrating #FoodHeroes

Across the globe, women, men, boys and girls are supporting and empowering their communities through food action, making a positive impact even amidst global challenges.

Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow.

Ending hunger is within reach. The world already produces enough food to nourish everyone, yet 645 million people still face hunger, and 2.69 billion cannot afford a healthy diet. As conflict, economic instability and climate shocks put pressure on agrifood systems, the challenge is how to ensure access to reliable, affordable and nutritious food for people everywhere.



Crawford Walton Memorial Fund

DONATE: <https://bit.ly/3Qr2Xg9>

The Board of Deacons of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield is accepting donations for the Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund for higher education.

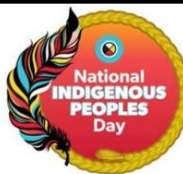
This fund provides scholarships to members pursuing an undergraduate degree, as well as members pursuing a seminary degree.

Donations are accepted and welcomed to this fund at any time and may be accomplished by:

1. Sending a check, made out to the:
United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield
c/o Treasurer
525 East Front Street
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060
In the memo section of the check, write
"Crawford-Walton Memorial Fund"

~ OR ~
2. Contributions can be made through the "Donate" button located at the UPC website at <https://bit.ly/3Qr2Xg9>. Enter your contribution to the "Deacons Fund". In the notes section indicate "Crawford-Walton Memorial Fund".

Invest in our children's future



October 12, 2026

Columbus Day/ Indigenous People's Day

Columbus Day commemorates Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Established as a federal holiday in 1971, it is also observed by many Italian Americans as a celebration of their heritage and a source of community pride. Supporters view the holiday as honoring innovation and humanity's drive to explore, with Columbus's voyage representing curiosity, courage, and a spirit of discovery.

Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the history, cultures, and resilience of Native Americans. Created in 1992 as an alternative to Columbus Day, it shifts attention to the peoples who lived in the Americas before European colonization. Opponents of Columbus Day argue that Columbus's arrival began centuries of colonization, displacement, and violence against Indigenous peoples. They contend that honoring Columbus glorifies oppression rather than achievement and conveys the wrong message about justice and historical accountability.

<https://billofrightsinstitute.org/ttv/debates/should-columbus-day-still-be-celebrated/>
<https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/informational/columbus-day-myths>
<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2025/10/07/columbus-day-indigenous-peoples-day-or-just-a-regular-monday-it-depends-on-where-you-are/>

New Jersey Elections, 2026

Voting gives you the power to create positive change for your community and determine a better quality of life for you and your family. Voting together with your neighbors, family, and friends ensures that your shared values and issues are prioritized, that you play a key role in choosing who represents us, and where government funding and resources will go. The more we vote, the more powerful our voices become, and the likelier the issues that are important to us will be heard.

New Jersey elections, 2026		
Office	Elections?	More information
U.S. Senate	✓	Click here
U.S. House	✓	Click here
Congress special election	✓	Click here
School boards	✓	Click here
Municipal government	✓	Click here

https://ballotpedia.org/New_Jersey_elections,_2026

United Presbyterian Church

Fall

RESERVE
SPACE NOW

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Flea Market



OCTOBER 3, 2026

9AM-3PM

SPACE RENTALS \$25 & \$30

For more information:

732-742-8762

908-756-2666

Email: upcnews525@gmail.com

525 E. FRONT ST., PLAINFIELD NJ 07060

Blessing of the Animals Service

Made with AI

All Creatures WELCOME

A COMMUNITY PET BLESSING



Where: The United Presbyterian Church Plainfield

525 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060

www.upcplainfield.com or 908-756-2666

Date: October 17, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM

Who: All pet owners

Remember our brothers and sisters listed. Call or visit if you are able.

Thelma Barnes

Emory Dawson

Joanne Edwards

Lazarus M. Edwards, Sr.

