



**GATHERING**

**Welcome**

Rev. Tyler Ung

**\*Call to Worship**

Sebastián Altman Castile

One: With our steps toward a mutual relationship with the wider world, we will share freely of our wealth and resources;

**Many: Recognize our identity as global citizens, intimately tied to and partnered with all of God's children in every land;**

One: Demonstrate our concern for neighbor through service and prophetic voice;

**Many: Claim our inescapable connection with the sacred earth and all of creation;**

One: Live justice as the social expression of love, and peace as the present manifestation of the world to come.

**Many: With inarticulate words and unfinished lives, we yearn to further embody this holy love, shaping the future as partners with God, who dances and weeps with us along the way.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

"For Everyone Born" (*see insert*)

Congregation

**HEARING AND RESPONDING**

**Reading of Scripture**

Acts 2:1-21; 42-47, *The Inclusive Bible*  
(*see insert*)

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**Sending**

Rev. Tyler Ung

**\*Affirmation of Community**

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One: We believe that all people are God's people, that every child is holy, that every person is a part of the sacred family.

**Many: We believe that God's love embraces all, and that to exclude any person would be contrary to the message of Jesus.**

One: We proclaim that this community of faith, Umstead Park UCC, will strive to be as open as the radical realm of God, and as liberating as the love of Christ.

**Many: And so we journey into our hopeful future with joy, pledging to offer each other welcome, compassion and care. May God grant us wisdom, grace, and guidance in our life together.**

**SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Tyler Ung

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**Church Staff**

Lindsay Cooper, she/her  
Nursery Director

Rev. Tyler Ung, they/them  
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Rev. Paula Womack, she/her  
Associate Pastor

**A special "thank you" to this week's volunteers:**

Nevin Fouts, AV Team  
Bill Yoder (he/him), AV Team  
Amy Lewis (she/her), Coffee Set-Up  
Dan Harrell, Counter  
Tim Champion, Auditor  
Nina Nalle Robinson (she/her), Greeter  
Kailina Grace (she/her), Greeter  
Sebastián Castile, Lay Leader  
Bob Martin (he/him), Usher



**Giving**

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**Visiting?**

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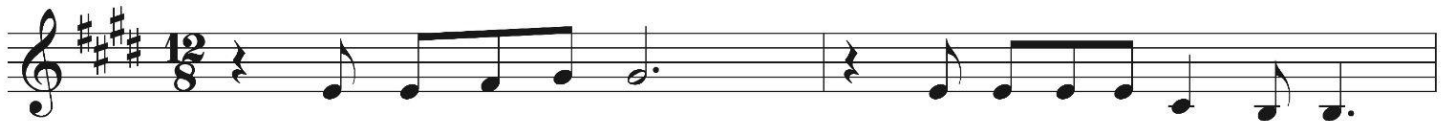
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# Supplemental Texts and Hymns

\*Gathering Hymn

"For Everyone Born"

Congregation



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, \_\_\_  
2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble, \_\_\_  
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, \_\_\_  
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, \_\_\_  
5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, \_\_\_



for ev - ery - one born, \_\_\_ clean wa - ter and bread, \_\_\_  
and all those be - tween, \_\_\_ be - yond, and be - sides; \_\_\_  
a voice to be heard, \_\_\_ a part in the song, \_\_\_  
a chance to re - pent, \_\_\_ re - form, and re - build, \_\_\_  
for ev - ery - one born, \_\_\_ clean wa - ter and bread, \_\_\_



a shel - ter, a space, \_\_\_ a safe place for grow - ing, \_\_\_  
ex - pand - ing our world, \_\_\_ dis - man - tl - ing pow - er, \_\_\_  
the hands of a child \_\_\_ in hands that are wrin - kled, \_\_\_  
pro - tect - ing the wronged, \_\_\_ with - out shame or pres - sure, \_\_\_  
a shel - ter, a space, \_\_\_ a safe place for grow - ing, \_\_\_



for ev - ery - one born, \_\_\_ a star \_\_\_ o - ver - head,  
each val - ued for what \_\_\_ their voice \_\_\_ can pro - vide.  
for young and for old, \_\_\_ the right to be - long.  
for just and un - just, \_\_\_ God's vi - sion ful - filled.  
for ev - ery - one born, \_\_\_ a star \_\_\_ o - ver - head,



and God \_\_\_ will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice \_\_\_



and joy, \_\_\_ com - pas - sion and peace:



yes, God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, \_\_\_ jus - tice and joy!

