

THE
CORNERSTONE
Newsletter

JULY 2
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2017



THE ARMS OF GOD

ADVANCING IN POWER

Resting in Love

A SERIES ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE

The Cornerstone is your guide to ministry opportunities at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. Look inside for ways to take next steps in your faith journey, grow deeper through service opportunities, and be encouraged through stories of God at work! If you'd like more information about our church, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby.



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Welcome to Upper Arlington Lutheran Church!

We're glad you're here!

Having grown up Catholic and having been educated through high school in a parochial system, I always believed in the Triune God. After my wife Laura and I were married, she suggested we attend Crossways, a two-year study of the Bible offered at UALC. My biblical knowledge was weak at best, and I suspect it showed! During the second year of class we were studying Ephesians, and Buff Delcamp seemed to spend what I thought was an inordinate amount of time on the concept of grace. After class I mentioned this to Laura and asked about this “grace thing”—she looked at me as if I had two heads. For the first time in my life I began to understand that grace is a free gift from God. How liberating it was to understand that I could never be good enough to earn God’s favor; it was free and it was mine!

We raised our four daughters at UALC, having worshiped in the early years at Lytham Road. We moved our church family to the Hilltop for six years while the girls were teenagers, as this presented a unique service and worship opportunity. Laura and I now worship at Mill Run. UALC has provided my family and I so many opportunities for growth, including: VBS, teaching Sunday school, taking part in international missions, prayer ministry, and now as Council Chair.

I wish to thank the current council and staff for the work they have done the last two years “teeing up” our “Launch Out” vision as well as the leadership of Howard Greene and Tom Slemmer, our last two council chairs. Leaving council after three years of service are Howard Greene, Lisa Igel, Scott Jeggle and Dave King.

Over the last two years council has prayed over and developed an action plan from over two thousand comments gathered from the congregation.

These comments fell into four categories:

1. Worship and prayer
2. Congregational care
3. Discipleship
4. Getting outside ourselves

Through regular prayer and with unity, council has begun to address each of these areas with ministry time prayer at each service, care ministers attending to our congregational needs, a developing discipleship program, and opportunities to get outside ourselves—including a partnership with International Friendships. Please partner with council as we take the opportunity to attend to the needs of the international students coming to Columbus this summer. These students are hungry for the Gospel and we may be their best opportunity to hear the Word for the first time!



UALC is in the unique position to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ in our own neighborhoods. Demographic studies have shown that both Lytham Road and Mill Run have approximately 40,000 unchurched souls within a three-mile radius of each campus. Now is the time to act on the Great Commission!

Bill Wulf
Council Chair



Coming Up:

A Closer Look at UALC

If you have been worshipping with us regularly over the past few months, we would like to meet you. Join Joe Valentino, Executive Director of Ministry, and other staff members for appetizers, dessert and discussion.

July 10, 6:30 pm at Mill Run.

Childcare available upon request

Registration: ualc.org/adults

Contact Judy Webb jwebb@ualc.org

Women of the Word Summer Study

The three-week series “What Makes You Happy” by Andy Stanley is for women and teens. Video Bible teaching, small group discussion and prayer.

Dates: July 11, 18, and 25, 6:45-8:30 pm at LR

No fee, no homework, no registration. Each video stands alone; come to one or come to all.

Details: ualc.org/adults

NALC Church Fundraiser

The fastest growing congregation in our Mission District, Oromo Evangelical Church of Columbus, will soon outgrow their rented space. Join us at this Ethiopian Festival with traditional food and music to raise money to purchase a building.

July 8, 11:00 am-2:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 3220 Columbus St, Grove City

Questions: 614-599-7247

Tickets: At the door - \$30 individual, \$60 family

Service Opportunities

Bags for the Nations

Help prepare Welcome Gift Bags to be handed out to 1,200 new international college students. Donate travel tissues packs, yellow highlighters, granola bars, hand sanitizer (1 oz size), or Tic Tac® breath mints at the International Friendships, Inc (IFI) booth in the LR or MR lobbies during July.

Help pack bags Sunday, July 23, at MR

Contact: Star Bradley, thestarbradley@gmail.com

School Supply Drive

Many families struggle to afford school supplies for their students. UALC is collecting items to be distributed in Hilliard, the Linden neighborhood and Southeast Ohio to help these families. Backpacks and all basic supplies needed. If you'd prefer we do the shopping for you, pre-bundled kits will be available for a donation.

Dates: July 1-August 13

Details: Visit the ministry table on Sundays or drop off items at Connect Centers or at the Back At It event on August 13; ualc.org/service

Questions: Laura Fullen, lfullen@ualc.org

Food Pantry

Help to “serve the least of these” at the LSS Food Pantry with providing nourishing food to clients in need Tues., July 11, or Sat., July 17. Bring non-perishable food or Bibles (new or used) to the LSS bins at MR or LR.

Contact: Tom Andres, 614-457-9070



Get Involved:

School Supply Giveaway in Linden

Volunteers are needed to help God's Hygiene Help Center give away school backpacks, serve lunch and supervise a bouncy house. Students in need who helped clean up litter on their street will receive a free school backpack.