Thelma Fleming

Helen Foerster

O'Harold Hoots

Liz Mangan

Vernel Marsh

Errol Neil

Bobett Neil

Sheila Neil

Yvonne Neil

Marianna Perry

Pat Perry

Brenda Rodgers

Gail Stokes

Izaiyah Stokes



Heavenly Father,
I come before You with a heart full
faith, Asking for Your healing,
You are the Great Physician,
And in You, nothing is impossible.
Please bring comfort to my body,
Peace to my mind,
And strength to my spirit.
Heal every wound, whether
physical, emotional, or spiritual.
Surround me with Your love,
Fill me with hope,
And restore me according to Your will.
In Jesus' name, I pray,
Amen.

Happiest Birthday!
GOD BLESS YOU 🙏

October

4 Thelma Barnes
7 Jarius Rudolph
13 Ian Dawson
24 Charles Bishop
Gregory Barnes
30 Micah Davis
31 Wolfgang Bofah

November

6 Sheila Neil
10 Liz Mangan
11 Hilda Bofah
13 James Plummer



With your donation of \$25 or more to the Flower Fund, the Deacons will provide a beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. After worship, the arrangement will also brighten the day of a member or friend of UPC who is unable to join us for worship.

Flowers may be given in honor or memory of a loved one. Honoree names will be listed in the church bulletin.

You may complete the form below or add your information to the flower chart in the Narthex.

Blessings,
Zorina Bowers

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

Thank you for your generous support.
The Board of Deacons

Liturgists

2026 UPC

A liturgist assists the pastor in leading worship. They may lead congregational participation such as the Call to Worship and the Opening Prayer. Their role is outlined by the Pastor.

January	Daniel Bofah
February	Tania Hemans
March	Al Tate
April	Jean Scott
May	Daniel Bofah
June	Osquit Vanderstoop
July	Yetunde Falowo
August	
September	Avril Lecky
October	Marcia Marsh Hinds
November	
December	

NOTE: The 2nd Sunday each month is YOUTH SUNDAY. Our youth will assume the role of liturgist.

Hospitality from the heart

Poetic Expressions of Scripture
III John (Wisdom & Endurance)
S. R. LeBrew

The shortest book of the Bible, yet it shouts with clarity.

Always walk in the truth with humble sincerity.

Reject church leaders who are boastful, proud, or critical.

But greater joy to those who preach that which is biblical.

As God rebukes the egotistical, controlling, and visceral.

So, let us cling to His love, which is unconditional.

*And fellowship with a spirit of congeniality.
Praising in unity and hospitality.*

*God calls for us to stay focused on Him.
Our walk, our purpose, our beginnings, our end!!*

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Have you considered a bequest to United Presbyterian Church?

**Over 60% of U.S. adults have no
estate planning documents in place.**

It has been reported that every week about \$100 million is left by people who die without a will.

Your greatest gift is often your legacy gift. People who have been blessed by the United Presbyterian Church have left legacy gifts through their estate. A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. As you create or update your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance, you can specify that a gift goes to United Presbyterian Church.

***Your generosity will make a difference
in the lives of many individuals.***

When GOD
pushes you
to the edge of
difficulty,
Trust HIM fully.

Because two things
will happen.
Either he will
catch you when
you fall
OR
He will teach
you how to
Fly.





- Stewardship is managing God's blessings according to His ways and for His glory.
- God is the owner of everything, and we are stewards—managers—of all He has entrusted to us.
- Biblical stewardship is about using your time, talents and resources to serve others and honor God.
- When we understand the honor and responsibility of being a good steward, we're more intentional and generous in how we approach our money, relationships and work.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR FAMILY'S PER CAPITA FOR 2026?

Understanding per capita

The money contributed helps build up the Body of Christ

GA PER CAPITA RATES

2026: \$11.26	2023: \$9.85	2020: \$8.95
2025: \$10.84	2022: \$8.98	2019: \$8.95
2024: \$9.80	2021: \$8.98	2018: \$7.73

Per Capita: Committing to Connection

In addition to your regular offering, please consider contributing \$11.26 per family member for 2026. If you are able to give more, your additional contribution can help cover someone who cannot afford their share and would be greatly appreciated.