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, <sup>6</sup> and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. <sup>7</sup> They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! <sup>8</sup> How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? <sup>9</sup> We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—<sup>11</sup> all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"

<sup>12</sup> All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the days to come—  
it is our God who speaks—  
I will pour out my Spirit  
on all humankind.  
Your daughters and sons will prophesy,  
your young people will see visions,  
and your elders will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on the most insignificant of my people,  
both women and men,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will display wonders  
in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below:  
blood, fire and billowing smoke.



<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned into darkness  
and the moon will become blood  
before the coming of the  
great and sublime day of our God.

<sup>21</sup> And all who call upon the name  
of our God will be saved.'

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' instructions and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> A reverent fear overtook them all, for many wonders and signs were being performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Those who believed lived together, shared all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their property and goods, sharing the proceeds with one another as each had need. <sup>46</sup> They met in the Temple and they broke bread together in their homes every day. With joyful and sincere hearts they took their meals in common, <sup>47</sup> praising God and winning the approval of all the people. Day by day, God added to their number those who were being saved.

# Announcements

## Aesthetics Listening Sessions | May 26th and 31st

 As we move forward with decorating our newly refreshed space, we believe that form should follow function. To help guide our work, we are beginning by listening to the community to create a list of values that we want to be reflected in the way our space looks and feels. We will have two more listening sessions: May 26th, 6pm (online only), and May 31, 11:45am (onsite/online). The online meeting is accessible via the QR code on the right. Please share during the listening sessions, or via the survey accessible through the QR code on the left to help contribute to the larger story of who we are and what we value! Please note: at this time, we are not considering specific design elements or ideas. We want to start with our values and build up the art from that groundwork 

## Celebrate at FarmFest | June 6th from 12-4pm

Need a break from all your worries? Come out to the farm with all our neighbors and friends from the participating CSA churches and farms. It's a great outing for the family and an annual ritual of fellowship. There will be a Blessing of the Land (bring your soil!), planting (we suggest hats and gloves), a farm tour, and a Potluck Lunch (bring a dish to share)! The Farm is located at 5240 NC HWY 39N, Henderson, NC 27537.

## Guns to Gardens | June 13th

*Safe Gun Disposal Event from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*Disarming Hearts: A Vigil of Remembrance at 4:00 p.m.*

(Both events will take place at Umstead Park UCC, 8208 Brownleigh Dr, Raleigh, NC.)

Volunteer: Volunteer to help make a difference! We need a wide variety of volunteers. Review volunteer positions and sign up now! You may access the volunteer sign up via the QR code following this announcement. If you signed up to bring food, please scan the last QR code following included with this announcement to specify what you will bring.



Donate



Volunteer



RAWtools  
South on  
NPR



Guns to  
Gardens  
Documentary



Signed up to  
bring food?  
Scan this!

Give: Financial contributions are welcome, and may be donated via the QR code following this announcement. (Select 'Guns to Gardens' from the fund dropdown menu and write 'Guns to Gardens' in the memo line)

The Event: Umstead Park UCC is partnering with RAWTools South and other local communities of faith to offer a Guns to Gardens Safe Disposal Event on June 13, 2026. The event provides a safe way for people to dispose of unwanted firearms. Participation is voluntary, free, anonymous, and open to all gun owners. Firearms are collected, and, on the spot, chopped up to be turned into garden tools, garden art, and jewelry.

The process of turning weapons into tools is deeply symbolic, representing a shift from violence to growth, from destruction to creation and from harm to healing. The program draws inspiration from the biblical passage Isaiah 2:4, which speaks of beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, signifying a transformation from warfare to agriculture.

Surrender a Firearm: Gun owners interested in disposing of their guns should arrive at the event any time on June 13 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with their unloaded firearms stored in the trunks or backs of their vehicles. A volunteer will meet each car at the entrance to the event and participants will stay in their cars while guns are dismantled by trained safety specialists. While supplies last, gift cards of up to \$200 will be offered as a "thank you" to those who dispose of their guns at the event.