Saturday, August 19, 12:00-2:00 pm at Cremeans Park, 3146 Maize Rd

Contact: godshygiene@gmail.com or 614-601-8122

Looking for a Small Group?

Visit our web page and scroll down to the section titled "Help Us Get You Matched Up." Fill out the form and we will work with you for that perfect fit.

Details: ualc.org/smallgroups

Quilting Ministry for Missions

Join the Beacons quilting ministry on the second Thursday of each month.

Thursday, July 13, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, LR

Contact: Sue Logan, 614-451-7708

Senior Adults:

Thursday Bible Study

Let God's Word renew your mind and lead you from "if only" regrets to "what if" possibilities through a study of Romans 8 with Pastor Jeff.

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am at LR

Contact: Pastor Jeff Morlock, jmorlock@ualc.org, 614-451-3736

Monthly Luncheon and Program

Enjoy catered lunch and fellowship on the first Thursday of the month. August program on memory loss and brain health presented by The Forum at Knightsbridge.

Thursday, July 6, 12:00 pm at LR, lunch only

Thursday, Aug. 3, 12:00 pm at LR

Lunch provided, cost is donation

Contact: seniors@ualc.org

Senior Adult In-Town Mission Trips

Help prepare and eat brunch while spending time with kids at SON Ministries Hilliard Free Lunch Summer Camp for Kids

Tuesday, July 11 and/or Wednesday, July 12, 9:15-11:30 am at Horizon Elementary School, 6000 Renner Rd.

Fill backpacks for school supplies for needy kids with God's Hygiene Help Center

Tuesday, August 1, 9:00 am at MR

Refreshments will be served.

Contact: seniors@ualc.org or Pastor Jeff Morlock, jmorlock@ualc.org, 614-451-3736

Ladies of the Club

Lunch and fellowship for mature single women.

Friday, July 11, 11:30 am at Red Lobster, 4091 Sawmill Rd

Friday, August 11, 11:30 am at MCL Restaurant and Bakery, 3154 Kingsdale Center

Contact: Charlene at 614-226-8480

Adults:

Upcoming Fall Opportunities

Singles' Discipleship Ministry - Planning for fall kick-off

Small Group Leader Training - Six-week session begins September 11

Financial Peace University - Nine-week series begins September 17

Men's Cum Christo - September 21-24

Women's Retreat - October 6-8

Discipleship Workshop - October 7

Men's Renewal - October 14-15

Women's Cum Christo - October 19-22

New Member Event - October 28

Details: Available on-line and in *The Cornerstone* as they become available

Contact: Judy Webb, jwebb@ualc.org

Alpha

My first introduction to Alpha was when my husband invited me to attend with him soon after we had started dating so that we could better get to know each other. We were both Christians already when we attended, however, we both grew deeply in our faith.

We like how Nicky Gumbel presents the course in a very logical, systematic manner. My husband and I became table leaders and served for many, many sessions after that.

We invited many people who were both Christians and who were non-Christians. A couple of the most memorable guests who came were an atheist and a



Chinese woman. The atheist that my husband invited is world-renowned for his writings on atheism and is an editor of a premier atheism magazine. At the end of the course, he said, "I want to believe... I just can't yet." He also said that the reason he came was that his friend, my husband, would not invite him to a place that

was antagonistic. He came for all ten weeks and who knows – maybe one day, he will become a Christian.

The Chinese woman who came had been in the U.S. for many years and had attended church and other Bible studies, including IFI, every week since she stepped foot in our country. In the middle of the Alpha course, she blurted out, "Oh, now I get it!" She built a solid foundation for her faith during the course.

What better investment is there than the winning of souls?

Who will you invite?

-Stephanie Lewis

Alpha will be offered in multiple forms this fall so that you have options on how to share the Gospel with your friends, family, neighbors and fellow workers. We will again offer an evening Alpha at MR and a daytime Alpha at LR. The Alpha DVD's will be available for use by small groups and individuals for home use. Training is available.

Details and registration: ualc.org/alpha

Contact: Bill Nyberg, bnyberg@wowway.com or Alan Starr, alpha@ualc.org.



Family, Youth & Children

Student-Led High School Ministry

Last summer we had a great time with students in charge, so we're bringing it back again this year! Join us for student-led games and teachings.

Sundays, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 4:00-6:00 pm at LR
Contact: Aaron Thompson, athompson@ualc.org

Next Step Workshop - How to Follow Jesus in High School

This is a single-day workshop for incoming freshmen and their parents helping them prepare to: navigate life in high school, follow Jesus through opportunities and obstacles of high school and an opportunity to connect with the high school ministry of UALC.

Sunday, July 9, 3:00-6:00 pm, LR. Fee: \$15
Contact: Aaron Thompson, athompson@ualc.org
Register: ualc.org/highschool

Middle School Mission Trip

Invite your friends and join us for an amazing three-day experience where middle school students and adult mentors work together on the theme of selflessness asking God to show us more about the needs of our own community. Volunteers and host homes needed.