Per capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. Per capita is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.

The work of the PC(USA), and in particular the work of the General Assembly, is only possible because members of the church have said they are “all in” and committed to connection through per capita support. It is about joining together as a community and being one body, the body that is Christ's church in the world.

<https://pcusa.org/resources/financial-information/capita>

tithes & offering

Worship the Lord in Giving



To bless the Church with your tithes and offering you may:

1. Drop it off at the church office.
2. Mail your check (not cash) to the church.
3. Log in to <https://bit.ly/47YUrdY>

or

4. Go to the UPC website homepage and click on the “Give Now” button.

Our gift, no matter how small, goes a very long way to support the church and the community.

~ Thank you ~

Grilled Lemony Chicken And Kale

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- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
 - 3 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
 - 1 tbsp. fresh oregano, chopped
 - ½ tsp. garlic powder
 - ½ tsp. Aleppo pepper
 - Kosher salt and pepper
 - 8 thin chicken cutlets (about 2 oz. each), pounded to ¼ inch thick
 - 2 bunches Tuscan kale, thick stems stripped
 - 2 lemons, halved
 - 1 oz. Parmesan, shaved, plus more for serving
1. Heat grill or grill pan to medium-high. In large bowl, combine lemon juice, 1 tablespoon oil, oregano, garlic powder, Aleppo pepper, ½ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Add chicken and toss to coat. Let sit 3 minutes (resist marinating longer, as the lemon juice could start cooking the chicken).
 2. Heat grill or grill pan to medium-high. In large bowl, combine lemon juice, 1 tablespoon oil, oregano, garlic powder, Aleppo pepper, ½ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Add chicken and toss to coat. Let sit 3 minutes (resist marinating longer, as the lemon juice could start cooking the chicken).
 3. Toss Kale in second large bowl, toss kale with remaining 2 tablespoons oil and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper.
 4. Grill ingredients: Grill chicken until charred and cooked through, about 2 minutes per side; transfer to plates. Grill kale, turning often, until charred and just tender, 3 to 4 minutes total; transfer back to bowl. Grill lemons, cut sides down, until charred, 1 to 2 minutes.
 5. Combine Ingredients: Squeeze half of grilled lemon over kale and toss to combine, then toss with Parmesan. Serve over chicken with additional shaved Parmesan and grilled lemon halves.

<https://cooked.wiki/saved/22fcd8b8-41b4-44a2-970c-b9bc379aafbb>



Ways to de-stress

Five powerful mindfulness practices for greater calm, peace, and happiness

Daily demands can make quiet reflection difficult, but anyone can learn to focus on the present. In a world inundated with stressors, establishing a mindfulness practice becomes crucial for overall well-being. These techniques can help even skeptics embrace mindfulness.

Breathwork

Intentional, controlled breathing is a simple way to begin practicing mindfulness. A review published in Brain Sciences found that deep breathing reduces stress hormones and encourages relaxation.

Try this: Sit comfortably on the floor or in a chair and close your eyes. Inhale through your nose for four counts, hold for four, exhale through your mouth for four, then hold again for four. Repeat the cycle for 10 minutes each day.

Nature therapy

If sitting still is difficult, try walking meditation or the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku (forest bathing). Research in Environmental Health and Preventive Medicine suggests a two-hour walk in a tree-filled park may boost serotonin and mood.

Try this: Walk slowly through a wooded area, noticing your steps, movement, and breath. Let your mind wander as you take in the sights, sounds, and scents. "Nature therapy connects you with the outdoors and lowers cortisol, promoting calm," says Deaton. Practice for 30 minutes, four times a week.

Conscious eating

Mindful eating can improve your relationship with food. A Nutrition Research Reviews review found it may reduce unhealthy and obesity-related behaviors, including binge eating and emotional snacking.

Try this: Eat without distractions, engaging your senses. Chew slowly and notice each bite's taste, texture, and aroma.