Why This Is Important: With over 400,000 million guns in American homes, many of these are unwanted for a number of reasons. For instance, there may be vulnerable children or adults in the home, owners have inherited the guns but aren't comfortable with them, or someone has already been harmed by the gun. As faith communities, we can help dispose of these guns and make a difference in preventing more unnecessary gun violence or even death.

Attend the Closing Vigil: Join us for Disarming Hearts: A Vigil of Remembrance at 4:00 p.m. on June 13. This service of prayers, songs and readings, is for survivors of gun violence and all who care about gun violence prevention. The vigil will include a forge where those who choose may hammer dismantled gun parts to help turn them into garden tools, making an instrument that could do harm into a tool that can sustain life.

Thank You to Our Partners: Beth Meyer Synagogue, Windborne United Methodist Church, Church of the Nativity, Community United Church of Christ, Pullen Memorial Baptist Mission and Outreach Council, The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh.

Stories of Interest: Take a moment to listen, watch and learn more via the QR codes included with this announcement! RAWtools South (the group partnering with us on the Guns to Gardens Safe Disposal Event and Disarming Hearts: A Vigil of Remembrance) recently was featured on NPR's All Things Considered. Guns to Gardens also is the subject of a recent 12-minute documentary film made by a UNC film student which offers an interesting college student perspective on the work.

**Task Force members:** Kathy Austin, Debbie Beroth, Laura Carter-Scheid, Ada McKerrell, Mary Pat Peters, Paula Womack.

### **Offering Counters Needed**

Volunteers are needed to count the offering after Sunday worship services. The time requirement is 15-20 minutes immediately following the worship service once every 4 weeks. Training and documentation will be provided. Reach out to Vickie Teal, UPUCC Treasurer at treasurer@upucc.org for more information.

### **A Story of Hope from Impact Global Health Alliance (IGHA)**

We believe that every life is sacred, yet many around the world still face life-threatening risks during childbirth due to a lack of resources. Through our partner, Impact Global Health Alliance (formerly Curamericas), families like María's in rural Guatemala now have access to safe, respectful care close to home. We invite you to read her story today via the QR code and see how our collective support is changing lives and bringing hope to underserved communities.



### **Help Plan Our First Halloween Masquerade!**

On Friday October 30th, we are inviting community LGBT youth and ally youth to our church for a Halloween Masquerade. We want this to be a safe, fun, and welcoming event that welcomes individuals throughout the Triangle, and shows the community what we value as a church. We invite all interested, youth and adults, to join the Masquerade planning task force so that the event reflects an array of skills and viewpoints in the creation of an event that we hope will become annual. Scan the QR code to help plan!



# Covenant Leadership Circle

The purpose of this section is to update you on the work of the Covenant Leadership Circle (CLC). We hope that this enables you to have a more thorough understanding of what happens behind the scenes at UPUCC, and to discover opportunities to join us in actualizing new ideas!

## CLC Members:

**Moderator:** Gia Hafler

**Moderator-Elect:** Hope Kiser

**Treasurer:** Vickie Teal

**Secretary:** Sarah Bellak

**Facilities Lead:** Gary Sanders

**At-Large:** Elliot Acosta

**At-Large:** Laura Carter-Scheid

**At-Large:** David Frink

**At-Large:** Bob Martin

Financial Results			
	April	Year-To-Date	2026
General Offerings	\$23,280	\$87,701	\$304,882
Total Income	\$26,293	\$96,534	\$331,466
Total Expenses	\$25,853	\$108,939	\$386,585
Net Income	+440	-\$12,405	-\$55,119
From Reserves*		\$12,845	\$55,119
*As a reminder, the 2026 Operating Budget projects a net income deficit of \$55,000 which will be offset by the Operating Fund Reserve			

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, June 14th at 12:00pm in the UPUCC Library. All are welcome!

The May CLC meeting was filled with thoughtful conversation, practical planning, and a continued focus on how UPUCC can grow as an inclusive, connected, and community-centered church.

The meeting opened with approval of last month's minutes and a review of the church's financial picture. While the year-to-date net income currently reflects a deficit, leaders noted that giving remains steady overall and discussed proactive steps to responsibly manage resources moving forward. The conversation reflected both realism and hopefulness about the church's future.