Dates: July 12, 10:00 am to July 15, 5:00 pm
Fee: \$40 (scholarships available)
Details and registration: ualc.org/middleschool
Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org

College Gathering

Join us for a relaxing time of hanging out with old and new friends. Newly graduated high schoolers and current college-age students are welcome. You'll be refreshed by the delicious dinner, prayer, and discussion time.

Wednesdays, through July 26, 6:30-8:30 pm, at Joe and Sue Caruso's home
Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org

Welcome Kelsey Payne

We're excited to announce that Kelsey Payne is joining the UALC Family, Youth, and Children's staff team as the Director of Middle School Ministries. Kelsey grew up at UALC and brings a tremendous passion for Jesus and UALC's mission, along with her training as an education major specializing in middle school students. Welcome Kelsey!

Middle School Summer Bible Study

Bring a Bible and a friend. Snacks provided.
Thursdays, July 20-August 10, 6:30-8:30 pm at Nancy Jeggle's house
Contact: Kelsey Payne, kpayne@ualc.org

"Back At It" Sunday

Join us for a day of worship, fun and fellowship. The day includes a combined church service, food trucks, games, bounce houses, a ministry fair and an evening International Friendships welcome picnic.
Sunday, August 13, 10:30 am-8:00 pm, MR
Details: ualc.org/announcements

Get Involved

Help for Healing

Celebrate Recovery is a Christian 12-Step program which focuses on healing our Hurts, Habits, and Hang-ups. Our meeting includes a praise and worship time, a testimony or teaching and gender specific small groups.

Thursdays 7:00 pm at LR

Details: ualc.org/celebraterecovery

20-Somethings Discover Class

Young adults are invited to be a part of this exciting study as they discover their spiritual gifts and what Scripture says about them.

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm at LR

Contact Ashley Hyatt, anhyatt21@gmail.com

Community Bible Study and Prayer Group

This in-depth, inter-denominational, adult Bible Study provides a combination of personal study, small-group discussion with prayer and large-group wrap up as we study the Gospel of Luke. There are four opportunities to join the 30-week study on Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, or Jan. 4.

Thursdays beginning Sept. 14, 7:00 pm at MR

Contact: Millie Adams, madams6845@gmail.com

Details: ualc.org/adults

Volunteers and Donations Needed

The Hilliard Free Lunch Summer Camp works to help children out of poverty. Volunteer your time or donate non-perishable food and water. Find a food donation list in the lobby or on-line.

Details: ualc.org/service or son-ministries.org

Questions: info@SON-Ministries

Without Borders Conference

Presented by Crescent Project, this two-day conference for women includes teachings, workshops, and testimonies that will equip you to comfortably build new friendships with Muslim women and sensitively share your faith.

September 29 and 30, at MR

Tickets: \$54.99-74.99, (Limited number of discounted tickets available)

Details and registration: ualc.org/adults

Contact: Dave Mann, dmann@ualc.org

Community Garden is Growing

Join us for weekly work parties. No experience needed and all ages welcome.

Saturdays, starting at 8:00 am; or Wednesdays, starting at 6:00 pm, MR. Stay as long as you'd like.

Details: ualc.org/garden

Contact: Todd Marti, todd-kelly@columbus.rr.com

Launch Out Vision Sunday

Mark your calendar for August 13, as we come together for a **combined all-UALC service at Mill Run** as we celebrate how God has moved through the last 60 years of our church's history, give our thanks as He continues to bless and use our church today, and praise Him for the vision He has revealed to us for the future.

We are excited to worship Him as ONE CHURCH, and hope you'll pray as we prepare to come together in unity. Following the service we will come together for our "Back At It" End-of-Summer Celebration! More details to come soon.

THE ARMS OF GOD

This series points us to the reality and certainty of spiritual warfare. The Lord Jesus on the cross has won the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. Yet, we continue to battle the Enemy with the confident assurance that the victory has been won. To be sure, our battle is not against people and the weapons of our warfare are spiritual. Different battlegrounds and attacks require different weapons. The series title, The Arms of God, is an intentional play on words: “arms” as in weaponry as well as “arms” as an embrace. There is a battle for which the Lord has provided spiritual armaments. We need to be aware of them and to use them. But the goal of spiritual warfare is that we end up trusting even more deeply in the arms of God Himself.

SERMON SERIES TOPICS:

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

John 8:42-46

Pastor Buff Delcamp, Jeff Schuster, Pastor Brodie Taphorn, Joe Valentino

THE ARM(AMENT) OF RESISTANCE

1 Peter 5:5-11

Rich Mendola

THE ARM(AMENT)S OF REJOICING & PRAISE

2 Chronicles 20:18-22

Joe Valentino

THE ARM(AMENT) OF LOVE

Ephesians 4:22-32

Pastor Jeff Morlock

THE ARM(AMENT) OF PRAYER

Colossians 4:2-6

Pastor Dave Mann

CONCLUSION

Colossians 2:6-15

Pastor Jeff Morlock, Carl Schweisthal, Aaron Thompson, David White

Find the preaching schedule at ualc.org/stylesandtimes.