Digital detox

A 2021 Frontiers in Psychiatry review linked excessive smartphone use to mental and physical health problems, unhealthy eating, strained relationships, and difficulty with emotional regulation, impulse control, and social interaction.

Try this: Take one screen-free day weekly for grounding activities, such as reading a printed book or connecting face-to-face with people you enjoy.

Gratitude journaling

2021 Journal of Applied Psychology study found gratitude increased willingness to help others, supporting links to better well-being and lower aggression.

Try this: Spend five minutes daily listing three specific things you appreciate and why each matters.

These mindfulness practices can increase happiness by reducing stress, sharpening clarity, and deepening your connection with the world.



9th Annual Queen City Film Festival (QCFF). Organized by the [Queen City Film & Television Workshop](#), this community-centric festival takes place annually in **Plainfield, New Jersey**. The festival is dedicated to celebrating diversity in independent cinema, providing a crucial platform for underrepresented, marginalized, and local diaspora filmmakers.

A 4-day hybrid lineup consisting of independent film screenings across 7 distinct categories (including features, documentaries, shorts, and horror), specialized panels, career workshops, and networking afterparties.

Screening & Venues:

Events are distributed across multiple prominent community hubs and partner venues:

- **Plainfield Public Library**
- **Cinemark Theater Watchung XD**
- **Cindelle's Bookstore**

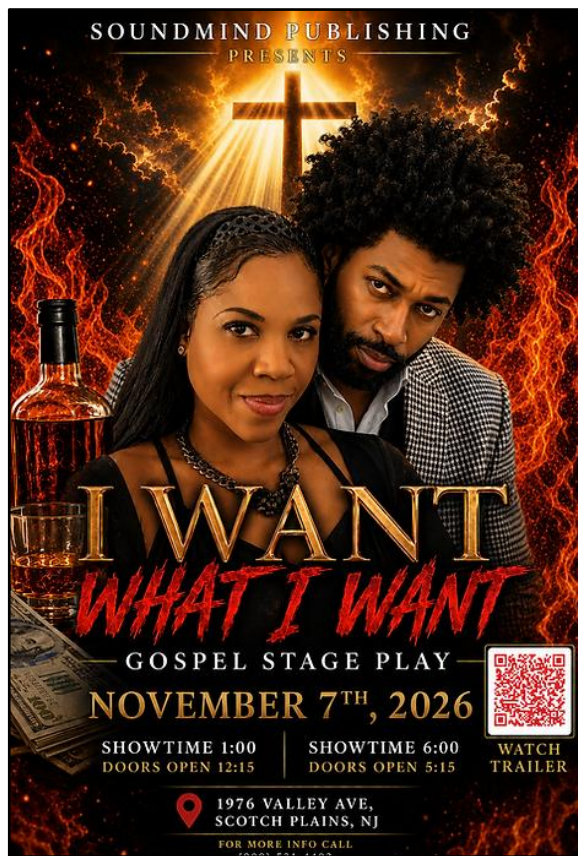
For more information: <https://www.qcffnj.com/>



Plainfield will host the Central Jersey Jazz Festival for the first time on Sunday, October 4, from noon to 6 p.m., rain or shine. The free event will be held at Black Lives Matter Plaza in front of Plainfield City Hall.

The lineup features Curtis Lundy Umoja; Grammy-nominated pianist Orrin Evans; Plainfield's Anthony E. Nelson Jr. & Increase; and the Ava McCune Quartet, presented by Jazz House Kids. WBGO Jazz 88.3 FM author and on-air personality Sheila Anderson will host.

Launched as the Somerville Jazz Festival in 2009, it expanded in 2013 to hold events in Somerville and New Brunswick and has since taken place across the region.