One of the largest discussions of the evening centered on publicity, communication, and connection. The CLC spent significant time exploring how UPUCC can more clearly communicate who we are — a progressive, LGBTQ-affirming, welcoming community that offers a different kind of church experience. Leaders talked about the importance of helping visitors move quickly from simply attending to truly belonging and participating.

The group emphasized that many people are actively searching for a spiritual or community home that aligns with their values, even if they do not consider themselves "church people." The goal is not simply visibility, but authentic invitation: helping people understand that UPUCC is a place where questions are welcome, community matters deeply, and people can show up fully as themselves.

To support this work, Gia will begin forming a task force focused on communications and direction-setting, while additional conversations next month will focus on technology, online engagement, and creating stronger cohesion across platforms and ministries. The church is also exploring ways to strengthen its online presence and search visibility so more people in the broader community can discover UPUCC.

The CLC also discussed a request from Pullen Memorial Baptist Church to help support a family relocating from Gaza. After thoughtful conversation about balancing compassion, mission priorities, and financial stewardship, the group voted to contribute \$500 and invite other churches to partner in the effort. Leaders also agreed on the importance of developing a clearer process for future requests of this kind.

Excitement continues to build around the upcoming Guns to Gardens event on June 13. Organizers shared encouraging updates about publicity, fundraising, volunteer support, and collaboration with other churches and advocacy groups. More than \$5,000 has already been raised beyond the original startup funding, and awareness throughout the community continues to grow. The event is shaping up to be both a meaningful witness and a strong example of partnership across congregations and organizations.

The Mutual Aid Task Force also shared exciting progress. The ministry now has a dedicated church email and 17 volunteers signed up to help support members in practical ways. A new “Help Needed” form is ready to launch, making it easier to connect people who need assistance with those ready to help.

Several upcoming opportunities for community engagement were highlighted, including Pentecost Sunday service projects on May 24, VBS in mid-June, the Guns to Gardens safe disposal and vigil, and participation in Out Raleigh and the Pride Band concert later in the month.

Throughout the meeting, one theme remained clear: UPUCC is continuing to build a church rooted in welcome, action, care, and shared participation. The work ahead is not just for church leadership alone — it is something the whole community is invited to shape together. Whether through volunteering, joining conversations, inviting others in, or simply showing up and participating, there is space for everyone to be part of what UPUCC is becoming.

## Ongoing Announcements

### Help Host Healing Transitions on First Sundays

We host our friends from Healing Transitions on the first Sunday of every month. If you would like to help with food, drink, and fellowship, sign up via the link on the website, or at the QR code. Get to know our neighbors!



### UCC Connections

Did you know the United Church of Christ has a Justice & Peace Action Network? On behalf of the UCC, the JPAN offers that “Our commitment to justice will continue no matter who is in the White House, Congress or the Supreme Court.” Want to join this justice movement? Sign up for the Justice & Peace Action Network to receive weekly opportunities to take action!



### Hiring Youth Director and Teaching Interns

The Youth Director role designs and leads weekly opportunities for youth to gather, helps plan and implement programs, and collaborates with our established network of progressive youth ministries in the area. Read the Youth Director job posting for more information on the role and how to apply via the QR code.



The Teaching Intern role is a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience in curriculum development, classroom management, and faith-based teaching within a supportive and progressive community environment. This includes teaching Sunday School classes and preparing lessons and materials.



### Want to Submit an Announcement?

To submit an announcement for publication on the website and the bulletin, simply scan this QR code and fill out the online form! To submit an announcement in time for the Friday email, the deadline is the preceding Tuesday by 11:59pm.



### Submit Photos and Videos of UPUCC Happenings

Did you know that we have an online Google Photos album? It’s chock-full of moments from UPUCC past and present, and you are invited to add your own! Simply scan the QR code, click the “Add Photos” button pictured here, and select which photos you would like to submit to the album. Alternatively, you may email photos or videos to [umsteadparkucc@gmail.com](mailto:umsteadparkucc@gmail.com)!



### Visiting With Us Today?

We’re so glad that you spent your Sunday with us—we would love to get to know you better! You are invited to fill out the visitor form by scanning the QR code so that we can connect with you about our church and add you to our email list!



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