UPC member Tasha Vaughn is a cast member in this play. For more info: <https://www.iwantwhatiwant2026.com/>



Courtesy of Star Fish Food Pantry and Plainfield Action Services – 908-753-3519



PLAINFIELD COALITION OF EMERGENCY FOOD PROVIDERS

SOUP KITCHENS/ PREPARED FOOD

St. Mary Church – 516 West Sixth Street: Sundays 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Grace's Kitchen – 600 Cleveland Ave: Last 5 days of the month 11:30 to 1:00 PM

Salvation Army 615 Watchung Avenue: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 12:00-1:00 PM

The Lord's Kitchen 515 West 4th Street: Wednesday & Thursday 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Muslim Community Soup Kitchen 321 Grant Avenue: Saturday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Mt. Olive Baptist Church 216 Liberty Street: 3rd Saturday 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue: Tuesday at 11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRIES

(non-perishable food- may include meat, bread & fresh vegetables)

Covenant United Methodist Church 631 East Front Street: Monday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

The Salvation Army 615 Watchung Avenue: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:30- 11:30AM

SHEELD/Shiloh Food Pantry 515 West 4th Street: 3rd & 4th Saturday 9:00AM - 12:00PM

New Covenant Church 225 East 7th Street: 1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

& Farmers Market 1st Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Joanne Hollis Gardens Community Center - 543 W. Third St:

3rd Thursday (10:00 - 4:00 PM) (lunch break 12 PM to 1 PM)

Church of the Living God 434 E. 4th Street: 3rd Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Community Church of God 417 West 6th Street: 3rd Saturday 8:30 - 10:30 AM

El Centro Hispano Americano 525 East Front Street: Tuesday 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Bianca Flowers, Inc. 145 Park Avenue: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday 10:00 AM - 12 Noon

Greater Refuge Church of Christ 600 Grant Avenue: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Plainfield YMCA Food Security Project Lot 7 near Scott Drugs:

Second and Fourth Thursday - 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church - Bag lunches every weekday, except Tuesdays
from 10am - 10:30am

Meals on Wheels

If you are in need of a home delivered meal and reside in Union County, you
may be eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- 60 years or older -
- Unable to shop for yourself
- Unable to prepare a meal for yourself

Please call Meals on Wheels at 908-486-5100. You must provide your name,
address, phone number and date of birth in order to process your request.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Parents, please read this to your child(ren).

You Are Invited

Theme: Everyone is invited to God's celebration.

Object: Party invitations, party hats and favors. Perhaps a cake to share with the children.

Scripture: Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:9-10 (NIV)

Have any of you have ever given a party? Of course you have! We have all given a party at some time. Perhaps it was a birthday party, or a slumber party. Maybe you had a picnic or a costume party. No matter what kind of party you give, it is a lot of work to get ready for a party, isn't it? First, you have to decide what kind of a party you are going to have. Then you have to go out and buy the decorations or make them yourself. You have to plan what games you are going to play and make sure that you have all of the proper equipment for the games. Next you have to decide what you are going to serve and go to the store to buy refreshments. After you have made all the plans, you make a list of who you are going to invite and send out the invitations.

Have you ever planned a party and sent out the invitations, but no one showed up? Oh, I hope not! If that happened, how do you think it would make you feel? Would you be angry? Would your feelings be hurt? What do you think you might do?

Jesus once told about a king who threw a party, but none of the people he invited showed up for his party. In Jesus' story, the king was going to have a party for his Son who was getting married. Since he was a king, and this was his only son, you can imagine that it was going to be quite a celebration and it was a tremendous honor to be invited!

All of the plans had been made, the food was prepared, the invitations had been sent. The day of the celebration came, but no one showed up! The king sent his servants to see where the people were and why they had not come to his celebration. The people all began to make excuses about how busy they were.

The king was very upset, so he told his servants to go out into the streets and invite everyone they saw to come to his son's wedding celebration. They did exactly what the king told them to do and the Bible tells us that the wedding hall was filled with guests.

In this story, the King is God and, of course, Jesus is His Son. God is going to have a great celebration for His Son in Heaven and we have all been invited. I can't imagine why, but some people will turn down God's invitation. You've been invited -- I hope you will accept God's invitation.



Dear Father, thank you for inviting us to join you in your heavenly celebration. If there are any here today who have not accepted your invitation, we pray that today will be the day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Summary of this sermon...

God invites everyone to His heavenly celebration for His Son, Jesus. Just like a king in Jesus' story, God prepares a grand party, but some people might decline the invitation. Instead, He invites everyone, both good and bad, to join in. Will you accept God's invitation? (Matthew 22:9-10)Keep Reading



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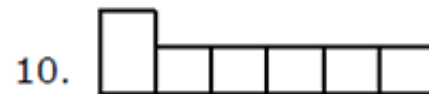
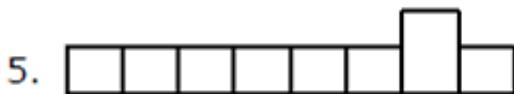
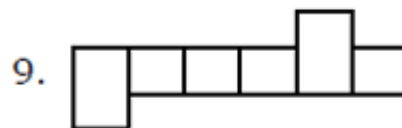
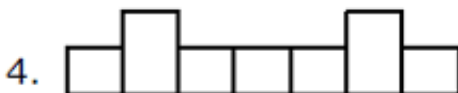
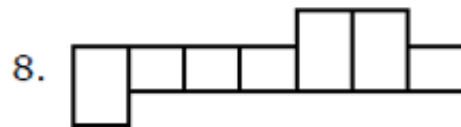
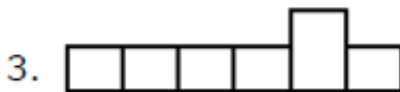
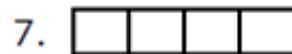
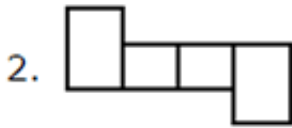
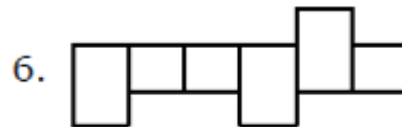
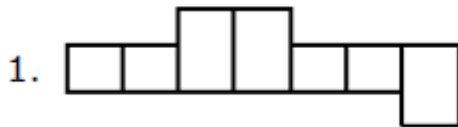
“Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.” Matthew 22:9 (NLT)

The Wedding Banquet Word Shape

The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



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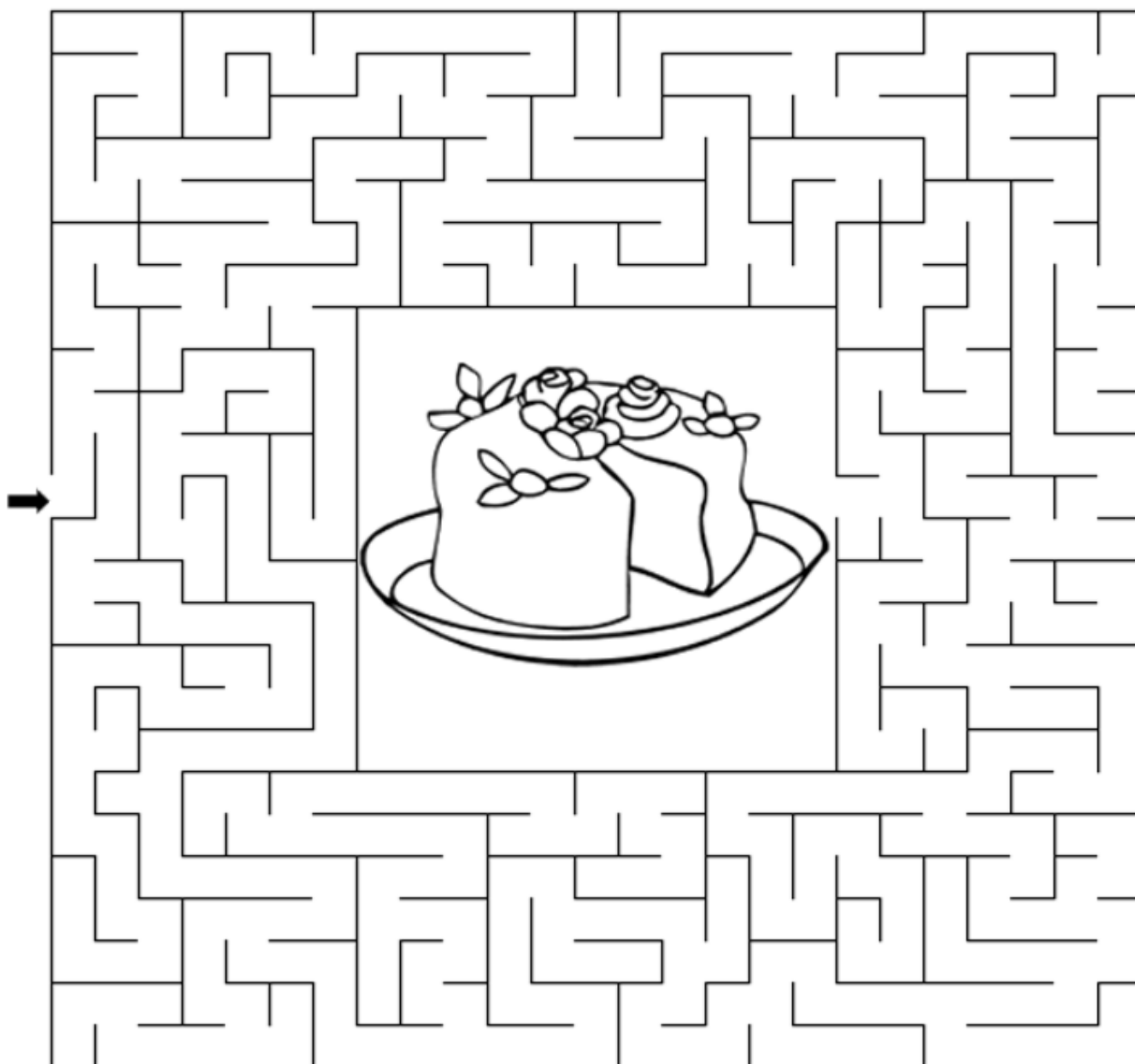
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The Wedding Banquet Maze

You are invited to the wedding feast!

Can you find your way to the wedding cake?



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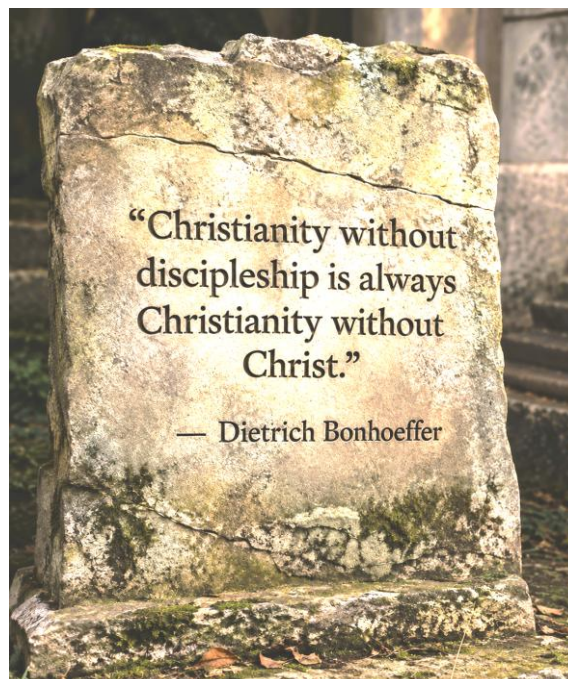
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October 2026

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4 11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream COMMUNION SERVICE DEACONS SUNDAY WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	5 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	7 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	8 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship	9 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	10
11 11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream YOUTH SUNDAY	12 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion COLUMBUS DAY/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY	13 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	14 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	15 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship	16 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion WORLD FOOD DAY	17 11am BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
18 11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream	19 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	20 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	21 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Session Mtg	22 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship	23 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	24
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